

BULLETIN

HISTORIC GRAVES

AND MOTORWAYS

Just as in Wellington there is objection to a proposed motorway through the historic Bolton Street Cemetery, so in Auckland plans have been announced for a similar work involving interference with over 1,000 graves in the Cemetery Gully. Amongst them are those of many officers who fell in the fighting at Rangiriri and elsewhere, as well as prominent people like the Baron de Thierry and Judge E. F. Manning (Opononi), author of "Old New Zealand by a Pakeha-Maori". Because the proposed entry off Symonds Street near the south-west end of the Grafton Gully will overhang with a high concrete wall, the last resting place of our first Governor, the writer in letters to the press, has proposed consideration of its removal. Two sites suggested were Parnell Park, formerly the property of Sir John Logan Campbell, and Point Resolution, overlooking Hobson Bay. Both of these places

for such a prominent figure in our early history, and there would be ample room for larger gatherings at the annual celebration of Hobson's death. Representations have also been made from a group in the Bay of Islands, that his remains should be interred at Waitangi near the Treaty House. But this proposal would be unacceptable to the Government and the Auckland City authorities, while the City Council has passed a resolution that if the remains have to be removed they should lie somewhere in the same area.

Now a further interference arising from the extension of the

motorway under Symonds Street down the Archill Gully is likely to involve even a greater number of graves in the Catholic and general cemetery on the western side.

-GEO. M. FOWLDS.

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generations that hardy will and spirit of enterprise, responsibility, work and faith SO abundantly possessed by the actual founders, which has been so important a factor in the life and progress of New Zealand.

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To the Editor

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April 7th, 1966.

Dear Sir.

I am interested in the list entitled "The Ships They Came on" in the latest "Founders Bulletin". There is one ship that is omitted.

The "John Masterman" of 608 tons which arrived in Nelson on February 8th. 1857 after a voyage from London of 104 days. She had 115 immigrants for Nelson and my grandfather, Frederick Smith is in the list.

After discharging part of her cargo in Nelson the "John Masterman" sailed for Port Chalmers on March 18th.

The above can be verified by looking up the files of the "Nelson Examiner" for February 11th, 1857 and following issues.

Carry on with the good work.

Your faithfully F. W. SMITH.

EDITORIAL NOTE

In the last issue of the 'Bulletin' the Editorial position was accorded a fine Waitangi Dinner address by one of our distinguished Maori scholars, Mr. Bill Parker, and in this edition the Editorial Place of Honour goes to Mr. Geo, M. Fowlds, husband of Mrs. O. E. Fowlds, member of the Founders Auckland Branch and a former vice President. Mr. Fowlds was also a member of the Auckland Regional Committee of the N.Z. Historic Places Trust.

There is no doubt that Motorways have taking ways. Have you some opinion or observation that could provide one of our future 'Bulletin' Editorials?

Do not think that your Editor is too lazy to write an editorial—he merely believes that the 'Bulletin' is the sounding board for Founders and yields to any Founder who has something vital to say.

DOMINION COUNCIL CHANGES

One of the Council's most active stalwarts Miss Ivy Rockel has recently had to resign for family reasons and will be greatly missed for many things particularly her expert running of the Founders Bridge Afternoons over the last few years and more recently for her initiat-ing and undertaking of practical help to our older members with her Founders Social Service work work.

Mrs. E. G. Olsen has been co-opted to the Dominion Council for the rest of its term.

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MAORI FEAST AT AUCKLAND

24th May, 1851

"The stars had ceased to shine, and the light cloud appeared beyond the numerous islets which seem to nestle on the deep blue sea of the Hauraki; and presently emerged, as from his nightly repose, the beautiful bright sun, tingling with his golden rays the slopes of the surrounding hills, and enlivening with his beams, the warm-bearted citizens of Auckland, the metropolis of New Zealand. The extraordinary fineness of the weather gave a stimulus to the arrangements.

During the forenoon, group after group of natives, passed along the principal street, attired in habilments of various colours and dimensions, each desirous to learn from his neighbour, the order of the day. Nor were the loyal native people indifferent in regard to the review of Her Majesty's troops, or the excellent performance of the band of the 58th.

The great attraction of the day, however, was that presented at the Annual Native Feast at Waipapa. Thither, at 2 o'clock our Maori friends were observed to be repairing by dozens and scores.

Shortly after that hour there was a general rush to the dinner tables, but the card-takers were too vigilant for our hungry visitors; they were consequently obliged to have patience, each lady and gentleman entering the avenue, one by one and presenting at the time their respective cards. When the privileged were thus comfortably seated, they looked round on the ticketless crowd, and sung the following lines in honour of His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor.

"Oh Puru thou art firm-

Firm as the mountain rock of Tokatoka

That laughs at all the efforts of its foes.

