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ROYAL VISITORS PRESENT

Added Significance To Waitangi Day, 1963

Waitangi Day this year had an added significance for it coincided with the arrival of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, on the first stage of their New Zealand tour.

Miss I. M. O'Connor, secretary of the Auckland Branch of the Society and a member representing Wakefield descendants on the Waitangi Trust Board, was present for this notable occasion and she has kindly supplied the Bulletin with the following account of the activities:

Knowing that traffic to Waitangi was likely to be extremely congested round about February 6, I went north in a friend's car a few days ahead, and we stayed at a delightful guest-house on the headland between the end of Paihia Beach and Te Haumi. From there we had a magnificent panoramic view of Opuia on the one side, Paihia on the other and Russell across the Bay. Thus we saw the various ships of the naval escort come in and enjoyed the practice illumination on the night before the Queen's arrival.

We also had a good opportunity to see the elaborate preparations beforehand. These included an enormous encampment near the Maori meeting house at the Paihia end of the Waitangi bridge, where hundreds of army tents had been set up for the Maoris, together with bedding, canteens, army trucks, etc.; a newly created road from Waitangi jetty round the foreshore to the flagstaff in front of the Treaty House; a dais erected for the official party; television and broadcasting apparatus, electrical equipment, powerful arc lights and loud speakers being set up; the Treaty House itself newly painted white outside with salmon facings and the rooms inside in pastel colours to

show up historic pictures, muniments, etc; the gardens a blaze of many-coloured hibiscus, oleanders and other flowers; and the Whare Runanga and huge Maori canoe likewise being put in immaculate order. We were fortunate enough too, to see a complete Maori rehearsal in front of the Treaty House a couple of days beforehand—the challenge, the songs of welcome, the hakas and poi dances all practised to perfection.

ACROSS TO RUSSELL

On February 5, I had to move across to Russell, where the Royal Tour Authorities, various Cabinet Ministers, officials and members of the Trust Board were accommodated wherever they could be squeezed in. On February 6 we Board members had to assemble on the wharf at Russell at 9.30 a.m. to go across by special launch to Waitangi, where we were duly lined up on the edge of the lawn in front of the Treaty House. The day was gloriously fine and sunny but very hot. The many Maoris who were also to be presented, all resplendent in their feathered cloaks and other regalia, formed a vast semi-circle in front of their own Whare Runanga (meeting house).

Punctually at quarter to 11 the Queen and Prince Philip arrived at the Treaty House—the Queen's beautifully fair complexion and blue eyes making a charming contrast to her vivid kingfisher blue silk jacket frock and little pixie hat to match, the Duke of course in summer naval Admiral's uniform. The presentation ceremony was very simple, the Administrator, Mr. Gerard first presenting Mr. Vernon

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Life Amongst Missionaries In New Zealand — Mary Rymill

By F.E.H.

After all this desire to return to Waikato Heads left Mary, and with their wish she went to live with Archdeacon and Mrs. Browne at Tauranga and Mr. Browne induced Mr. Mansell to let his two daughters go to Tauranga and live with her for a time. This was the best medicine for Mary's sad heart that she could have had. The four boys were sent to school. The two eldest, Edward and George, went to a school in England, and the two younger ones, Robert and Fred, to a school at Auckland. Mr. Mansell married again, a good, excellent woman who made the younger children a happy home.

It was a sore trial for Mary to part with the two little girls. But their return home took place when the new wife was fairly settled at Waikato Heads. Then a great desire took possession of her to return to England. She longed to see her aunt, and she had one sister who had been living with her aunt for some time. The desire became uncontrollable. Her kind friends, the Brownes, saw it, and though at first they tried to persuade her to give up the idea, they felt that undue pressure was unfair, only they begged her, before coming to a final decision, to consult the doctor, saying that if he thought it would be beneficial to her they would place no hindrance in her path, but would provide everything to make her comfortable on the long voyage.

The doctor negated the proposal very emphatically. He did not consider her strong enough then for the probable seasickness, or for travelling in any way without someone to look after her. Close upon this decision came the English mail, bringing her the news of her aunt's death. With that news the desire to return to the Old Country vanished. It ended all thought of going to England.

