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Edgar Allan Poe

1813.

11th. September

to

1814.

30th. April-

1913.

September.

11. Thurs.

Left by 5.25 train
joined the "Ulimaroa"
and sailed for Wel-
lington.

12. Fri.

Reached Wellington &
to Hamilton's house
arranged to return to
lunch. Visited Town
Clerk & had interview
re Newtown Museum
Curatorship & Harold
Hamilton. Strolled about
the town bought pair
metal boot-trees and
a bandoleer, which I
posted to Ch Ch - At

lunch met a Mr.
Richards from Los
Angeles & he joined
self, Mrs and Miss
Hamilton to Wireless
Hill, where I found
my sub-antarctic
collections planted. I
took the party in to
afternoon tea on our
return & met Mrs &
Miss Cohen in the
rooms just returning
from Sydney. Rejoined
'Ullmaroa' wrote to
Rose & sailed at 9.15.

13. Sat.

At Sea.

14. Sun. do

15. Mon.

Witnessed a total eclipse of the moon. As we have had head seas + strong wind against us all the way we shall not arrive early tomorrow.

16. Tues.

Reached Watson's Bay at 1.0. The Dr's examination dealt only with vaccination certificates. As I go beyond N. S. W. I am to report myself on arrival.

Landed at 3. + went to "Grand Central", to Hardie + Gorman at

Milsons Point & then
to Hellawell & home
with him to tea at
Summer Hill. While
there called upon Shaw
The smaller of my
vaccination scabs fell
off to-day.

17. Wed.

To Town Hall and re-
ceived a new certificate
Thence to Museum. Had
lunch at the Josephs
and dinner at Tempe.
Wrote to Rose.

18. Thurs.

Obtained permit from
H. P. Co for reduced
railway fares & took

ticket to Adelaide
single 1st £3. 18. 6
Hardie and Gorman's
representative took
me to see the houses
& we decided what
repairs to do. Had
morning-tea with Mrs
Meeson. Saw Paterson
& Brodie, then unpacked
cast fishes at the
Museum. Wrote to
Haynes to send over
the eagle ray. Called
on Cherry & Powling,
both out. Saw Walter
Shaw and Percier &
wired to Stirling that
I was leaving tonight.

Met Percy Mann as
I was leaving the hotel
he is on his way
back to ChCh. from
England. Boarded the
Melbourne Express at
7.25. pm.

19. Fri.

At Wodonga within the
Victorian border our
vaccination exemption
certificates were exam-
ined. Arrived Melbourne
1.15. pm. After lunch I
visited Coles & spent
10/- on flute-music
Then to S. Melbourne &
called on Mohr. Mr
Huigg's brother - but did

not see him. Thence
across the city to
Carlton and had tea
with the Liefmann's
whom I accompanied to
the Australian Industries
Exhibition, just opened.

20. Sat.

Again visited Coles and
bought odd numbers of
"Marvels of the World"
for train reading. Took
a photo. of the crowd
gathered to see the 17000
cadets when the slide
of the reflex jambed.
Sent a telegram to Dr.
Stirling informing him
that I would see him

on Monday. Bought
shirt collars & tie &
visited Museum in the
afternoon. but being
Saturday none of the
staff was present. Left
a card for Spencer. The
city was very dull &
I left at 4.25 for
Adelaide. In the dining
car I met Hon. Suines
& our recognition was
mutual. We had dined
together at the Metropole
in Sydney when I was
starting on the "Aurora".

21 Sun.

Arrived at Adelaide
at 10.10 am and found

hotels full - put up
at Grand Coffee Palace.
Hindley St. Had a
stroll along the North
Terrace and saw the
public buildings (exteriors)
including the Museum.
After lunch entered the
latter and had a
quiz round, and a
chat with an atten-
dant. Then called on
Mr Farr & her two
daughters, had afternoon
tea - met Corbin of the
Forestry Dept. and, by
telephone, arranged to
meet Dr Pullen to-
morrow. Walked out

to Uley, after tea +
spent evening with Lea
who gave me some in-
formation about Museum
administration.

22 Mon.

wrote to Rose. Taking
a photograph the slide
which I had tried to
rectify in the train,
again stuck & I took
it to Harrington's and
found part of the metal
work bent, put in a
new lot of plates. At
2.30 I met Stirling
at the Museum and
he, as he said, painted
the black side of the [11]

directorship which resolves itself into "red tape" and small matters intensely irritating. It may be that things could be improved by gentler methods than Stirling adopts. He made me an hon. member of the Adelaide Club & we dined there, thence to his house where I met Mrs Stirling & two daughters.

23. Tues.

First called to see Lea, then Howchin whom I had met in Sydney & Christchurch, he is

chairman of the
Museum Committee &
as suggested by Stirling
I told him my mission
he was gracious &
replied that whoever
Stirling supported as
his successor was as
good as appointed, he
then took me to see
Prof. Rennie whom Farr
had asked me to see.
I next visited Wilkison
at Miss Farr's request
and unexpectedly
learned that he is
a member of the
Board controlling the
Museum, so I let

him know my mission
also - He desired me
to call on his friend
the Editor of the
"Mail" who desired
an interview, ac-
cordingly I went to
the newspaper office
but the editor was
out, the sub. asked
me to look in when
I had a little more
time - I next kept my
appointment with Dr.
Pulleine whom I knew
& he asked me to tea
Passing an "electric"
photo studio I looked
in & had a sitting [14]

6. postcards for 3/-.
Just a chance what
may be produced for
the sub-editor of the
"Mail" asked me for
a photo. of myself for
publication. At 5.0
I joined Pullerine &
he "cared" me out to
Mitcham where he
has a fine house &
extensive grounds met
his wife & 5 chil-
dren, talked spiders
& other things and
walked to the tram
terminus, thence rode
to Town. When at
Mitcham. Pullerine

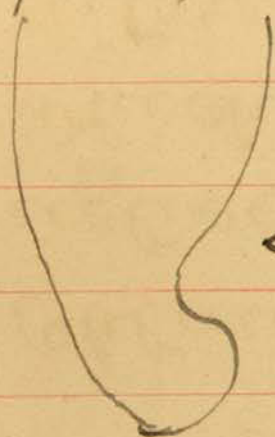
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phoned to - Sowden,
Chairman of the
Board in respect to
an appointment I
had with him to-
morrow, for Pulline
wants to take me out
for a run in the
afternoon. Stirling
cordially hates Sowden
but said it was well
that I should see
him & state openly
& frankly my object
a recital of which he
had been prepared
for. Postponed inter-
view to Thursday -

24 Wed.

To the Zoo in the morning, Minckin the Director is away, I called for the 'electric' photos. no use whatever. wrote to Rose, lunched with Pulleine and Prof. Watson in the gardens the latter holds the chair in anatomy & we adjourned to the dissecting room. 4 or 5 bodies were on the tables, and one a female demonstrated forcibly the effects of tight-lacing, the liver extended to below

The crest of the ilium
was much constricted
at the waist line &
protruberant below —



waist line.

if women
could only see
the real thing!!

Bought cup and
sancer for Rose and
Pulleine took me for
a spin in his car.

We spent some time
at a large orchard,
the oranges being the
principal fruit now
in season. We next
called upon old Sewell
our fellow Voyager to

Lord Howe Is - how
long ago?" he showed
us through a large
series of greenhouses
& shelter houses. I
finished the day at
a continuous picture
show, (Snakes feeding.)
25. Thurs.

Heavy rain all last
night. and this day
obtained some radio-
active material, in
which Lawson is
interested from some
stockbrokers in town.

Booked passage from
Sydney to Lyttelton
per "Moeraki" - Oct. 11th [9]

wrote to Rose - Paid
a visit to Sowden, the
President of the Board
of Governors - he was
at some pains to
explain that Stirling
was somewhat irrita-
ble, and was averse
to the introduction of
modern business methods.
He had evidently anti-
cipated that Stirling
would have had some-
thing to say upon this
subject - Had tea with
the Leas at Unley -

26. Fri.

Made inquiries at the
stock office as to the

treatment of dogs
imported from N. Z.
found that a vet's
certificate in N. Z.
would be sufficient.
Called upon Dr Rogers
at Stirling's request,
he is a member of
the Board and also
expected me. Miss Farr
sent some parcels to
be delivered in Wel-
lington & Christchurch
sent some pictures of
Adelaide to Claude.
Left by the Melbourne
Express at 4' 30.
Stirling having asked
me to send in an

application in time
for the meeting Oct.
12th I drafted one in
the train. Met Ernest
Truman at Murray
Bridge. he has just
been to Adelaide in
connection with the 1st
performance of his
new Cantata, "The Pied
Piper"

27. Sat.

Arrived at Melbourne
at 10. am. Picked up
my flute music at
Cole's & bought a set
of 'Marvels of Universe'
(except No 1-3) 6/6.
Engaged sleeper in

train from Albury &
left by Sydney Express
at 5. pm. Met both
Truman & Taylor, the
former asked me to
take a copy of his
'Piper' to N.Z.