Ah, would you hasten to the battle field

And try your skill with these?

Know this that Auckland's sons are valiant, Nor may the sound of war approach her shores."

The people of Rotorua—headed by their Chief Marsh, were evidently desirous of complimenting the fair sex. Throwing down their knives and forks, they sprang upon the forms, and danced, and sang in honour of Mrs. Wynyard, and the ladies of Auckland, to these lively strains:—

"We come to greet you

To greet you and admire your beauteous faces,

Our faces are unlively; look not on us,

But let us look on you,

For ye are every charming, ever fair."

Marsh having resumed his seat, a deafening peal was heard from another portion of the company, as follows:—

"Ah me! Why tantalize me so While the proud mackrel play below? Though from my eager grasp ye haste, I shall soon of your sweetness taste; And you my friends, whom now I greet, The sweeter kumara shall eat."

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Those occupying the centre tables appeared no less anxious to display **their** prowess in dancing. Kiore, their leader, threw himself among the plates with a long spear in his hand; he and others shouting forth:—

"Eat on—ere long you'll want again, Eat on—eat every particle, Nor let a solitary scrap be left, To show that viands ever lined this board."

During the dance slice after slice of pudding came tumbling to the ground, the dancers eyeing their comrades and looking upon the prostrate luxuries with apparent indifference; it was well understood, however, that all was to be collected in blankets and other articles of wearing apparel, which serve as baskets on all such occasions.

After this kindly interchange of feeling, the jocund guests ran off with a long, loud shout, leaving their less playful fellows to gather up the fragments. Thus terminated the novel Maori Festival of 1851.

(Contributed by R. L. Wynyard, Auckland President)



-'Dominion' Photo.

One hundred and fifteen years later—Young Founders and Original Founders also enjoy sharing the hospitality of the Society's highly successful 1966 Waitangi Day Dinner held at the Student Union Buildings, Victoria University of Wellington.

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From The Branches

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CANTERBURY

THE PIONEER'S SPIRIT

Never let it be said that the spirit of the pioneers is completely dead—at least not amongst members of the Canterbury branch of the N.Z.F.S.

The day set for the Branch Annual General Meeting broke with overcast and threatening skies but conditions remained reasonably good until about 6.30 in the evening when rain began to fall and fall it did in torrents.

Committee members who arrived early to prepare the hall were reluctant to make too much preparation lest there be no quorum but when the time arrived no less than 31 were present, coming from far and near.

Such an attendance under the prevailing conditions was surely a reminder of the pluck and determination of our ancestors, a compliment to the Society and a matter of great satisfaction to the Committee.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the branch took place on March 3 in circumstances related elsewhere in this issue, and proved to be a bright and enthusiastic gathering. The President, Mr. L. B. Prendeville, was in the chair.

The following were elected to office:

President: Mr. L. B. Prendeville (reelected unopposed).

Vice President: Mr. N. W. Pearce.

Committee: Mesdames D. M. Skedden, C. M. Oakes, W. Moorhead, R. M. Gosset; Misses I. Herridge, R. Slater, P. Haylock; Messrs. D. R. Cattell, P. J. Jones, A. H. Oakes. Also elected to the committee for the first time and to whom we extend a special welcome: Mrs. S. Cowden, Miss M. Mateer.

Dominion Councillor: Mr. A. H. Oakes. **Trustees Housing Fund and P.O.S.B.:** Mrs. M. Jones, Mr. N. W. Peace and Mr. A. H. Oakes. **Hon. Auditor:** Mr. P. Hames. **Hon. Solicitor:** Mr. K. H. Thwaites.

THE HOUSING FUND

During the course of business it was unanimously resolved that:---

"Steps be taken to raise the total in the Housing Fund account to $\pounds 1000$ by the end of 1966."

The mover, in speaking to the motion, stated that no direct appeal to members had been made since 1962 and that with the total of £850 standing to the credit of the fund at 31/12/65 plus assured income from investments amounting to £60 for the current year £918 was already in sight. This left the small sum of £82 to be found which, if divided amongst members (excluding juniors) it would amount to approximately 9/- each. Members who wished could make a straight out donation or else support sales tables to that amount.

The idea found such favour that $\pounds 14$ was immediately handed in.

In order to save the cost of writing to each one direct, would all members please accept this as a personal appeal to support this most worthy cause in whatever way they may see fit.

"SOME MORE OF THE PAST"

Such was the title given to a series of slides shown after the Annual Meeting. Members will call to mind that scenes of yesterday have previously been presented dealing mostly with Canterbury but this time we travelled from Auckland to Dunedin with emphasis mainly on churches and transport. This was followed by a delightful supper provided and served by the ladies of the committee.