Archdeacon and Mrs. Browne could not have expressed more pleasure if she had been their own daughter, saying, "Now you will remain with us as long as you live, unless you get a home of your own". So she again settled and of Mrs. Browne she says, "What can I say of her but that she was indeed a mother to me, and I learnt to love her not a whit less than if she had been my mother. It was a deep love we had for each other". Years went peacefully on. The household consisted of Archdeacon and Mrs. Browne and their only daughter and child Celia, who was younger than Mary. They were happy days.

The mission station was a large one, while the Archdeacon had his own special mission work in the churches, and of being among the people in the neighbouring kaingas. The womenfolk had much to do in superintending the schools in the mission compound, and in the large boarding school, to which many Maoris at a distance were glad to send their children that they might be taught and trained. They had, besides, all their needlework to do, and while Mrs. Brown was always the kind and gentle but most particular mistress of the house, the young people were required to give her a certain amount of help. Mary says that the life was very busy, almost too busy, but that she looks back upon the years spent at Tauranga, up to the time of Mrs. Browne's death, with feelings that she says "cannot be described".

So much love surrounded her, so much happiness fell to her share. But at the end of 1854, Mrs. Browne's health began to fail. In 1855 she went to Auckland for

medical advice, but she returned no better, and her strength became less and less. One day in October she said, "I think I would like to go to Auckland again". There was no vessel she could go by until the end of the month, but at the end of the month they went, Archbishop and Mrs. Browne with their only daughter.

Mary had felt that Mrs. Browne was dangerously ill, but hopefully thought that change and medical advice would restore her. It was not until the little party had left that she saw in one of their medical books the case fully described. Her heart then sank, for she felt there was no real hope, and indeed in ten days after reaching Auckland Mrs. Browne breathed her last. The death made the world for a time look very sad and dark to poor Mary. Mrs. Browne had left everything in perfect order. While she could write she had written many instructions, and had made out lists of necessary things to be got from

This issue concludes a sketch of Mary Rymill's life when amongst the C.M.S. missionaries in the North Island of New Zealand.

England. Mary had said to her one day, "You are tiring yourself; leave it until you return". The answer was "No, dear, I am going from Home, and we never know what will happen. You will remain here and keep everything as usual. There will be much, very much, depending upon you. I want to help you all I can".

Mary could not quite understand it then, but she did only too soon. She remained at Tauranga some time longer, but when Celia Browne married a year or two after her mother's death she became very unhappy and wanted to leave. She stayed for one year only. She then came down to Canterbury on a visit to some friends, and circumstances so befell her that she had never left it since.

ALWAYS CHEERFUL

Dear old Miss Rymill. Her life in Canterbury, till of late years, when her health has obliged her to live a more negative life, has been one of cheerful unselfishness. Always ready to go where wanted, many a one has found her to be a needed friend. The last friend to whom she was able to be the voluntary nurse and companion was Mrs. Harper, the Bishop's wife. She was with her during the last two years of her life, and the more childish she became the less Mrs. Harper could bear Miss Rymill to be away from her.

It was during that time in 1887 that we returned to New Zealand and found an affectionate little note from Miss Rymill awaiting us at Lyttelton, begging us to take possession of her cottage at Rangiora till "Braer Down" should be ready for us. How gladly we did it you know. I sometimes, indeed often, wish that Miss Rymill's generosity had been less. For her innumerable kind actions I do not believe she has ever taken a cent, and while on the mission station her unselfish life was led with no salary from the C.M.S. This she now regrets, for while at Tauranga, not at Waikato Heads, working as she did both for the missionaries and with the missionaries, she was fully entitled to one.

Although she had a little income of her own, as all necessaries of daily life were provided for her, in the natural course of things while in the house at Tauranga,

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Mrs. Williams's Pilgrimage

The meeting with Mrs. Priscilla Williams (great granddaughter of Daniel Bell Wakefield) and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Benseman, proved one of the most enjoyable of evenings. Our only regret was that their stay in Wanganui was all too short, states the Whanganui Branch Newsletter.