28. Sun.

Arrived at Sydney
at 10.10 am. and after
a wash at the hotel
went to Balmain &
had dinner with the
Downs, thence to Bronte
& had tea with Mrs
La Trobe, and while
there wrote to Katie
at the New Hebrides.

29. Mon.

To North Sydney and
called on Hardie and
forman re renovating
the houses. Thence to
Mr. Lopez who will
again put me up @ 25/-
Returned key to hotel
and reported progress to
Etheridge. Received letter
from Rose. Had lunch
with Dateron and there
wrote application for the
Adelaide appointment,
had it professionally
typed & sent it off in
time for the mail. it
will be delivered on
Wednesday, in time

for the Museum Com-
mittee which meets on
that day. I next called
on Truman who gave
me a score of the
'Pie'd Piper' for intro-
duction into N. Z. Saw
Manager of a "Carbonating"
firm, he will see that
his traveller calls on
Mrs Allen. He will
thus execute the com-
mission which she
asked me to undertake
Bought 2 Silk Japanese
blouses one for Rose
@ 27/6 + one for Mrs
Allen @ £1. for which
she had given me [25]

the money. Removed
my luggage from the
hotel to "Beulah" Mr
Lopez's -

30, Tues.

Sent wire to Sec. of
S. A. Museum, apprising
him that a letter
was in the post for
tomorrow's Committee-
meeting. Developed some
negatives at Harrington's
wrote to Stirling & told
him he could write
to Australian Museum
if he had any news
before Oct. 11th. Called
on the Josephs and
delivered Mr Liefmann's

messages. There bought
a kit bag, a carryall
& an umbrella, it is
raining!

October,

1. Wed.

To Paterson & had a tooth drilled. Charlie P. showed me how casts are made by investing & steam injection.

Changed Reflex plates at Harrington & developed. Visited Fletcher at the Linnean Soc. Paid 12/6 to Mr. Hellowell for hat decoration for Rose & spent evening with them at Summer Hill. Flute, Violin & Piano (Miss Middleton). Wrote to Miss Farr re package for Speight. Booked

passage by "Moeraki" &
was asked my age, the
information being re-
quired by the N. Z.
govt in connection with
the old-age pension fund

2. Thurs.

wrote to Rose and to
Miss Farr asking if
she had informed the
Speights of my visit to
Adelaide, in connection
with the book I am
to deliver. Called upon
Haswell & told him of
Davis and his dredging
methods, it seems that
Flynn had made simi-
lar statements about [29]

Davis's incapacity in respect to dredging, but this had been ascribed to personal animus. Lunched with David who also entertained Capt. Evans of the "Timrod" whom I had met in Lyttelton. Prof. Pollock, I asked David for rocks Chiasolite crystals and radio-actives in exchange for rocks I had brought with me on my last visit. Saw ^{Smith} Baker of the Tech. College. Baker being absent.

2. Fri

Patterson filled the tooth

This being the only work
necessary in my mouth
21/- Saw Etheridge &
selected Ethno. objects in
exchange for fish-casts
to value of £6. Letter
from Rose - I added to
my unposted one of 2nd
also one from Haynes.
Went to "Branksea" to
dinner with Paterson
who took me to see
the "Arcadians" - the
3rd time - I fancy - he
asks me to introduce
a new paint into N.Z.
also to think over the
new metal "Ormiston"
of which I am to see [31]

further specimens and
the manufactory.

4. Sat.

Australian Fleet Day.
Took the Reflex to the
top (7th) storey of the
P.F.A. next door to
"Beulah" and made
some exposures as the
warships came in. Had
a stroll round Kirribilli
in the afternoon, rain
later. The warships and
the city were illuminated
at night & I wandered
round. Attempted an
exposure on the flag
ship "Australia" il-
luminated.

5. Sun.

Took tram to Longueville and got into the bush, quite a lot of native birds about.

6. Mon.

Wrote to Mrs Waite, at her new address: "South Parade," North Lane, H'ley. Letter from Paterson re Patworth Paint & Ormiston metal, which he wants me to introduce into N. Z.: replied - and will call upon the men more especially in the know of the composition and methods of working the inventions or discoveries [33]

My tooth (see 3rd) is
filled with the metal.
Wrote to Hesse, Wanganui
for loan of old fishes
drawings for my paper.
Called on Whitelegg but
he was from home.

7 Tues.

To Museum, Exchange
fish - casts for Ethnosc
passed by Committee.
Letter from Rose. Evans
sent draft for salary
which I shall not
require. Called upon
Down whom I took to
lunch. Saw Gregory re
Ormiston metal and
Longworth re the paint

Called on Lloyd Thomas
at the City Bank. On
Julius re N3. Greenstone
on Cherry. Rowling &
the Josephs. Saw the
Naval procession and
finished the day at "Her
Majesty's". Geneva, the
dancer.

8. Wed.

Train to Bay Rd & to
the Ormiston works, but
the owner was absent,
next to Museum about
packing. Paid £2.10.0
for cost of tow to be
sent to ChCh. Left
watch for repairs &

spent afternoon at
Petersham with Welch
& Bessie. Arranged to
meet Mr Down tomorrow
3.30 for Bay Road.
Collected £14.11.5 from
Hardie Gorman - rents
of houses.

9. Thurs.

To Museum, obtained a
letter from Stirling, the
Committee decided to
recommend the Board to
offer me the Directorship
at £500 rising by £25
yearly to £600. The
Board meets about the
14th but Stirling is
not certain that the

Committee's recommendation will be adopted. He will write the result if the Board does not. Bought motor gloves for Haynes. a self-lighting Gas Cycle lamp for Claude '7/6. Papers by Richardson on Ichth. of Australia 2/- for self. Took Cherry to lunch at Farmers & was shown interesting things by one of the partners. Phonoliszt - violin - a piano which also plays upon 4 violins cost £700. Automatic telephones - Roof Garden etc.

Met Mr. Down 3.20
+ to Ormiston metal
works where we met
Ormiston & saw casting
he gave me a sample.
wrote to Stirling, and
asked him not to wire
before the 16th as I
did not want the mes-
sage to be opened in
my absence -

10 Fri.

Paid 5/- for repairing
my watch, Bought "Kiss
me my Honey" for Rose,
"507 Mechanical Movements"
for 2/- "Omar Khayham"
for light reading on
the boat. Packed "Not

wanted " box.

11. Sat.

The sailing of the
"Moeraki" postponed
from noon to 6 pm
at which time we
left. The Stevenson
Pantomime Co. on
board also "Casey"
"Bismark", the two
Chimpanzees.

12 Sun to

15 Wed. At Sea.

On Tuesday evening
we had a good con-
concert on board, see
programme. ^{at end} Arrived
at Wellington at noon
on Wednesday and [39]

my first visitor was
Plimmer, who told
me that Hamilton had
died on Sunday. I
visited Pearl Hamilton
& Miss Mesteyer, to the
latter delivering Miss
Farr's package. Trans-
ferred to the 'wahine'
16 Thurs.

Reached port 7. am &
Went home. all well.
Much correspondence
awaits me. - Tyson,
Price, Hamilton (!!!).

Handed account of my
trip to reporters of
'Press' and 'Times'

The Postal Dept. refunded my passage money in consideration of my having collected sub-Antarctic plants for the wireless station.

17 Fri.

Press accounts below.

MR WAITE IN SYDNEY.

INTERESTING IMPRESSIONS.

Some interesting impressions relative to his holiday trip to Sydney were given by Mr Edgar R. Waite, Curator of the Canterbury Museum, to a "Press" representative yesterday.

A local strike preventing the handling of cargo, was Mr Waite's first experience. Passengers' luggage was exempt, but one unusual-looking box was actually being lifted out of the hold when it was decided that this was cargo. It was, therefore, returned to the vessel and stowed, to be again brought forth on the assurance of a passenger, backed by the persuasion of an officer of the ship, that it was genuine luggage. All cargo and luggage booked as cargo was untouched and was taken to Newcastle when the vessel left for coaling purposes.