BALLOONISTS

The visit to Christchurch recently of two balloonists calls to mind another aeronaut who came to the city just before the turn of the century. He was David Mahoney, aged 30, of Auckland who worked under the name of Captain Lorraine.

He was billed to take off from Lancas-

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ter Park on November 30, 1899 descending by parachute, performing evolutions on a trapeze in the process. When the time came a large crowd watched his wife hand him the trapeze then stand clear. On Lorraine calling, "Now, gentlemen, let her go," the balloon shot up but the parachute had by some means become detached, hung down, opened and prevented the balloon rising. He let go the parachute and drifted out to sea. He was last seen by the signalmen at Lyttelton Heads to drop into the sea at Port Levy Heads but a search by boat failed to find either the balloon or Lorraine.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING

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The annual meeting and picnic held at Lamb Hill was an enjoyable affair. Our thanks are due to the Misses Sutherland for their hospitality and for the opportunity to inspect the house and cottage.

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There are not many houses of the style and period of the Lamb Hill residence and we all found pleasure in wandering through the rooms, admiring the expansive landscape through the dormer windows, and strolling too round the lawn and garden.

LIBRARY ACCESSION

From Mr. C. F. Scott Maundrell a copy of a map showing the military activity in the Wanganui area between the years 1840-1880. Mr. Scott Maundrell had been engaged for some time on the map which is the result of considerable painstaking effort and research.

A COLLECTION OF PORTRAITS

An important addition to our historical library is a collection of small portraits of early Wanganui settlers.

Most of the portraits are from the Tuffin collection and are the work of his great-grandfather, Thomas Tuffin, who arrived in Wanganui from New Plymouth about the year 1860 and established a photographer's business in Church Place, remaining in this town until 1878 when he left for Auckland.

But there have been others given for

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the collection, notably by Mrs. H. M. Smith of Taranaki.

An endeavour has finally been made to identify the portraits in this collection. Eventually they were submitted to Mr. Ewen Campbell of Wiritoa. Mr. Campbell had been born in Wanganui in 1843 when the township numbered less than 200 Europeans and he was able to name about 70 of the portraits; it is these that now go to the library. In addition, there are another 20 or 30 similar ones of about the same period, with a few others of later date.

Thomas Tuffin, with his wife and two young children, landed in New Plymouth from the "Blenheim" in November, 1842. After following various occupations in that town he learnt photography from a Mr. Webster. He and his wife lived 18 years in New Plymouth, deciding then to come to Wanganui to join their daughter Emma, who had married George Walker and settled here a few years previously. Their son, after a sojourn in Australia, also made his home in Wanganui in the sixties'.

This photographic collection of nearly a hundred portraits will be an important source of reference, supplementing as it will, the biographical index and the library's own Denton collection of early Wanganui photographs.

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AN ANNIVERSARY

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It was a memorable occasion, the celebration of the 12th anniversary of the arrival of the schooner "Elizabeth" from Wellington, with her 13 passengers. For the members of the Nixon family, especially, it was a day of days. As far as is known, theirs is the only family, descendants of passengers on the "Elizabeth", which remains in Wanganui although it will always be tantalizing not to know who the three unnamed steerage passengers were.

Frederick Thatcher & St. Pauls Cathedral

The New Zealand Historic Places Trust has issued its fifth bulletin, "Frederick Thatcher and St. Paul's" by Margaret Alington, priced at 4s. 6d.

Thatcher, who was trained as an architect, came to New Zealand in the "Himalaya" soon after the death of his young wife, landing various occupations in New Plymouth and Auckland, including that of assistant secretary to Governor Grey, he decided to take Holy Orders. He entered St. John's College and was ordained priest in 1853, his first parish being St. Matthew's, Auckland.

He married in 1849 Caroline Wright, a sister of Mrs. Bolland of New Plymouth. Thatcher, when in New Plymouth, had been a great friend of the Bollands and later, from Auckland, he sent the Rev. W. Bolland, drawings of

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his private chapel, which were used in the designing of St. Mary's, New Plymouth. His name is associated with three other churches, Christ Church, Nelson, St. Mary's, Parnell, and lastly, St. Paul's Wellington.

Thatcher was appointed to the parish of St. Paul's in 1861, but on account of poor health had to resign before the completion of the cathedral, to become once again private secretary to Grey.

In this centennial year of the consecration of the cathedral when its seems as if the revered building might be saved from demolition and for Wellington, this booklet is doubly welcome. In its 50 pages, it gives an excellent account of the designing and erection of St. Paul's and a description of its architecture.

(Former Member of Auckland Regional Committee of Historic Place Trust, Vice-President of Auckland.)