We would have liked Mrs. Williams to have seen more of Wanganui and its environs—this, the second town in New Zealand to be founded as a Wakefield scheme. However, Mrs. Spurdle and Mr. and Mrs. Scoular, whose guest she was, were able to show her before her departure for New Plymouth next morning, something of the centre of the town, including Queen's Park, and to walk with her across the sward of Moutoa Gardens where, one hundred and twenty-three years before, Edward Jerningham Wakefield had negotiated the purchase of Wanganui lands from the Maoris.

We enjoyed the slides Mrs. Williams showed us of eastern Europe and the U.S.S.R., and the description of the trip she had made. But we enjoyed even more, her series of slides on the Wakefield family. The latter reproduced many of the portraits, miniatures, busts and plaques of members of the family and their relatives and gave us a fresh introduction to them. Some names we were familiar

with; others we had vague recollections of having met in our reading.

We were first shown portraits of Edward Wakefield and his wife Priscilla (nee Bell), the grandparents of Edward Gibbon Wakefield and Daniel Wakefield. A sister of Priscilla, Catherine, had married John Gurney and one of their daughters was Elizabeth Fry, the prison reformer. The views of Barlham Hall (the home of the Gurneys) and of the garden walks were delightful. A brother of Priscilla and Catherine was Jonathan Bell, grandfather of Sir Francis Dillon Bell after whom Wanganui's Bell Street is named.

Then followed portraits of Edward Gibbon Wakefield, Daniel, Arthur, their sister, Catherine Torlesse, Edward Jerningham Wakefield, and many others of later generations, concluding with Mrs. Williams's deceased brother, Edward Roger Wakefield. We were given also many views of those places and buildings with which members of the family had been associated, including Westminster School, Christ Church, Lincoln's Inn and Cleveland Row where stood Lord Durham's town house.

As we viewed slide after slide and listened to the commentary from Mrs. Williams, we realised anew how closely associated so many members of the Wakefield had been with New Zealand and its development.

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Mary Rymill

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she never thought of applying for one. Mrs. Browne would tell her never to be troubled about the future, "For you know, you are our dear adopted daughter, and we have seen to it that you will be provided for after our death". She now has just enough to get along upon with care, but that is all. Lately my hope is to see additional comforts to her old age, for her "little boys" have found her out.

I had often wondered, knowing that there were Maunsells still in New Zealand, how it was that they so ignored her, and I think there had been a little pained wonder in her own heart, though she would not show it, saying "You see, dear, they were still little when I left Waikato Heads". But last year Mr. Edward Maunsell appeared at Rangiora, and his delight in seeing her again was, she said, almost as great as her own.

It seems that they had at one time made many inquiries about her, but always in the wrong locality, and at last were told to a certainty that she was dead, until last year an acquaintance of Miss Rymill's who was taken to Mr. Edward Maunsell's house, by some strange chance happened to mention Miss Rymill's name, and was quite taken aback at the excitement that it caused. He lost no time in coming down, and since then Robert has been down, and in January the baby boy, Fred, is coming. She showed me some of their letters the other day, her eyes filling with tears of delight, and she said, "It makes me think of those words, 'At the evening it shall be light.'"

(The End)

Variety Evening

A novel variety evening was held by the Society in November. The main feature was a short play entitled "The Laboratory" presented by the courtesy of the Karori Dramatic Society. This was supported by a variety of entertaining items.

Refreshments and supper completed a most enjoyable night.

Diplomat's Wife Describes U.S. Home Life

The Ladies' Committee of the Founders' Society, with Mrs. W. D. Dobson as convenor, held a delightful afternoon tea gathering recently at Wakefield House on The Terrace.

Mrs. Eleanor Rice, wife of the Second Secretary at the American Embassy, gave a most interesting talk on "Home Life in America" and members were treated to a fascinating sketch of a woman's life in America.

A hearty vote of thanks to the speaker was moved by Mrs. Hay. During the afternoon, Mrs. Heinsuis sang a bracket of songs, accompanied by Mrs. Bruce Orchiston.

BENEFACTORS OF THE PAST

Wanganui city has full reason to be proud of the public-spirited nature of several of its early residents. There have been many bequests made which have conferred benefits upon previous generations and which remain to serve us and posterity, writes Mrs. Flora Spurdle in the Wanganui Branch Newsletter.