The second trouble after the luggage difficulty was that relating to vaccination. "No one can visit Sydney at the present time," said Mr Waite, "without coming to the conclusion that it is vaccination mad. The people will not believe that the outbreak of smallpox is serious, while the Health authorities, on the other hand, seem to demand the observance of ultra-stringent regulations. A would-be visitor from this country must submit to vaccination, and produce a certificate of successful vaccination, signed by the local health officer before the shipping companies will grant a passage. The duty of the health officer in Sydney seems to have degenerated into a mere inspection of such certificates, no disease other than smallpox being regarded as of the slightest consequence. One man who was anxious to catch the Melbourne express on the day of arrival in Sydney chafed exceedingly at the delay of the vessel, due to head winds and heavy seas and also at the detention in the harbour. He was the one man on the boat who was fretful at the waste of time, and he was the only one who was ordered into quarantine, because his period of inoculation was two days short of the full period imposed.

"Passengers whose destination was beyond the borders of New South Wales had to obtain a special exemption ticket in Sydney, and soon after the Victorian border was reached the tickets were examined by the medical officer at Wodonga. Before leaving Sydney on the return journey, the exemption ticket was again demanded and the age of the passenger asked. This, it appeared, had nothing to do with smallpox or vaccination, but, so I was informed, was required by the New Zealand Government in connection with the old age pension scheme. It was suggested that any attempt to overstate one's age when the pension is applied for, could be checked by the records supplied by unsuspecting travellers, a somewhat roundabout way of frustrating fraudulent applications."

"A traveller from New South Wales to Victoria is not now subjected to the Customs examination which prevailed before the federation of the Commonwealth, but the difference in the line gauge necessitates a change of trains. The broader Victorian gauge gives greater comfort in travelling with more commodious carriages and sleeping accommodation, and as the Victorian and South Australian gauges are identical and the stock interchangeable, it would seem that, in the event of standardising the lines of the Commonwealth, those of New South Wales would be the ones to be changed. The enormous expense is, however, not likely to be faced for a long time, though acute fears of an invasion and the difficulties of transporting troops and war material under existing conditions would no doubt precipitate the change. At our level crossings we are content with the warning word 'Stop,' but in South Australia we read 'Stop! Look! Listen!' the words appearing on a St. Andrew's cross."

While in Australia Mr Waite secured some rare ethnological specimens for the local museum. One is a widow's cap worn during the period of mourning. This came from Lake Victoria district, New South Wales, and consists of a net placed over the widow's head and fastened with burnt gypsum, the weight being as much as 14lb and worn from one to twelve months, according to circumstances. The specimens which came from North-east Queensland, Trobriand Islands, Sir Charles Hardy Group, Cape York, British and German New Guinea, will be put on exhibition shortly in the Museum.

While in Australia recently Mr Edgar R. Waite, who returned to Christchurch yesterday, met two old Sydney friends, Mr Ernest Truman, city organist, and Mr A. S. Taylor, formerly on the Sydney "Bulletin" staff. That meeting recalled to mind a little comedy which had happened to the three. Mr Waite describes it as follows:—The three of us were members of a supper club, formed in the interests of artists, musicians, literary, and scientific men. We met once a month, and it was the custom to honour some distinguished visitor on each occasion. It once chanced that no such individual could be found at the date of our meeting, and Mr Taylor, our secretary, was in considerable trouble. He, however, chanced upon a gaily-decorated Italian, and he hustled him into supper as a distinguished visitor. His health was duly toasted when he rose from his seat, fingered his guitar, pranced round the room playing 'Funiculi Funicula,' and then, to the amazement of all and the confusion of our secretary, passed his hat round. The merriment of the company may be imagined when it transpired that the man, who had scarcely a word of English, was touring the world for a wager and had reached Sydney, where he was entertained doubtless as much to his consternation as to that of the members of the Supper Club."

I wrote the following
myself for the "Times"
& distributed copies as
over! —

Mrs Waite

Wilfrid

Belle,

Fanny Bowling

Kellie Beale

Brauer

Tause.

Cherry

Etheridge

Hellawell

Patterson

Welch.

Truman

Mrs Lopez

IN AUSTRALIA.

A SCIENTIST'S HOLIDAY.

RETURN OF MR E. R. WAITE.

Mr E. R. Waite, curator of the Canterbury Museum, who has been on a visit to Sydney, returned to Christchurch yesterday morning, and in a chat with a "Lyttelton Times" reporter, spoke of the impressions gained during his holiday.

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On reaching the wharf at Sydney, Mr Waite discovered that a local strike was in progress, passengers' luggage but no cargo being handled, one unusual-looking box was actually being lifted out of the hold when it was decided that this was cargo. It was, therefore, returned to the vessel and stowed, to be again brought forth on the assurance of a passenger, backed by the persuasion of an officer of the ship, that it was genuine luggage. All cargo and luggage booked as cargo was untouched and was taken to Newcastle when the vessel left for coaling purposes. What ultimately transpired Mr Waite says he did not learn.

Apart from the inconveniences occasioned by the fever scare, the only excitement furnished by the outward voyage was the eclipse of the moon, when a large number of passengers remained on deck to witness the phenomenon.

SYDNEY SKY-SCRAPERS.

It is only those who have known Sydney for a decade past who can fully appreciate the tremendous changes that have been made in the city of recent years. Fine buildings which would be an ornament to Christchurch have been levelled to the ground and larger and more imposing structures erected in their stead. Streets like Oxford Street

and George Street North have been entirely transformed and there is a marked tendency to transfer the centre of the city towards the railway station, in the neighbourhood of which the greatest changes are apparent. Several Melbourne firms have recently opened in Sydney and have spared no money on their new edifices. Though the new buildings on the whole are large and massive, they lack the ornamental finish which is such a noticeable feature of the principal buildings of Melbourne, and, though a saving may be made by less ornateness, one wonders where all the money comes from and how any return can be expected from such tremendous outlay.

Evidences of extended settlement appear before the Heads of Port Jackson are reached, while within the harbour the progress is still more marked. Though building has so largely increased, it cannot be said that many of the new edifices enhance the beauty of the harbour. Looking to the southern shore, one remembers that formerly the only building which showed above the magnificent belt of trees was the pleasing tower of St Mary's Cathedral. This is now difficult to find, being overshadowed by square and ugly towering structures projected upward in emulation of the New York sky-scraper. Entering the city proper, one realises that this state of affairs was more likely to obtain than otherwise. "A twelve-storey is being erected on this site" is a placard which meets the eye, while more realistic is an actual structure of this size. "I am not aware if there is any limit in Sydney to the height to which buildings may be raised," said Mr Waite, "but a visitor must surely feel that a reasonable limit has been exceeded already."

A WONDERFUL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT.

"I was strongly advised to pay a visit to Messrs Farmers' tea and luncheon rooms, and I can quite believe the claim that they are the finest in Australia to be justified. The band which plays in the luncheon room is in

the tea-room replaced by the 'Phonolizst violino,' an instrument in which the pianola type has a violin effect added. To obtain this result four violins are employed, and though all are fully strung and tuned, only one string on each is utilised, the four thus giving the effect of one violin played by hand. The strings are stopped by mechanical fingers, but the bowing appliance is that which strikes an observer as the most marvellous piece of mechanism. The bow is circular, and as the violins face outwards the inner edge of the circular bow is utilised. In order that no unintentional variation shall result the bow must be absolutely circular, and this is obtained by the employment of no fewer than 2600 horse hairs. The mechanism causes the violins to advance to or recede from the bow and also regulates the speed of its rotation as required by the music. Sustained notes, staccato or tremolo passages are equally produced, and it is, in fact, difficult to realise that the music is not being played by two skilled performers on violin and piano. The instrument cost £700.

"It was here also that I saw the automatic telephone in full operation, the inter-departmental calls numbering 1200 daily, and all operated without the medium of an 'exchange.'"

A MAGNIFICENT VASE.

"Every stranger to Sydney," said Mr Waite, "will, of course, pay a visit to the Art Gallery, but the Art Salon recently added by Messrs Hordern and Sons will prove a surprise. One marvels to see the magnificent series of pictures, bronzes and china there displayed. I may mention one vase produced at the Doulton potteries as an example. It stands about 4ft high and is adorned with a series of magnificent paintings of roses, the most delicate tints being exhibited. This was not displayed as a mere show-piece, but had actually been sold, the price being £600.

IN OTHER STATES.

"A traveller from New South Wales

to Victoria is not now subjected to the Customs examination which prevailed before the federation of the Commonwealth, but the difference in the line gauge necessitates a change of trains. The broader Victorian gauge gives greater comfort in travelling with more commodious carriages and sleeping accommodation, and as the Victorian and South Australian gauges are identical and the stock interchangeable, it would seem that, in the event of standardising the lines of the Commonwealth, those of New South Wales would be the ones to be changed. The enormous expense is, however, not likely to be faced for a long time, though acute fears of an invasion and the difficulties of transporting troops and war material under existing conditions would no doubt precipitate the change. At our level crossings we are content with the warning word 'Stop,' but in South Australia we read 'Stop! Look! Listen!' the words appearing on a St Andrew's cross.