Timber Trees and Family Tree

In 1842 Mr. Joseph Simmonds from England (grandfather of Mrs. Geo. Fowlds of Auckland) arrived in Nelson in the ship "Will Watch" and later became a member of the Nelson Provincial Assembly. He claimed that shortly after, he made the first boat (probably of kahikatea), built in Nelson to carry three tons. His son the Rev. J. H. Simmonds, after serving three years as a missionary in Fiji (about 1870), occupied various circuits of the Methodist Church in New Zealand. For 27 years he acted as Principal of the Wesley Training College for Maori boys at Three Kings (Mt. Eden), later transferred by him to Paerata on a 500 acre farm. Being regarded as a local authority on the Australian Eucalypts and having planted with the help of the pupils, 10.000 gum trees around the boundary at Paerata, in 1927 published a large illustrated volume, entitled "Eucalypts in New Zealand". This year 1966, a great-grandson became a boarding student of the college.

Mrs. Fowlds' father-in-law, the Hon. Sir George Fowlds, (former Minister of Education) when President of the Auckland University College, was responsible in the 1930's for setting up what was probably the first chair of Forestry in the country. But due to lack of support by students and the State Forest Service it had to be closed some years later.

Mrs. Fowld's younger son, David Fulton Fowlds, is now the maintenance engineer of the N.Z. Forest Products Co. (capital $\pm 10,000,000$ —at Kinleath.)

On two occasions with other officials of the company he was sent overseas to Germany, Sweden, Denmark and Finland, to advise on the purchase of £1,000,000 worth of Machinery to exploit the pine (radiata) forest of the company in the Rotorua-Taupo area, which along with the State Kaingaroa forest is the largest man-made forest of 1,000,000 acres in the world.

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A Wellington Quiz

The following answers are those that had been expected for the Wellington Quiz, but during the marking it was found that some could be controversial so alternatives, for which an authority could be found, were accepted.

OUESTION

1. What is the origin of the following names:

- (a) Lambton Quay
- (b) Molesworth Street
- (c) Port Nicholson
- (d) Featherston Street
- (e) Grey Street
- (f) Stout Street
- (g) Riddiford Street
- (h) Panama Street
- (i) Somes Island
- (j) Hutt River

ANSWER

(a) Named after Earl of Durham, whose family name was Lambton. He was the first Governor or Chairman of Directors of the N.Z. Company.

(b) Named after Sir William Molesworth, M.P. for East Cornwall and later Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(c) Named after Captain John Nicholson, Harbourmaster, Port Jackson, Sydney, by his friend, Captain James Herd.

(d) Named after Isaac, Earl Featherston, M.D., who arrived in Wellington in 1841 as surgeon on the N.Z. Company ship "Olympus". He was for 15 years a member of the Central Parliament and for most of this period was the Superintendent of Wellington Province. He was the first Agent-General for New Zealand in London.

(e) Named after Sir George Grey, who was Governor of South Australia, twice Governor of New Zealand and Governor of Cape Colony and later Premier of New Zealand.

(f) Named after Sir Robert Stout, who was Premier of the Colony 1884-1887.

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He also held the positions of Chief Justice and Administrator and Chancellor of the University of New Zealand.

(g) Named after Daniel Riddiford, who acted for some time as emigration agent for the N.Z. Company. He purchased the Orongorongo Station.

(h) Derives its name from the Panama Mail Service whose office was situated in this street. The fastest mails from England came by the Panama route.

(i) Named after Joseph Somes, M.P., builder of the "Tory". He was the first Deputy Governor of the N.Z. Company and later became Governor.

(j) Named after Sir William Hutt, M.P., a Director of the N.Z. Company.

OUESTION

2. There is a building in Wellington that was formerly used as a Governor's residence. Where is it? and what is it now used for?

ANSWER

It is in Parliament grounds. It is the two-storeyed portion of Parliament Buildings at the Bowen Street end and is used for Ministerial offices and has rooms for social functions.

QUESTION

3. What are the names of the two oldest hotels in Wellington which are still located on their original sites?

ANSWER

Thistle Inn-and-Princess Hotel.

OUESTION

4. What is the name of the first settlement for Europeans in the Wellington District and where was it?

ANSWER

Britannia-situated Petone Beach.

OUESTION

5. The first New Zealand Company ships to arrive in New Zealand were the "Tory", "Cuba", "Aurora", "Oriental" and "Duke of Roxburgh" How are these names commemorated in Wellington?

ANSWER

Tory Street, Cuba Street, Aurora Terrace, Oriental Parade and Oriental Bay, and Roxburgh Street.

QUESTION

6. A memorial has been erected near to the site of the first church in Wellington. Where is the memorial, and what form does it take and what is the wording that appears upon it?