In 1858, Dr. Geo. Rees left his estate, subject to life interests, for the provision of higher education for the children of Wanganui. On the expiry of the life interests the value of the bequest was in the vicinity of £3,000. The income from the fund assisted substantially in the establishment of the Wanganui Girls' College and the Technical School. In 1880, Mr. Henry Churton built and equipped a very fine college for Maori girls at Upper Aramoho. He maintained the institution from his own resources and later provided an endowment; but unfortunately, on his death, it was found the trust deeds were not properly executed and registered, and through the bankruptcy of one of the trustees, the endowments were lost. Mr. Ballance, then premier of New Zealand, sought to endow the college with lands, but he died before he could carry out his intention. In 1892, the Hospital Board acquired the building as a home for the elderly.

In 1877, Mr. W. H. Watt offered the fifty-acre Westmere Lake reserve, part of his property, for the purpose of a water supply for the town. The drinking fountain now in front of the library commemorates the gift. Mr. Watt three years later, as a memorial to his daughter, set aside certain lands to provide funds to build and endow an Orphans' Home. Built in 1931, the building is known as the Margaret Watt Home.

In the nineties the chairman of the Hospital Board, Mr. D. Peat, with funds from a bequest of £750 from Mr. Hill, purchased thirty-three acres in Gonville for the site of the hospital. Mr. Thomas Reid had bequeathed £5000 for a fund to erect the hospital buildings. Mr. Eason also gave several thousand pounds. Wards are now named to commemorate the gifts of these gentlemen. Others who gave handsomely to the hospital were Mr. R. Bruce and Miss Alexander.

In 1913, Mr. John T. Stewart died and by his will his property in Plymouth Street passed to the Plunket Society; it is now the Karitane Stewart Home. In 1924 through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Tuck, a two storeyed brick building was erected for the society in Campbell Street.

In 1911, Mr. David Peat gave to the town the thirteen acres, now known as Peat Park, as a playground for the primary school children of Wanganui. Mr. Nicholas Meuli gave Lorendale Park of two and a half acres as a memorial to his son Lorenz Meuli, killed in action in 1918. In 1913, the Matipo Land Company gave the eighty-one and a half acres known as Matipo Park. Hipango Park was also given in the year 1913 by Mr. Walter Hipango. It is bushland of thirty acres, eighteen miles up the river.

Then there was Mr. Henry Sarjeant's munificent bequest of over £20,000 for the erection and maintenance of the

Art Gallery which bears his name. Miss Alexander was responsible for several very fine gifts, including £12,000 for the Museum and Library, £4,000 for the Orphanage at Gonville and £1,000 for the Girls' College; also £2,000 for the Technical College for the establishment of scholarships. Mr. S. H. Drew was responsible for the establishment of the Wanganui Museum. In 1892 he sold his private collection to the town at a fraction of its value. The first museum building was erected from funds raised by special efforts and public subscription. Dr. A. H. Wall, in more recent years, left some thousands for museum building extensions.

Coming to more recent years, we have the gift to the people of New Zealand by Sir Thomas and Lady Duncan of the Duncan Poliomyelitis Hospital. The home of the late John Duncan on Durie Hill was altered and added to, to fit it for its new purpose. Then we have the W. McA. Duncan and the S. M. Davis Trust Funds, bequests for the benefit of the people of Wanganui.

These are some, but by no means all, of the gifts and bequests made by generous and public-minded citizens of Wanganui.

Guest Speaker

The annual celebration of Waitangi Day in Wellington took place on Wednesday, 6th February, at 7.45 p.m. at Wakefield House, The Terrace. The guest speaker was Sir Guy Powles, K.B.E., who chose as a title for his address "Then and Now".

Mr. A. A. Cooper's Link With Treaty Signing

Mr. A. A. Cooper, of Wellington, a past vice-president of the Founders Society, believes he is the only European male descendant in New Zealand of a person who signed the Treaty of Waitangi.

His great-grandfather, Mr. George Cooper, came to New Zealand with Captain Hobson in the H.M.S. Herald on January 29, 1840, and in his capacity as Colonial Treasurer was one of those to sign the treaty on February 6 the same year.

The office of Colonial Secretary would be similar to that of today's Minister of Finance, said Mr. Cooper, a fourth generation New Zealander.