A "DISTINGUISHED" VISITOR AND A SUPPER CLUB

"On a southern railway train I met two old Sydney friends, one, Mr Ernest Truman, city organist, who was just returning from Adelaide, where his new cantata, 'The Pied Piper,' had been produced for the first time. It proved to be an enormous success and my friend gave me a copy of the score. The other friend was Mr A. S. Taylor, at one time on the "Sydney Bulletin" staff. The three of us were members of a supper club, formed in the interests of artists, musicians, literary and scientific men. We met once a month, and it was the custom to honour some distinguished visitor on each occasion. It once chanced that no such individual could be found at the date of our meeting, and Mr Taylor, our secretary, was in considerable trouble. He, however, chanced upon a gaily-decorated Italian, and he hustled him into supper as a distinguished visitor. His health was

duly toasted when he rose from his seat, fingered his guitar, pranced round the room playing 'Funiculi Funicula,' and then, to the amazement of all and the confusion of our secretary, passed his hat round. The merriment of the company may be imagined when it transpired that the man, who had scarcely a word of English, was touring the world for a wager and had reached Sydney, where he was entertained doubtless as much to his consternation as to that of the members of the Supper Club.

ARRIVAL OF THE FLEET.

"October 4 was a great day in Sydney, being the occasion of the arrival of the Australian fleet. From an early hour a continuous stream of excursion and ferry boats, motor launches, yachts and craft of all sorts passed eastward on the harbour towards the Heads. All vantage points, such as Lady Macquarie's Chair, Macquarie Point and the various northern and southern headlands, were crowded with an eager concourse of sightseers. I was stationed on the seventh storey of a large wool store, my camera and myself being the only occupants of the building, but the smoke arising from an immense congregation of steamers rendered successful photography somewhat doubtful. Orders had been issued that no tooting was to be indulged in, and as swift police boats were scudding about, such orders were implicitly obeyed. In striking contrast to the ear-splitting demonstration when the relief of Mafeking was announced in Sydney, the harbour was as quiet as though a funeral was in progress. At 10.45 the big guns boomed out, and as the Australia, heading the chain of war vessels, appeared, a band below me struck up 'For He's a Jolly Good Fellow.' The same evening our boarding-house was decorated in honour of the occasion and a supper provided. The supper table was decorated with red, white and blue favours and adorned with miniature replicas of the Australian flag. The fleet (of which the nucleus, consisting of seven vessels, ar-

rived that day) may be supposed to ensure the continuance of a white Australia, but it was observed with some irony that the little flags mentioned bore the legend, 'Made in Japan.' "

SPECIMENS FOR THE MUSEUM.

With a curator's instinct for collecting, Mr Waite has not forgotten the Canterbury Museum in his travels, and returns to New Zealand with some rare ethnological specimens. Perhaps the quaintest example is a widow's cap worn during the period of mourning. This came from Lake Victoria district, New South Wales, and consists of a net placed over the widow's head and fastened with burnt gypsum, the weight being as much as 14lb, and worn from one to twelve months, according to circumstances. Mr Waite hopes to place the objects on view at the Museum shortly, and as they were obtained from such remote localities as North-east Queensland, Trobriand Islands, Sir Charles Hardy Group, Cape York, British and German New Guinea, it may be inferred that the collection is varied and valuable.

THE LATE MR HAMILTON

APPRECIATIVE REMARKS BY MR WAITE.

In an interview yesterday, Mr E. R. Waite, curator of Canterbury Museum, who had just returned from a visit to Australia, made appreciative remarks in regard to the late Mr A. Hamilton, Director of the Dominion Museum in Wellington.

Mr Waite said that he had had a very busy time in Sydney and Melbourne. On reaching Wellington on Wednesday he was informed of the death of his close friend and colleague. He had spent a day with Mr Hamilton on his outward journey and had made arrangements to consider in detail a wish expressed by Mr Hamilton that he should examine the national collection of fishes on his return from Australia. In the circumstances, the sad news was a severe blow.

In Wellington he visited Miss Hamilton, and was shown newspaper clippings and telegrams of condolence, sent by the secretary of the Canterbury Philosophical Institute (Mr A. M. Wright), Mr R. Speight (assistant-curator at Canterbury Museum), the president of the New Zealand Institute, Sir John Findlay, and others. Although of late years Mr Hamilton had devoted his life principally to the work and arts of the Maori, he had a wide knowledge of New Zealand's fauna, and his bibliographical memoirs were of great assistance to workers in many branches of natural history.

Mr Hamilton had been recently much worried over the tardiness of the Government to provide suitable accommodation for the valuable collections which he and his talented predecessor, Sir James Hector, had amassed, and had expressed a fear that he would not live to see his hopes realised. It would be very difficult to obtain anybody qualified to succeed Mr Hamilton. In fact, he did not think that any capable man would undertake the duties of Director of the Dominion Museum while the present unsatisfactory condition of the institution continued.

Developed photos taken
on the "Moveraki" and
took stereo. pictures
of our Japanese plum-
tree, in full blossom.

18. Sat.

Displayed objects brought from Sydney. in the Museum. Bought from Auctioneer's shop, a geared circular saw for £5, said to have cost £14. 10. 0. Sent the one I had bought from Mrs Kent to the Museum, for storage.

19. Sun.

To Museum, developed & printed photographs Put the "Douglas" into action again. Spent evening at the Allen's Dublin St. A hedge sparrow's nest in the

Museum grounds contains a young brood.

20 Mon.

Sent photographs to Miss Mack, the "boy" at the Pantomime taken on "Moeraki".

Finished off correspondence accumulated in my absence.

21. Tues.

Ayson called and I sent Prince's letter to Alport. Marine Dept. Wright who has a 1912 "Douglas" called to see me again, he will take £10 less than when I last saw him [55]

To Beke's in evening.
In the afternoon I
went with Hope to net
Smart's pond for gold-
fish, they were spawn-
ing & I got weeds with
ova, also took some
perch of which the
pond was full.

22. Wed.

Attended Committee of
Motor cycle Club. S.
Wright refused offer of
£45 for his "Douglas"
upon which I had
a trial run.

23 Thurs.

Attended Council of
C. P. J. in afternoon.

Fitted a sawdust box
under the circular paw
24. Fri.

wrote to Dollo & Prince
sending Allports letter
to the latter and a
whale-guide book to
Dollo.

25. Sat.

Saw the motor cyclists
start for Akaroa, then
to Plumptre and saw
some of the Timaru-
Ch Ch. Road racers
arrive.

26 Sun.

went to Woolston to
see a "Douglas" but
when returning my [57]

exhaust wire broke.
I got a new one from
Becken & fitted it, &
in afternoon rode to
Victoria Park, a party
going by tram.

27 Mon.

Holiday. To Museum
in morning. Made an
extra air inlet for the
"Douglas" in afternoon.

28. Tues.

Flute & piano practice
at the Harrops.

29. Wed.

Resumed work on
Triplériggon & allies
for the Records.

30 Thurs.

Receiving no news
by Adelaide mail I
sent a reply - paid
wire to Stirling :-
"anxious for news."
I expect the Board
decided to advertise,
possibly to comply
with Govt regulations.
Mrs J. C. Adams, died
suddenly this morning
Sent a letter to Adams
on behalf of Museum
Staff.

31. Fri.

Received cable from
Stirling "Consideration
by Finance Committee [59]

to-day, hope able
wire something definite
tomorrow" (2.15.) &
later (8.0.) "Committee
recommended Board
advertise. No meeting
January. Appointment
probably delayed, end
February. writing "to
town at night, and
exchanged the E^b corset
and £1. for a B^b. for
Claude. Ordered a
wreath 2/- . Museum
Staff for funeral.

November.

1. Sat.

Attended funeral
of Mr. Adams at
Linwood. To Beken
afterwards

2. Sun.

Answering an advt.
Flute music for sale
I bought some good
pieces from Rowley
122 Durham St.

3. Mon.

Haynes told me of an
almost new "Triumph"
free engine for speedy
sale at £60. I told
Wright who came to
see it with the view

to giving his Douglas
in ~~part~~ payment.
Submitted Orm's metal
to Price Co. They will
make some tests. I
wrote to Down respecting
it & to Longworth re
Pattworth paint -

4 Tues.

Finished my paper on
Blennioids. Had flute
practice with Dorothy
Harrap, who underwent
her exam to-day.