ANSWER

As the question says "A memorial has been erected near to the site" the correct answer cannot be a plaque on a wall. However, as the plaque on the wall of the Commercial Bank, Lambton Quay states that the first church was erected on this site, marks were given where the words were quoted. The correct answer is:

The memorial is in Manners Street on the reserve adjacent to the Ladies' Rest Rooms. The memorial takes the form of a drinking fountain and nearby is a memorial block on which the following is inscribed:

"Close to this spot at Te Aro Pa on Sunday 9th June 1839 a Christian Service with the Maoris was conducted by Reverend S. H. Bumby and Reverend J. Hobbs, missionaries of the Methodist Church."

The following words appear on the side of the block:

"Whosoever shall drink of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst.

John IV. XIV."

QUESTION

7. Where in Wellington is there a monument to a past Sovereign and where was it first erected?

ANSWER

Monument is in garden area between Kent and Cambridge Terraces near Courtenay Place. The monument was first erected in Post Office Square opposite the entrance to Queens Wharf. (Queen Victoria.)

QUESTION

8. Where can you find in Willis Street a large picture of Willis Street in 1965? Who painted this picture?

ANSWER

The picture is in the public office, ground floor, of the Evening Post Building. Peter McIntyre painted the picture.

QUESTION

9. St. Paul's Cathedral:

(a) The first St. Paul's Church was erected in Wellington in 1844. Where was its location and what is its subsequent history?

(b) For how many years was St. Paul's Cathedral, Mulgrave Street, the chief Anglican Church in Wellington?

(c) Who laid the foundation stone of the present St. Paul's Cathedral and on what date was the stone laid?

ANSWER

(a) The first St. Paul's Church was in the area behind Parliament Buildings in the vicinity of the present Broadcasting House. It was pulled down in 1866 and partly re-erected in Bolton Street Cemetery as a mortuary chapel. It was renovated in 1926.

(b) It was the chief Anglican Church for 98 years-(1866-1964).

(c) The foundation stone was laid by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 13.1.1954.

QUESTION

10. Where was the big fountain on Kelburn Park originally sited?

ANSWER

At the New Zealand Centennial Exhibition, Rongotai.

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QUESTION

11. There are two memorials on the foreshore at Petone. What events do they commemorated?

ANSWER

The Wellington Provincial Centennial memorial commemorates the landing of the first settlers, the achievement of the pioneers, and the first 100 years of progress. The Iona Cross commemorates the first Presbyterian Church Service in New Zealand.

QUESTION

12. Give the names of two Maori Pas which were located within the site of early Wellington?

ANSWER

Pipitea Pa, Te Aro Pa or Kumutoto Pa.

QUESTION

13. What streets in Wellington City business area were originally on the beach?

ANSWER

Thorndon Quay, Lambton Quay, part of Lower Willis Street and Bond Street.

QUESTION

14. What park in Wellington was at one time a swamp?

ANSWER

Basin Reserve.

OUESTION

15. In what year were Wellington Streets first lit by electricity? Where is the plaque to commemorate this event and who donated it?

ANSWER

1888. The plaque is on a memorial lamp-post on the corner of Hunter Street, Featherston Street and Lambton Quay. It was donated by Mr. Samuel Brown.

QUESTION

16. On the shores close to Wellington City shone a light from the first permanent lighthouse in New Zealand.

(a) Where is the lighthouse?

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(b) On what date did its light first appear?

ANSWER

(a) Pencarrow.

(b) 1.1.1859.

QUESTION

17. Who was the representative of the New Zealand Company who purchased land from the Maoris to form the site of Wellington and where is his grave?

ANSWER

Colonel William Wakefield. His grave is in the Bolton Street Cemetery.

QUESTION

18. Who is commemorated by the name "Wellington" and how was this man associated with the founding of the city?

ANSWER

Named after the Duke of Wellington who had given a great deal of support to colonisation in general and particularly to the N.Z. Company.

QUESTION

19. (a) Where in Willis Street is there a mural of the early Wellington water-front?

(b) What part of Wellington does it show particularly?

ANSWER

(a) In the Dominion Life Arcade.(b) "Te Aro from Clay Point adjoining Plimmers Steps about 1840."

QUESTION

20. Where is Flagstaff Hill and why has it that name?

ANSWER

Flagstaff Hill is off Willis Street and the Terrace Gardens. The settlement flag was flown from this point when the N.Z. Company settlers moved to Wellington.

QUESTION

21. (a) Where was the first horse race meeting in the Wellington District held?

(b) Where was the first racecourse in the Wellington District?

(c) Where was there another racecourse in the district that had weekly race meetings?

ANSWER

- (a) Petone foreshore.
- (b) Island Bay.
- (c) Miramar.

As there is some doubt about the answers to (b) and (c), marks were given for whichever order was given.

QUESTION

22. Where were the sites of two former prisons in Wellington?

ANSWER

The Terrace Gaol was on the site of the present Te Aro School and Mt. Cook Gaol was on Mt. Cook on the area from Tory Streeet along Buckle Street to the Museum.