Mr. Cooper has a facsimile of the treaty that has been in his family for more than 100 years. The facsimile does not contain the names of the South Island Maoris which were appended to the original treaty.

As well as being Colonial Treasurer, Mr. George Cooper was the first Collector of Customs. His son held the same office in Timaru, his grandson was a public accountant in Christchurch, and his great-grandson is a chartered secretary and public accountant.

There are six generations of Coopers in New Zealand.

Canterbury Membership

Membership of the Society's Canterbury Branch is 147, according to the annual report presented to the branch's annual general meeting on March 13. The total comprises: 114 Senior, 6 Life, 2 Hon. Life, 13 Junior, and 12 Associate members.

Resignation of Dr. Featherston

We reprint the following with the kind permission of "The Evening Post" as it gives an interesting account of an important constitutional move on March 28, 1871.

The resignation by Dr. Featherston of the Superintendency of Wellington, which took place on Saturday last, marks an important era in the constitutional history of the Colony.

Dr. Featherston was one of the early settlers in this the first and principal settlement made by the New Zealand Company. He early made himself a man of note amongst the many able men who were included in the list of pioneer settlers.

He took an active part in the early attempts at self-government devised by those early settlers—a still more active part in the early struggle between Auckland and Wellington, which followed the recognition of New Zealand as a British Colony, and in the subsequent agitation which preceded, and ultimately led to, the granting of our present constitution, Dr. Featherston assumed the position which he has ever since held as a recognised political leader.

When the doubtful boon of self-government was accorded, Dr. Featherston was one of the first elected Superintendents, and that position he has retained until last Saturday—some 17 years.

From the first Dr. Featherston was an ardent Provincialist, and in his place in the House of Representatives he materially aided in transferring to the Provinces many of the powers which it was the intention of the framers of the constitution should have been retained in the hands of the General Government.

Rarely indeed does political history show such a thoroughly consistent career as Dr. Featherston's. During the seventeen years he has held office he has fought several elections, and gained them, after severe contests. He has been six times elected Superintendent, and yet it is doubtful if he has for many years back really commanded the confidence, in a political sense, of the inhabitants of the Province.

For many years he has had a Council known to be hostile to his policy, and yet no Superintendent has ever made a Council more subservient to his wishes. And this not by conviction, but by the mere force of personal character and influence—by the exercise of what Mr. Bunny has not inaptly termed his "iron will."

We do not regret his resignation, for a change of policy was imperative, and no change was possible with him as

Spotlight On Wool

Mr. Godfrey Bowen, field director of the New Zealand Wool Board and well known shearing instructor who has travelled extensively overseas lecturing and demonstrating and has achieved worldwide reputation as an entertaining, forceful and informative speaker, was the guest at the Society's December luncheon in Wakefield House, The Terrace.

Superintendent. We do not think the people of the Province regret, or that many of them doubt that his resignation was one of the best things which could have occurred for the Province at this juncture; but we can assure Dr. Featherston that he will carry with him to England the respect, admiration, and esteem which an honorable, consistent, and unsullied career justly entitles him to expect from all capable of appreciating high and honorable motives.

Films Add Colour To Society's Buffet Tea

On Monday, March 4, some 80 members and friends attended the monthly buffet tea at the Founders Society's headquarters, Wakefield House, The Terrace, Wellington, and were afterwards entertained at the Shell Theatre by three films kindly lent by the American Embassy.

The films were entitled:

"Travel the New World", a half-hour tour in colour of the United States; "Wings to Hawaii" (colour), a view of beautiful Hawaii; "Art Heritage" (colour), a tour of the famous Metropolitan Museum in New York.

The buffet tea arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. W. D. Dobson and Mrs. R. R. Roberts.

In all, it was a most enjoyable and educational evening.

Take pride in your founder . . .

Having read "The Bulletin" pass it on to another member of your family, or to some friend. Interest them in the activities of The Founders Society. Unity is strength. The more members we possess greater will be the significance of this movement. Take pride in your founder forbears, help those who would keep their memory green, and remember—if you have something to communicate, get in touch with us.