5 Wed.

Had another conference
re Triumph & Douglas
longlit will decide
tomorrow. Attended

meeting of C. P. I. &
seconded the Chairman's
resolution re Hamilton's
death.

6. Thurs.

Wright having told the
owner that he thought
of buying a new Triumph
the latter imagined
that the deal was off
& accepted my cash
offer of £55 which I
paid him. Wright
came later & concluded
the argument by handing
me the Douglas & £10
so that I got the
machine for £45, in-
cluding horn & Watford [63]

lamp etc
Speedometer. and I
actually owned a
Triumph for 2 hours!!
Attended meeting of
N.C.M.C.C.

7. Fri.

Found that the goldfish
eggs obtained Oct 21
have hatched. Took
Rose & Claude to Opera
House, the Misses
Holmes joining us in
place of Miss Delahanty.

8. Sat

Gave Rose £1. to lose
on the N. Zealand Cup
which she promptly
did. Commenced a
partial overhaul of

The 1912 Douglas.

9 Sun.

Went to Hinge to the
Race Course to photo.
The winner of the Cup
"Sinapis" & returned
with him to watch
development.

10. Mon.

Wrote Report & prepared
for Museum Committee.

11. Tues.

Asked Evans if he
would consent to be
nominated for President
C. P. I. Brit. Ass. year
& he consented. Flute
& piano practice with
Dorothy Harrop.

12. Wed.

Letter from Stirling
A recommendation of
the Finance Committee
that the Directorship
be advertised will be
before the Board on the
21st. & if carried the
post will not be filled
until the end of Feb.
I acknowledged, & sent
a set of my publications
Ordered books fr. Germany
Marschall. Nomenclator. 5
Lütken "Spol. Atlas" 5
Brüning Ich. Lexikon. 3.
Saw Page who declines
Presidency of C. P. J. for
1914, (as I expected.).

13 Thurs.

Library Committee of
C. P. J. at 3.30 and
Council meeting at
4.0. I handed in
title of paper. "Notes
on N. Z. Fishes, No 4."

14. Fri.

Went to Agrie. Show
in afternoon spending
time among the motor
exhibits. The Museum
Committee agreed to
my request for £45
for publication of the
"Records. II pt 1.

15 Sat.

Advertised the Douglas
for sale in the "Star". [67]

Made a plaster mould of a Seahorse & tried to cast it in Aluminium, but getting it no thinner than treacle, it did not run well. I made a successful cast in tin.

16. Sun.

Called on Rowley, (see 2nd). Some of the Music having no separate flute parts. Had 2 callers in answer to Advt.

17 Mon.

Took first part of M.S. for "Records" to Whitcomb & Tombs to be set. At home in afternoon

Rose in bed with rheumatism. Overhauled the Douglas in view of Sale.

18 Tues.

As the Machine has for some time past refused to take air & I have examined all fittings & petrol comes through the carburettor. I took it to Suckling. He could find nothing wrong but finally enlarged the jet & all was well. Hult & piano at Harrop's

19 Wed.

Have had five applicants re 'Douglas' one offered 2 £25 Washing Machine. Shares!

20 Thurs.

Sent Speights' M.S. of Tertiary Fossils to the printers

21 Fri.

Sold the Douglas to Brown Little & Co. for £41. Spot cash. Claude has his first cornet-lesson from Fox 30/- the term.

22 Sat.

Beach races. I attempted some Reflex exposures.

24 Mon.

Gave Beken drawing
of Luvarus to copy
for block making.

The following appears
in to-days papers.

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSIONER,

WELLINGTON, 21st November, 1913.

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A. J. H. BENGE,

1739

Secretary.

Sent a wire informing
Stirling, telling him
I would not apply if
sure of Adelaide -

Took drawings of fishes
& balance of M.S. to
Whitcombe & Tombs, the
charge is 7/3 per page
for 400 copies. Hear
that Travers has been
appointed to the Newtown
Museum curatorship.
Lost tools out of the
motor cycle bag.

25. Tues.

Advertised for tools.
Received telegram from
Stirling "Cannot guar-
antee", but considers

your appointment practically certain. if you apply. See Advt. your papers. Stirling"
Learn that at the Board meeting yesterday my salary was raised to £500 as from 1st Jan. next. Took Rose & Claude to Royal Artillery Band performance - Very fine!
26. Wed.

Attended Committee meeting. Cycle Club Social run on Sunday to Wainak - Gorge -

27 Thurs.

Though I had seen
the Wellington Museum
advt. in Monday's
papers. I had missed
the Adelaide one in
the same issue. Miss
Allan drew Rose's
attention to it. Here
they both are !!!

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A. J. H. BENGE,

Secretary.

1739

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL
MUSEUM.

APPLICATIONS, with testimonials, will be received up to DECEMBER 15th for POSITION OF DIRECTOR.

Salary, £500, rising to maximum £600.

Apply,

GENERAL SECRETARY,

Museum, Adelaide.

1729X

Wrote to Stirling &
told him I would
relinquish idea of
the Wellington position
in favour of Adelaide.

28. Fri.

Saw Adams, Chilton
Farr & Benham, the
latter happening to be
in Ch. Ch. Asked the
four for testimonials
wrote my application.

29. Sat

Saw Cockayne & in
the afternoon collected
the testimonials, in-
cluding one from him
and posted the
bulky package - I

wrote to Etheridge &
suggested that if he
prepared a testimonial
he should send it
direct to Adelaide.
Received proofs of my
article on "Tripterygion"
& "Drawing of fishes"
with plates, for the
Records. Advertised for
my Douglas Motor
tools, lost by the tool
bag coming open.

30 Jun.

Turned up at 9.30
to meet of Motorists
bound to Waihiakariri
forge, but Rose not
being well I went

no further but called
at 410 Oxford Terrace
the resident having
also advt^d a set of
Douglas tools lost. In
the afternoon visited
Steve Barnett in bed
nurs his appendix
getting on well. wrote
to Lca. S. A Museum
& to Hutchinson & Co
for 3 parts & binding
covers for "Marvels
of the Universe".

December.

1. Mon.

Ballous called and left me tip of mandible of Hyper-odon & it occurs to me to write a note for the "Records" now in the press. Wired to Ayson that I am sending fish-casts tomorrow. Took Claude to Pantomime "Bo-Peep" recognising those whom I had met on board.

2. Tues.

Reopened question of purchase of publications of Linnean Soc. with

Denham - wrote to
Advertiser at Kaiapoi
re flute-piano music

3. Wed.

Received cable from
Etheridge, informing me
of Adelaide vacancy.
Attended Ann. Meeting
of C.P. I + presented
paper. Notes on N.Z.
fishes No 4. Recovered
my "Douglas" tools
which I found at
the Police Office. Proof
of "Records" now coming
in -

4 Thurs

Commenced to write
note on Hyperoodon

* asked Hinge to make
photos. of mandible &
teeth.

5 Fri

Finished & handed in
paper on *Hyperoodon*,
a somewhat unsatis-
factory essay. Made
a successful cast of
♀ *Hippocampus* & tin
& made use this to
have cast made in
Aluminium by the
Trade, as I cannot
get the metal to run
sufficiently fluid.

Letter from Down re
Ormis Metal. also one
from Sec. of company

6 Sat.

Bought "Sporting coat" £1
Took Rose + Claude to
Domain Rose show the
Muses Prices with us -
Handed in photos of
jaw of Hyperoodon?
taken by Huze, making
2 plates for "Records".

8 Mon.

Attended Committee of
Motor Club, chosen as
a Steward at Akaroa,
to go out with Brown
+ return with Cordery.
Wrote Wilfrid - Left
Cast of Seahorse with
Prices for a cast in
Aluminium.

9. Tues.

Sent cable to

"Secretary, Museum
Adelaide. Application
posted 29th Waite."

This in consideration of
the disorganisation of
the postal service, it
would be fatal if my
letter had not reached
Adelaide. Flute and
Piano practice with
Dorothea Harrop. All
"Records" M.S. now set.

11. Thurs.

Received the following
in a letter card, from
Lea (I think). Adv.
from Adelaide paper.

Public Library, Museum,
and Art Gallery of South
Australia.

Applications, with Testimonials, will be received up to December 15 for the Position of
DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN
NATIONAL MUSEUM.

Salary, £500 per annum, rising to a maximum of £600. Particulars obtainable from the undersigned.

J. R. G. ADAMS,
General Secretary
Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery of
South Australia,

12. Fri

Received cast of Seahorse
in Aluminium, it is
not so finely cast, in
sand, as mine, tin in
plaster.