QUESTION

23. The earliest arrival in New Zealand is believed to be Kupe. There is a monument to this in Wellington city.

(a) Where is the monument?

(b) What is the wording on it?

(c) Where was the monument first erected?

ANSWER

(a) In the Wellington Railway Station by the entrance to the Dining Room.

(b) The Coming of the Maori. Kupe of Raiatea, his wife Hine te Aparangi and Pekahourangi the magician, voyaging from Hawaiki in their canoe Matahorua discovered New Zealand about the tenth century.

(c) N.Z. Centennial Exhibition, Rongotai.

QUESTION

24. There was a Fort erected in Wellington in 1886 when we had the first "Russian Scare".

(a) What was its name?

(b) Where was it?

(c) Is it still there?

ANSWER

(a) Fort Kelburn.

(b) On the hill on the north side of the intersection of Ngahauranga Gorge and the Hutt Road.

(c) No.

QUESTION

25. A plaque has been erected on the side of a building now on the site of

"Plimmers Noahs Ark".

- (a) Where was Plimmers Noah Ark?
- (b) Quote the wording of the Plaque?
- (c) Who was Mr. Plimmer?

ANSWER

(a) "Plimmers Noahs Ark" was where the present Bank of New Zealand, Lambton Quay is now standing.

(b) On this site stood John Plimmer's Warehouse and office built from the salvaged barque "Inconstant" stranded at Pencarrow Head in 1849. Timbers from the "Inconstant" were uncovered in excavating for the foundations of this building in 1899.

(c) Mr. Plimmer arrived in Wellington on the "Gertrude" in 1841. He was a builder and merchant and one of early Wellington's leading citizens. He gave Wellington one of its colourful touches when he purchased in 1850 the wreck of the "Inconstant" which he converted into a warehouse (Noahs Ark). He was a member of the Provincial Council and was keenly interested in the Manawatu Wellington railway. In his later years he was sometimes referred to as the "Father of Wellington".

QUESTION

26. Where was the first plane flown from in Wellington and what happened to it? What year did this occur?

ANSWER

The first plane was flown from Athletic Park and landed in a tree in Newtown Park. This flight took place in 1914 (25th March).

QUESTION

27. (a) There were originally two electric tramway systems in Wellington. Who ran them and where did they join?

(b) What three powers have been used to pull or drive the trams since their inception and in order of usage?

ANSWER

(a) Wellington City Council and Miramar Borough Council Tramway systems joined at the Junction (Kilbirnie Post Office).

(b) Steam, horse, electricity.

QUESTION

28. Where was the "Hermit's Cave" in Wellington?

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ANSWER

The Hermit's Cave was situated a short distance from Island Bay in the direction of Houghton Bay.

QUESTION

29. A gun sited on Mt. Victoria used to be fired at noon each day. How was the gun taken up Mt. Victoria and when was the first shot fired from the gun?

ANSWER

The gun was hauled up Mt. Victoria by D. Battery of the Wellington Artillery taking it up on 24.11.1877.

The first shot was fired 1.12.1877.

QUESTION

30. (a) Where was the site of the original Bethune and Hunters Building? (b) What is now on this site?

ANSWER

(a) Corner of Bond (formerly Old Customhouse Street) and Cornhill Streets.

(b) A car park.

QUESTION

31. There is a memorial in the Hutt Valley concerning the heroism of a bugler in the Maori wars.

(a) What was the name of the bugler?

- (b) Where is the memorial?(c) What was the act of heroism?
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ANSWER

(a) Bugler William Allen.

(b) Entrance to Old Military Road.

(c) During the Maori attack on the outpost at Boulcott's farm on 16th May, 1846, Bugler Allen, when he heard the sentry's warning shot leaped up, seized his bugle and running outside his tent put the bugle to his lips to blow the alarm. In the act of sounding the alarm he was struck down by a Maori who tomahawked him in the right shoulder nearly severing his arm. He rose again and seized his bugle in his left hand but a second blow in the head killed him.

QUESTION

32. Where is there a plaque to commemorate the first soldiers to leave New Zealand for active service in the South African War? What is the wording on the plaque?

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ANSWER

The plaque is on the wall of Ben Burn Park, Karori. The wording on the plaque is:

"To commemorate the first soldiers to leave New Zealand for active service in the South African War 1899-1902. The first contingent of the New Zealand Mounted Rifles assembled and trained on this ground then known as Campbell's farm and then sailed from Wellington on the s.s. Waiwera, October 21st 1899. Ake Ake Ake."

QUESTION

33. Johnny Martin's Fountain—Who was Johnny Martin and where was the fountain in his memory originally erected?

ANSWER

The Hon. John Martin was one of the founders of the "Circular Saw" line of steamers, forerunners of the Union Steam Ship Company. He was a Commissioner of the Wellington Town Board. The fountain was erected at the intersection of Hunter Street, Featherston Street and Lambton Quay.