Combined Racecourse Garden Party Farewell To Cobhams

The highlight of the Auckland Branch year was a garden party at Ellerslie Racecourse, arranged by the committee of the Combined Patriotic Associations to bid farewell to the retiring Governor-General and Lady Cobham, the chairman, Mr. T. A. Bishop, reported to the branch annual meeting last month.

Although the weather was not kind, the function was a great success and gave our members the opportunity to show their appreciation of the good work done by a Governor-General who had endeared himself to everyone. A similar function was arranged to welcome the new Governor-General, Sir Bernard Fergusson and Lady Fergusson on Saturday, March 2.

Other items of interest from the report are:

● The year has been a most enjoyable one and our thanks are due once more to Miss O'Connor for arranging such suitable and entertaining guest speakers at our meetings. She seems to have a wonderful flair in this direction, for should one of the speakers be unable to come for a particular meeting, she always seems to have another available, often at short notice. We have enjoyed the meetings, and the slides shown have always been interesting and instructive. Once more we have had a magic carpet with which we have travelled the world. Besides the regular evening meetings two very successful luncheons were held in the Farmers' Blue Room.

● During the year, owing to the uncertainty of tenure of the Victoria League rooms, the committee decided to move to the newly completed Navy League rooms in Wingate's building. These have proved very satisfactory, and parking is not quite such a problem as it was previously. We wish to thank the Victoria League for the use of their comfortable rooms for so long.

● The usual impressive ceremony to mark the anniversary of Captain Hobson's death was held on Sunday, October 30, and a good number of our members were present. Your Chairman laid a wreath on behalf of the Society.

● The thanks of Auckland Branch are extended to the many people who have assisted during the year—to the Deputy-Chairman, Mr. R. L. Wynyard, for his able assistance to the Chairman, and for the use of his office for committee meetings, also to Mrs. Wynyard for her services at the piano; to Miss O'Connor, our honorary secretary, for another year of sterling work; to Mr. Tailby, our honorary treasurer, for keeping our finances in order, and to Mr. Burke who acted as treasurer while Mr. Tailby was absent from New Zealand; to Mr. Maunsell, our efficient

and courteous doorkeeper, and to Miss Beryl O'Connor who has filled the breach when Mr. Maunsell was ill; to the honorary solicitor, Mr. T. W. McCown and the honorary auditors for their good work.

● Finally, our thanks are due to the committee for the fine work they do in the general running of the Branch, and to the ladies who have supplied the supper, particularly those who have prepared and served it and then cleaned up after the meetings.

Society's Christmas Party Well Attended

The Founders Society held a most successful and well attended Christmas party which took the form of a buffet dinner followed by Christmas carols and dancing.

A notable visitor was Mrs. Priscilla Williams, who is a descendant of Edward Gibbon Wakefield.

Mrs. Williams, who has since returned to England, has been a leading figure in many London public bodies including the Royal Borough of Kensington (since 1948), the Fulham Hospital (chairman), and the Charing Cross Hospital Board of Governors.

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Reed, who was for many years Administrator, has been 30 years on the Board and is still active at 92; then myself and then other members of the Board and their wives.

The Royal couple next inspected the Treaty House and were then escorted to the Whare Runanga and the canoe, which they inspected, after which came the Maori presentations. Finally they went into the Treaty House for refreshments. For some reason the Press was excluded from the presentation ceremony with the exception of several women reporters, though there was apparently a southern photographer there, who took the pictures which appeared in the Wellington and Christchurch papers.

PHOTOGRAPHIC HORDE

We returned by naval launch to Russell for lunch, and in the afternoon several of us had an excellent view of the Royal party when they visited Pompallier House, as we were in the garden next door at the Gables, with only a low hedge between us. Our view was partially spoilt for a moment by a wild horde of photographers, and when the most aggressive of them tripped over his camera, fell flat on his face in the gravel path and tore his trousers I am afraid we unsympathetically laughed.

The evening ceremony was most spectacular. We again went across by naval launch—not an ideal means of transport for the female of the species, especially at low tide when one is wearing a narrow skirt! We passed quite close to the Britannia with the Royal Standard at the mast-head as well as other flags and the escorting warships fully "dressed" alongside. As we crossed the bay we could see an unending stream of cars crossing the Waitangi bridge, and all the hillsides sloping down to the Treaty House grounds formed a rainbow of colours made by the thousands of summer-clad people and cars of many hues already assembled there.