13 Sat.

Kept my Adams' (Eisenmann)
changing box. to be
repaired, with Beken-
Bought $\frac{1}{2}$ pl. Camera
without lens, but with
lens, 2 printing frames

+ Thornton Pechard shutter
for 7/6. The last being
more than worth the
money.

14. Sun.

The first fine day we
have had for a week
Fixed the Hippocampus
on to Douglas & a new
Aluminium n^o. plate -
Gave Beken 1911. Spheres -
Spring & 2 valves.

15. Mon.

Again raining. This is
the day, applications
for Adelaide position
close. Returned proofs
for "Make-up" of the
"Records".

16 Tues.

A "heastly day" and
our run to Atkaroa. We
assembled at 8. am &
I went off first with
Brown, a coated - plug
descending the Sumner
zigzag, otherwise non
stop. $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours. dead.
Having to be starter
at Atkaroa, I left last
coming with Jennings on
a Rover. non stop for
Cordery had broken a
valve & did not reach
Atkaroa. Despite S. W
Oilskins & leggings the
water had got in, but
the drivers !!!

17. Wed.

MOTOR CYCLING.

SIDE-CAR RELIABILITY TRIAL.

The side-car trial to Akaroa and back, under the auspices of the North Canterbury Motor Cyclists' Club, was held yesterday. The weather was atrocious; it might possibly have been worse, but not much, and considering all the circumstances, the trial proved that the modern motor cycle, even the smaller $3\frac{1}{2}$ -h.p. type, with the three-speed gear, is capable of going practically anywhere with a passenger.

The route outwards was by way of Sumner to Lyttelton, and on through Governor's Bay, Teddington to Gebbie's Valley, and thence to Little River and Akaroa. The return journey was from Akaroa direct, through Little River, Birdling's Flat, Tai Tapu, Halswell to Christchurch, and the total distance would be about 120 to 130 miles, which had to be covered in $6\frac{1}{2}$ hours. There were twenty entrants, and every one turned up at the rendezvous in Worcester street well to time, and the officials of the club sent them away at three-minute intervals. To Sumner the roads were good, but on attacking the hill, the road was found to be rather rough, and this, combined with the slippery surface, caused by the heavy rain which commenced to fall, caused some failures, though everyone got up eventually. A few miles the other side of Lyttelton, C. Mallard (6-h.p. Enfield) was seen stopped, and later on he stopped near Teddington, with, it was said, water in the carburetter. F. Cordery ($4\frac{1}{2}$ -h.p. Singer) was also said to be in trouble with a broken valve, and neither of these two men turned up at Akaroa. The rest of the competitors arrived well on time, although everyone was very wet and cold. The machines were garaged, and after lunch a start was

made to re-fill tanks for the return journey. It was at this time that an accident occurred that might have had disastrous results. By some unexplained means, a can of petrol became ignited, and the holder of it, to save damage to the garage full of valuable machines, hurled the flaming can out through the door into the yard. Some few machines, ready to start, were standing here, and C. C. Moffatt and A. B. Smith (5-6-h.p. Clynos) had to hustle to get out of danger. A bystander was unhappy enough to get his trouser legs doused with burning petrol, but he succeeded in smothering the flames before getting burned.

Very heavy rain fell at the start, and, in fact, all through the return journey. The hill roads were in a deplorable state, and pools and rivulets of water were all over the place. This proved a decided nuisance to the belt-driven machines, and belt-slip was a common occurrence. However, the course was conquered in good style, and the only man who failed to get in to time was C. L. Timbrell (5-h.p. King Dick), who at 5.30 p.m. was passed by the last competitor, apparently stranded on the roadside near Tai Tapu, with his passenger.

The actual results of the trial are not yet available, and it is quite probable that a petrol consumption test will have to be held to decide the winners, as many made good performances.

The competitors and their machines were as follow:—G. B. Brown and F. Taworth (3½-h.p. Triumphs), L. Benzoni (3½-h.p. B.S.A.), A. B. L. Smith and C. C. Moffat (5-6-h.p. Clynos), F. Cordery and T. Bullock (4½ and 3½-h.p. Singers), E. Armitage, H. Jones, and C. L. Timbrell (5-h.p. King Dicks), W. K. Franklin (3½-h.p. King Dick), C. Mallard (6-h.p. Enfield), H. J. Suckling, H. Jennings, F. Pattrick, and H. Kingsford (3½-h.p. Rover), J. H. Midgeley (3½-h.p. Humber), J. W. Young (7-h.p. Matchless), G. L. Mullur (3½-h.p. Indian), E. Hinds (7-h.p. Indian).

MOTOR CYCLING.

SIDE-CAR TRIAL.

A SEVERE TEST.

17. *W*
Despite the adverse weather the motor-cycle reliability trial, organised by the North Canterbury Motor-Cyclists' Club, was held yesterday. The run was to Akaroa, via Sumner Lyttelton, Governor's Bay, Gebbie's Valley, Little River and Akaroa, and on the homeward journey the road through Tai Tapu was taken.

The roads were very loose and wet, and for many of the stops on the hills, slipping belts were responsible. At 9 o'clock the first man, G. B. Brown, was sent on his journey, and the other competitors were despatched at three minute intervals. The starting point was Mr J. H. Suckling's garage, Worcester Street, and by 8.45 the footpath outside the garage was thronged with little knots of motor enthusiasts. Before Lyttelton was reached competitors and observers were wet through, but this made little difference, and Akaroa was reached about three and a half hours after leaving Christchurch. The Sumner-Lyttelton road accounted for Messrs Cordery and Mallard not arriving at their destination; the hill was very wet and the wheels would not grip the ground sufficiently hard enough to take the machine on the up grade. No accidents were reported, punctures were very rare, and there were but few engine troubles. Mr P. H. Powell was the starter, and Messrs E. R. Waite and R. P. M. Manning were the other officials in attendance.

The following were the competitors, also the official observers:—G. B. Brown (3½ h.p. Triumph), E. R. Waite, observer out, F. Jones, observer in; L. Benzoni (3½ h.p. B.S.A.), G. Harris and J. Sands; A. B. L. Smith (5-6 h.p. Clyno), R. P. M. Manning and J. Rodgers; F. Cordery (4½ h.p. Singer), C. S. Pees and E. R. Waite; E. Armitage (5-6 h.p. King Dick), P. Eggleston and A. Tucker; C. Mallard (6 h.p. Roy-

al Enfield), A. J. Burmeister and R. P. M. Manning; H. J. Suckling (3½ h.p. Rover), R. Kennett and G. King; H. Jones (5-6 h.p. King Dick), C. Dunstable and N. M'Rae; J. H. Midgeley (3½ h.p. Humber), F. Jones and P. Eggleston; J. W. Young (7 h.p. Matchless), T. Marker and A. J. Burmeister; G. L. Mullur (3½ h.p. Indian), J. Sands and H. Tranter; F. Haworth (3½ h.p. Triumph), G. King and R. J. Scott; W. K. Franklin (3½ h.p. King Dick), H. Tranter and G. Harris; H. Jennings (3½ h.p. Rover), N. M'Rae and C. S. Pees; C. L. Timbrell (5-6 h.p. King Dick), J. Rodgers and P. Marker; F. Pattrick (3½ h.p. Rover), D. Tranter and R. Kennett; A. Kingsford (3½ h.p. Rover), R. J. Scott and C. Dunstable; T. Bullock (3½ h.p. Singer), A. Tucker and D. Tranter; E. Hinds (7 h.p. Indian), W. H. Tonks and P. H. Powell; O. C. C. Moffat (5-6 h.p. Clyno), P. H. Powell and W. G. Tonks.

The time allowed on the outward journey was three and a half hours, and on the inward journey three hours. An hour and a half control should have been held at Akaroa, but this eventually was made into a two-hour one. Each machine had to carry a full set of tools, horn or bell, two brakes, mudguards, lamp and registered number.

Young was the first man to arrive at the garage on the return journey, and was followed by Brown and the other competitors until only three were missing. At 6.30 p.m. Timbrell had not put in an appearance, but it was reported he was riding comfortably along at about fifteen miles an hour when another competitor passed him at Tai Tapu. Non-stop runs were reported from about five competitors and thirty second stops were registered by the majority of the others. Moffat made a non-stop run; Smith, through misjudging the distance to the top of the hill at Davauchelle's Bay had a stop of 10sec. Suckling was one of the very few riding a single cylinder who came through without a stop.

The official results in all probability will be published about Tuesday or Wednesday.

r A narrow escape from fire occurred
in a motor garage at Akaroa yesterday
afternoon. Eighteen motor-cycles were
in the building at the time, repre-
s- senting a value of about £1500. The
garage assistant was replenishing the
y petrol tanks when one of the motorists
g threw a match on the floor. The
s petrol in the tin caught alight and
r was burning fiercely, but Mr F. Pat-
st rick picked up the tin and threw it
7- outside, the flames by that time rising
i- about ten feet in the air.