QUESTION

34. (a) On what hill were the Maori kumara gardens?

(b) What well-known picture of early Wellington shows these gardens and who was the artist?

ANSWER

(a) Tinakori Hills.

(b) Any well-known picture which showed the gardens was accepted but it was expected that one of the pictures of Charles Heaphy would be named.

QUESTION

35. Where was the site of the first Roman Catholic Church in Wellington and in what year was it erected?

ANSWER

The site of the first Catholic Church was in Boulcott Street and was erected in 1842.

David McKee Wright Wasn't Far Wrong

Few places, if any, could hope to charm in every sense but since charm can mean to greatly attract, delight or interest, fascinate, enchant or captivate—even bewitch—there ought to be these possibilities or qualities able to be connected with any aboding place.

It seems to me that Wellington has both charm and character. After living overseas I could have re-settled anywhere but I deliberately selected Wellington for several reasons some of which are:

Wellington of all the main centres does not echo other great cities but stands alone as the most New Zealand of New Zealand cities. I join with those who can feel the fascinaton of being in a capital —a place where a country's fate is guided; a place where its national archives and cultural collections are to be found. Then, too, whilst Wellington is not unique in this, it is the place where overseas (and local) personalities and artists are most likely to be encountered.

To see Wellington from the top of the Cable Car, Mt. Victoria, Highbury, Newlands, Korokoro, etc on its finest days is to see one of the most attractive peopled panaramas in the world and even the evening fairyland of Kowloon from the heights of Hong Kong cannot rival Wellington Harbour on a calm night.

Important N.Z. history beckons the interested at so many points. To walk along the sweeping curve of Lambton Quay is to follow the original foreshore known to early settlers and those who lived in Te Aro or Pipitea kaingas...to see the wooden cobblestones laid bare by street repairs is to feel the jolts of horse and buggy days; to negotiate narrow lanes in the heart of the city; to be brought up short by the street name Tui Glen in the midst of concrete and asphalt and to soak up the past exhibited by N.Z. Company Ship's names... Wakefield's last home hustling beside the glass tower of Shell House ... Old St. Pauls' and the Victorian serenity of Bolton Street Cemeteryhere lies the charm of Wellington to me.

More New Members

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Ancestor 1840 Mrs. Elizabeth Minifie

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Mrs. D. J. Morfee	Wellington	Adelaide
Master P. J. Morfee (J.)	Wellington	Adelaide
Master I. B. Morfee (J.)	Wellington	Adelaide
Mrs. M. Mould	Wanganui	
Mr. D. Cobb	Wellington	
Mr. A. R. Greenwood	Havelock Nth.	Phoebe
Mr. D. R. Williams		Phoebe
Mr. J. P. Webster	Auckland	
Miss D. E. Bayley (J.)	Wellington	Brougham
Mrs. G. C. Dales	Lower Hutt	Blundell
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	Hastings	Deborah
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Miss M. N. McCaul	Wellington	Amelia Thompson
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Mrs. A. L. Hamlin	Upper Hutt	
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1842 John Henry Bamford
1842 Richard Wallis
1840 James Bryant
1850 Charles Joseph Bridge
1842 John Bamforth
1840 Alexander Cameron
1840 Thomas Barben
1841 John Perry
1851 George Miller
1842 Johms Farland
1840 Joseph Pudney Joseph Pudney Jane Harrison Hart Udy Hart Udy Capt. William Mein Smith Arthur & Lydia Bradley James John Taine James Farland James Farland James Farland William Black Major Thomas Moore Arthur Simpson Robert & Elizabeth Smith George Ratt (Wratt) James & Mary Eaton Alex. & Catherine Wilson James Caradus William & Mary Dawson 1842 1840 1840 1840 1850 1850 1840 1851 1851 1841 1842 1858 1851 1842 1850 1856 1842 1850 1851