When we got off at the jetty we had to pass through a long guard of honour consisting of boy scouts, naval ratings and others drawn up in readiness for the Queen before we reached the cars which were waiting to take us up by the new road to avoid the congestion of traffic at the bridge. Finally naval officers escorted us to our seats in one of the front rows of a hollow square. When the Royal visitors arrived the Maoris put on their show in tip-top style, just as we had seen at the rehearsal, though of course they were for this occasion in full regalia. You will have seen reports of the speeches which followed in the papers, so I will say only that the Queen's first words of welcome in Maori and her Maori words of farewell were received with thunderous applause and really "brought down the house."

The sunset ceremony was especially beautiful and impressive—first the Alert, then the naval Sunset Call, when the Union Jack and the White Ensign were lowered and simultaneously the seven warships in the bay with the Britannia in the middle were brilliantly floodlit, the moon coming out from behind a cloud at the same moment to add its own touch of magic to the scene. The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Aoteroa, and then the whole crowd sang "Po Ata Rau" (Now is the Hour) as the Royal party left.

We returned to Russell soon afterwards by naval launch and a memorable day ended with a buffet supper party at the Duke of Marlborough Hotel.

BOARD MEETING

The Trust Board meeting was held at the Treaty House on the following morning, when our new Governor-General, Sir Bernard Fergusson was in the chair. It was held promptly as the flying boat to take Their Excellencies back to Wellington was ready waiting in the bay. Sir Bernard remarked that he would have very much liked to be present for the Board's presentation ceremony, but added jokingly that of course when the Queen was present he himself had to "be wrapped up in his tissue paper and put back in his box!"

Mrs. Lindsay, wife of the manager of the Treaty House, kindly served us at the end with tea and sandwiches and some of "the Queen's shortbread," after which we dispersed in various directions homeward bound.

OBITUARY

Miss E. B. Viles Of Featherston

The death occurred recently of Miss Evelyn Blanche Viles, a respected resident of Featherston and a Life Member of the Founders Society.

She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Viles, pioneer settlers in the Featherston district who, after farming 'Meadowbank' on the Rimutaka Hill, moved into Featherston to live in the gabled double-storied house, built by Featherston's first builder, Mr. Cadenhead, which is still a prominent feature on the highway into Featherston.

Miss Viles was born in this house, and made it home for the whole of her 80 years.

TENNIS PLAYER

In her younger days Miss Viles was a noted tennis player, being club and Wairarapa women's champion for several years. She took a wide interest in the community institutions of Featherston, being a parishioner, benefactor and organist of St. John's Anglican Church for many years, an active patriotic worker in two world wars, and a keen floral exhibitor. Her assistance extended to the Featherston Fire Brigade and to municipal administration.

An abiding interest was the work of the Early Settlers' and Historical Association of Wellington, the Founders' Society and in the cultural history of the Dominion Museum.

Among her prized possessions were the first washing machine in the Wairarapa, a hand-operated one, and a clock and mirror brought to New Zealand by her grandparents in the 'Arab' in 1841.

MANY FRIENDS

Miss Viles had a wide circle of friends who held her in high regard.

The funeral service at St. John's Church, Featherston, was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Harkett, and the pallbearers were Messrs. F. C. Yule, J. S. Viles, A. E. Viles, G. Viles, C. F. Viles and N. Pearce.

Miss Viles is survived by a brother, Mr. Walter Viles, Colyton, and 26 nephews and nieces.

New Members of Founders Society

Name	Address	Ship	Date	Ancestor
Mr. T. E. J. London	Bay of Plenty	Clifton	1841	Henry London
Mrs. N. Webb	Wellington	Lady Nugent	1841	Thomas Bevan
Miss K. R. Piper (J.M.)	Taranaki		1842	Henry Piper
Miss C. M. Piper (J.M.)	Taranaki		1842	Henry Piper
Mrs. J. Voss	Wellington		1847	F. Ormsby-Queenan
Mr. J. C. Cass	Bay of Plenty	John Wickliffe	1848	Capt. William Cangill
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