Attended meeting of
Committee, N.C.M.C.C.
when results of the
trials were presented.

18. Thurs.

Received the following
disquieting cable from
Stirling:—

" Museum Committee
unanimously & strongly
recommended your ap-
pointment, but since
find strong efforts

being made appoint
quite impossible local
man, so impossible
guarantee action of
Board which meets
tomorrow. Friday
afternoon. Your
friends working hard
your behalf & hope
for success. Alternative
horrible to contemplate"

Refrained from telling
Rose of this. - Made
new throttle sleeve for
"Douglas," so that I
can shut it off en-
tirely. Letter from
Etheridge with copy
of testimonial sent [97]

to Adelaide.

19. Fri.

Passed "make up" of the "Records" & took Rose & Claude to the pictures at night.

20. Sat.

First news of my appointment received from Hedley who had evidently seen news in newspaper. Next cable from Stirling followed by one from Adams, the Secretary. Great joy in our camp. Kelly of "Evening News" called & the following appeared 8. O'clock edition

MR E. R. WAITE.

APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF ADELAIDE MUSEUM.

HIS WORK AT THE CANTERBURY MUSEUM.

News was received in Christchurch to-day that Mr Edgar R. Waite, F.L.S., Curator of the Canterbury Museum, has been appointed Director of the South Australian National Museum, Adelaide.

MR WAITE INTERVIEWED.

Mr Waite was seen by a representative of the "News," and he confirmed the announcement of his appointment. Amongst the congratulatory messages he has received, was one from Dr. E. C. Stirling, the retiring Director of the South Australian National Museum. Dr. Stirling stated in his cable message that Mr Waite's election had been agreed to unanimously.

Asked regarding his new position Mr Waite said that it was in connexion with the vacancy in the directorship of the South Australian National Museum that, at the request of Dr Stirling, he recently visited Adelaide. On that occasion he had an opportunity of seeing what work would lie before him in the event of the position being given to him. "The institution," Mr Waite added, "is a very fine one, and is thoroughly up-to-date. Further, I learned on the occasion of my visit, that, in consequence of endowment and bequests the funds at the disposal of the Board are adequate and are sufficient to meet all probable requirements for many years to come. This, I need hardly remark, will enable the services of the Director to be utilised to the fullest extent. The building has been added to in recent

years. It is a State institution, so that I will revert to the Crown—as you will recall. I was zoologist in the Australian Museum, Sydney, also a State institution, before I took up my present position at the Canterbury Museum.”

Mr Waite takes up the duties of his new position on March 31st next, but the exact date upon which he will leave Christchurch will be by arrangement with the Board of Governors of Canterbury College.

MR. WAITE'S WORK AT CANTERBURY MUSEUM.

AN ENTHUSIAST'S RECORD.

It is seven and a half years ago since Mr Edgar R. Waite, F.L.S., became Curator of the Canterbury Museum, in succession to the late Captain Hutton. During the period he has been curator his wide experience and knowledge and his enthusiasm has resulted in the institution and its collections being much improved and enhanced. From his earliest days Mr Waite has been connected with museums, and at the age of twenty-three he was Curator of the Leeds (England) Museum.

Mr Waite's first work of importance in taking over the curatorship of the Canterbury Museum was to prepare and bring out a new edition of the Guide Book, a work of some magnitude, and calling for the exercise of the special knowledge he possesses. This work naturally familiarised him with the various collections and exhibits, and with their arrangement. Previously, the specimens bore names solely, and those desiring further information regarding any particular specimen were expected to consult the Guide Book. Mr Waite, however, took the view that all possible information should be conveyed side by side with the specimen, and, as a consequence, he inaugurated and installed a series of descriptive labels by means of which “those who run may read” and gain much information. Ex-

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perience in museums has shown that white labels are apt to become yellow, and Mr Waite introduced labels of a grey colour. These will prove more economical than white labels, as they will be more lasting.

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The positions in museums previously held by Mr Waite had necessitated that his studies should be devoted almost exclusively to vertebrate animals, but soon after assuming the curatorship of Canterbury Museum Mr Waite found that his research would require to be narrowed still further as fishes are, practically, the only vertebrate representatives in New Zealand. It was in this direction, consequently, that Mr Waite specialised, and it is in this direction that he has left his impress on the institution. The outward evidences of this are to be seen in the beautiful series of casts of fishes now exhibited in the New Zealand gallery. In the preparation of these exquisitely made casts Mr Waite's efforts were ably seconded by the Museum taxidermist, Mr E. J. Haynes for whose appointment some four years ago, Mr Waite was responsible. This series of casts of fishes is a distinctly new feature, as prior to Mr Waite's advent there was not a single cast on exhibition. These casts are recognised by all who are interested in the study of fishes as being infinitely superior to the stuffed specimens which previously represented fishes in the Museum.

Another new feature for which Mr Waite was responsible is the collection of New Zealand birds shown in their natural surroundings. This work is, however, not completed, though the specimens which have been prepared occupy a large number of cases which were constructed specially for the purpose. Previously specimens of birds were placed round the gallery on stands, but by putting each bird in its natural surroundings an idea of its life history is obtained.

Mr Waite can lay claim to having made the largest addition of a single specimen which the Canterbury Museum is ever likely to possess. This is the skeleton of the famous Okarito whale, which is housed in a structure

s specially erected for it. It was in
r February, 1908, that news reached
Christchurch that a very large whale
6 had been stranded at Okarito on the
West Coast, and Mr Waite, recognis-
ing at once the importance of adding
such a valuable specimen to the collec-
d tions at the Museum, got to work
e enthusiastically to arouse public inter-
l est in the matter. The Board of
5 Governors had not sufficient funds to
d meet the cost of transporting the
, skeleton to Christchurch, and Mr
s Waite got the public of the city in-
terested, and soon a sufficient sum was
1 subscribed. The actual work connected
with the removal of the whale was
t done by Mr Edgar F. Stead. A special
f guide book dealing with the Okarito
l and the Allendale whales was pre-
r pared by Mr Waite, and was issued last
e year. Another supplementary guide
c book deals with the Maori tomb, in the
f preparation of which Mr Waite's
l friend, the late Mr A. Hamilton, direc-
tor of the Dominion Museum, col-
laborated. The tomb has been re-
erected in the entrance to the Maori
l house in the Museum, and facing it is
the new Maori house obtained by Mr
Waite during one of his expeditions
to the North Island.

During his curatorship Mr Waite
has been an ardent collector, and has
had some rough times on his collecting
expeditions. He was for three months
continuously with the trawling expe-
dition, which he accompanied at the
request of the New Zealand Govern-
ment. He has been about four times
to the Southern Islands, including two
visits to the inhospitable Macquarries.

Mr Waite's knowledge of Antarctic
fishes was recognised by Sir E. Shack-
ton, who, on his return from Antarc-
tica, placed his collections with Mr
Waite for determination. Dr. Mawson
has also asked Mr Waite to similarly

deal with the collections he is bringing back from Antarctica.

In addition to the multifarious and exacting duties of the curatorship of the Museum, Mr Waite has taken an active part in the scientific life of the city. He has been a member of the council of the Philosophical Institute of Canterbury, of which body he has been president. He is also an enthusiastic motor-cyclist, and is vice-president of the North Canterbury Motor Cyclists' Club.

21. Stan.

To Speights, in the morning. Found that having made the sleeve of the Throttle longer, I could not ascend the hill the port not opening sufficiently. I remedied this on my return - Evening at Inglefield House, Music. etc.

22 Mon.

Wrote & handed in
resignation for Board
meeting this afternoon
Sent, on request, my
photograph to "Times"
& "Press": Chilton &
Benham sent congrat-
ulations & dozens of
folk stopped me in the
street. The following
appeared in the last
edition of the Evening
papers. A finer screen
will be used for the
Weekly Papers. The
cutting was by Drum-
mond & is not an
interview's result. [104]

MR E. R. WAITE.