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Mrs. I. A. W. Whiteman	Wellington	Martha Ridgeway	1840	William Judd
Mr. C. Whiteman	Wellington	Gertrude	1841	Francis Whiteman
Mrs. S. I. Dittmer	Feilding	Maori	1858	Walter King
Miss S. A. M. Fleming	Wellington	Isobella Hercus	1856	Robert George Fleming
Miss M. K. Hicks	Wellington	William Bryan	1841	John Hicks
Mr. L. D. Hallett	Auckland	Jewess	1840	Daniel Munn
Miss E. P. Bolton	Woodville	Adelaide	1840	Thomas Guthrie
Mrs. K. McAdam	Greytown	Lord Auckland	1842	John Maxwell
Mr. R. A. H. Howe	Wellington	Clifton	1841	John Howe
Mrs. N. M. Riddell	Wairarapa	London	1840	Henry & Elizabeth Collett
Mr. J. C. Warnes	Wellington	Brampton	1823	Rev. John Hobbs
Mrs. T. M. I. Williment	Wellington	Brampton	1823	Rev. John Hobbs
Mrs. M. L. M. Jury	Wellington	Cressy	1850	Mary Bennett
Mr. J. Trotter	Hastings	Rajah	1850	William Sinclair Trotter
Mrs. B. W. Jones	Tauranga	Minerva	1853	T. Todd
Mr. E. J. Barnard	New Plymouth	Fifeshire	1842	Thomas & Rebecca Berry
Mr. R. E. Johnston	Whangarei		1846	Thomas Goodman
Mrs. M. Milne	Auckland	Deborah	1826	James Reddy Clendon
Mr. M. R. Milne (Ass.)			1000	T D LL CL L
Master A. Milne (J.)	Auckland	Deborah	1826	James Reddy Clendor
Mr. S. A. Moore	Auckland	Jane Gifford	1842	John Morison
Mrs. S. M. Moore	Auckland	Bengal Merchant	1840	John McGechie
Mrs. J. M. D'Arcy	Wanganui	Blenheim	1840	John Cameron
Mr. N. H. D'Arcy	Wanganui	Deborah	1826	James Reddy Clendon
Miss S. M. Harris (J. L. M.)		Blenheim	1840	John Cameron
Mrs. J. B. Hasyard	Auckland	Sin Cassas Osharna	1840 1826	William Henry Williams William Williams
Miss S. F. Maclean (J.)	Wellington	Sir George Osborne	1820	Charles Brown
Miss D. E. Jordan	Wanganui Waitara	Amelia Thompson	1841	Matthew Jonas
Mr. A. D. Wilson	wanara	Oriental	1041	Matthew Jonds

The Ships They Came On . . .

The back page of the last issue comprised the names of ships engaged in bringing early settlers to New Zealand or trading around New Zealand waters up to the early 1860s. Much interest was aroused by this alphabetical listing, which does not pretend to be complete. The listing is the result of extensive research by your Editor at Turnbull Library and from other sources in an effort to provide a useful cover design and spark further information toward arriving at the most comprehensive list possible. Such a list would greatly facilitate the work of our society in approving applications for membership and should provide intending members with a guide. It must be clearly understood, however, that the inclusion of a ship's name in this manner by no means guarantees membership for many of the ships so listed made voyages to New Zealand subsequent to the respective first ten years settlement of the six original provinces of New Zealand set out in detail on the application form.

The Editor would be obliged if those checking the listing could provide evidence of ships above about 20 tons being eligible for consideration through having made a New Zealand landfall prior to 1862.

UK-ABERCROMBIE - ACHERON - ACHILLES - ACOUILLA - ACTIVE - ADAH - ADELAIDE-NZ
UK-ADMIRAL GRENFALL - ADVENTURE - AFRACAINE - AGRA - AIREDALE - AJAX-NZ
UK-ALBION - ALFRED - ALLIGATOR - ALMA - ALPINE - AMAZON - AMBROSINE-NZ
UK-AMELIA THOMPSON - ANN - ANNABELLA - ANNADALE - ANNE LANGTON-NZ
UK-ANNA WATSON - ANN OF ARBROTH - ANN WILSON - ANTARCTIC - ANTELOPE-NZ
UK-ANTILLA - AQUILLA - ARAB - ASHBURTON - ASP - ARIEL - ARMENIAN - ARROW-NZ
UK-ARTEMISIA - ASHMORE - ATLAS - AURORA - AVON - BALLEY - BALNAOUITH-NZ
UK-BANGALORE - BANK OF ENGLAND - BALTASARA - BARBARA GORDON - BARKLEY-NZ
UK-BEAGLE - BEE - BELLA MARINA - BELLENA - BENGAL MERCHANT - BEN NEVIS-NZ
UK-BERHAMPORE - BERMAN - BERNIAN - BERNICA - BERWICK CASTLE - BIRKSHIRE-NZ
UK-BIRMAN - BLACKBIRD - BLACK JOKE - BLENHEIM - BOANERGES - BLUNDELL-NZ
UK-BOLLINA - BOLTON - BOMBAY - BON ACCORD - BORDER MAID - BOSWORTH-NZ
UK-BRAMPTON - BRAZIL PACKET - BREDALBANE - BRIGHTMAN - BRILLIANT - BROMPTON-NZ
UK—BRONAN - BROUGHAM - BRITANNIA - BRISTOLIAN - BRITISH SOVEREIGN—NZ
UK-BRITOMARK - BUFFALO - BUSEPHALUS - BYRON - CACCHELOT - CAERNARVON-NZ
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