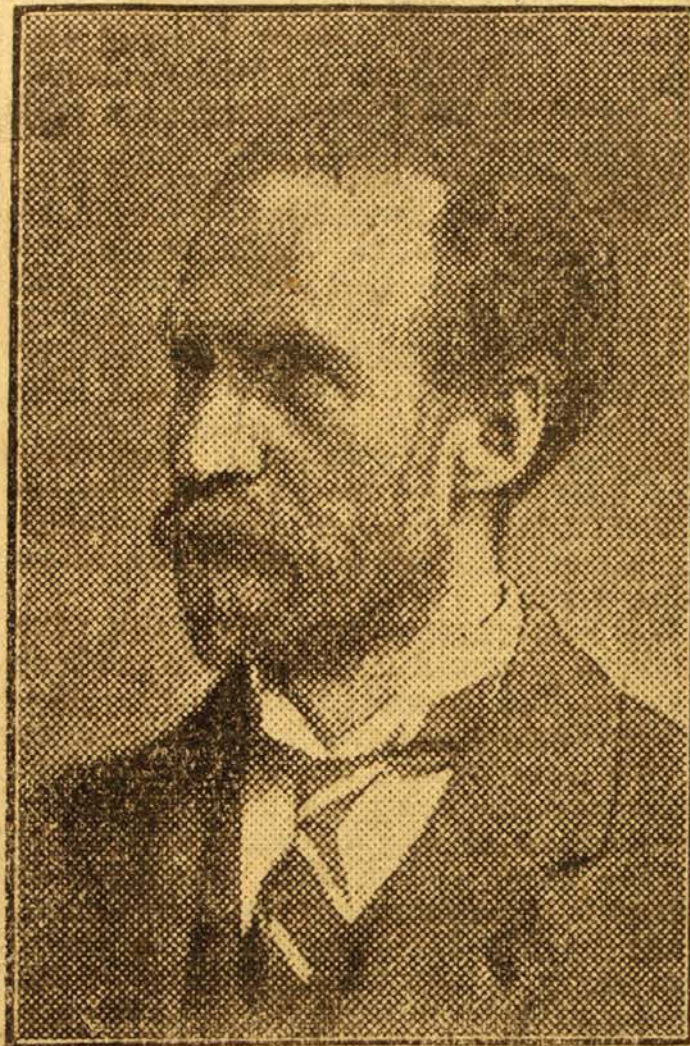
APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF ADELAIDE MUSEUM.

Mr E. R. Waite, at present director of the Christchurch Museum, has been appointed director of the Adelaide Museum.

Mr Waite has had a wide experience in museum work. He was a member of the staff of the Australian Museum in Sydney when, in 1907, he was appointed curator of Canterbury Museum, in succession to the late Captain F. W. Hutton. During his residence in Christchurch he has done a great deal to add to the value of the Canterbury Museum, and to make it attractive to the public. Soon after he came here he arranged to have a "recent acquisitions case," in which fresh additions are placed before they are put away in the different departments. Later on he erected a public microscope, which is specially interesting and educational to children, thousands of whom use it when visiting the Museum. It was mainly through his efforts that the skeleton of the Okarito whale, the largest known, was obtained for the Museum. He superintended the making of a cast of a strap-toothed whale found at Allandale, in Lyttelton harbour. He has specially studied ichthyology, and has made marked improvements in that department. In colouring the casts of fishes he had some scope for his talents as an artist. He has added considerably to the knowledge of the dominion's fishes, and a few years ago went on a trawling expedition on the *Nora Niven*, in search of knowledge in this direction. His "Museum Bulletins" contain much valuable information on ichthyology.

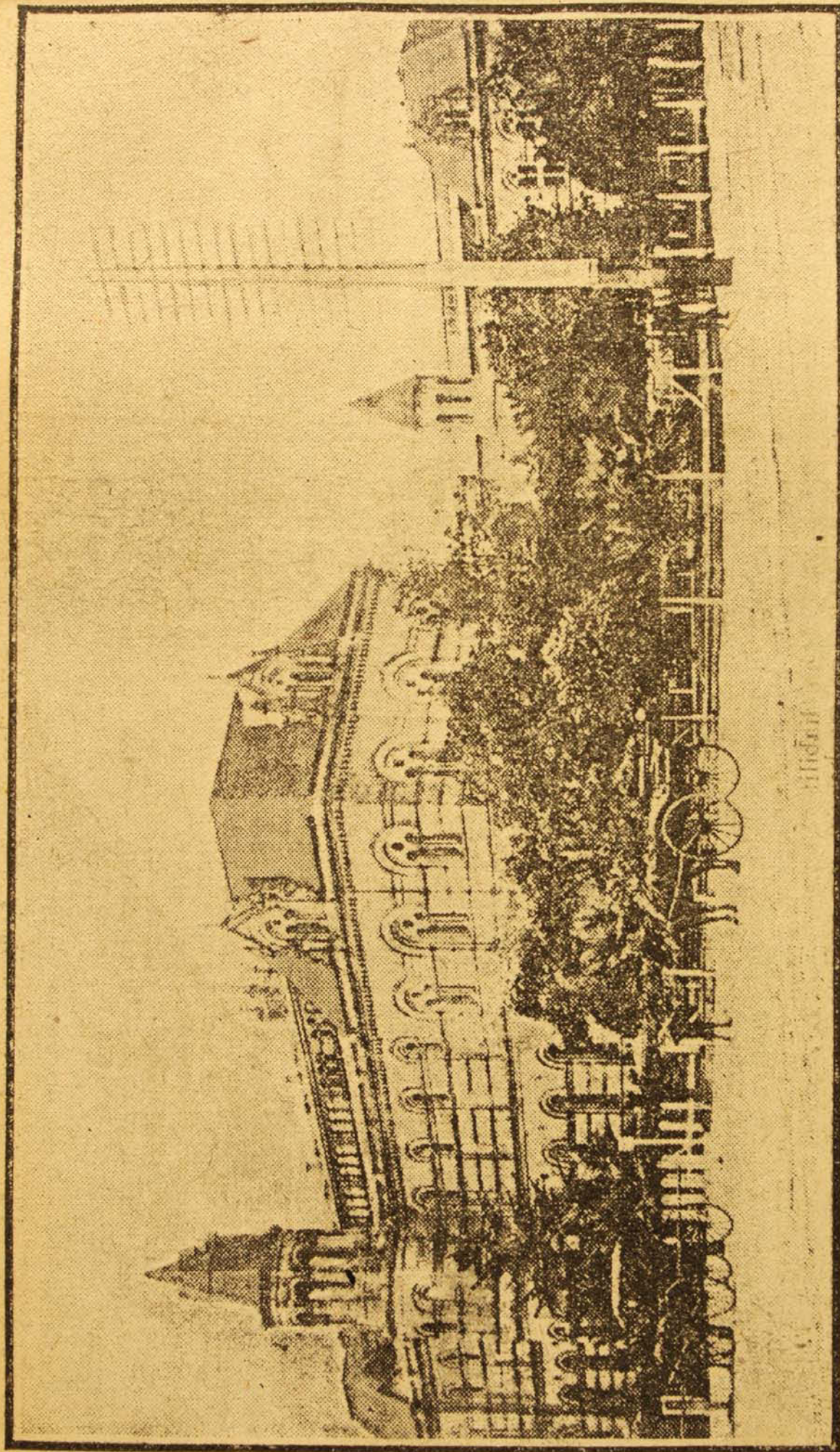
It is understood that Mr Waite sought the South Australian position because the climate there suits his health better than the Christchurch climate does.

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MR E. R. WAITE.

Director of the Christchurch Museum,
who has been appointed director of the
Adelaide Museum.



PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, ADELAIDE.

23. Tues.

Received a few copies
of the "Records" to regis-
ter the date of publiⁿ.
Board. My reply to
final par. (22nd) is
included in the notice
of the Board meeting
below:-

The resignation of Mr E. R. Waite as curator of the Museum was received at the meeting of the Canterbury College Board of Governors yesterday. The chairman, Mr J. C. Adams, said he was very sorry at the loss of Mr Waite, who was a man of world-wide scientific repute and whose sterling and successful efforts to promote the well-being of the Museum were well known. He would move that Mr Waite's resignation should be accepted with regret, and he trusted that Mr Waite's efforts in his new position would be attended with the great success that had characterised his work in Christchurch. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr Waite has accepted the position in Adelaide because it is promotion. It was reported that he had sought the Australian position because the climate there agrees with his health better than the Christchurch climate does, but he states that that is incorrect, and that he is in excellent health.

As letters are said to be
opened in Adelaide by
the Sec. had following
printed

Canterbury Museum,

Christchurch, N.Z.,

December, 1913.

Dear Sir,

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

I shall be obliged if, in future, you will be so kind as to address all communications and packages, intended for my personal use, as below.

Yours faithfully,

Curator.

PRIVATE

EDGAR R. WAITE,

Director,

S.A. National Museum,

ADELAIDE,

S. Australia.

Museum Board decided
to advertise in Home &
Australasian papers. The
salary to be £500.

24. Wed.

Received balance of the
"Records" & sent them
off enclosing my "change
of address" notice to
in most of them. Sent
papers containing news
of appointment to:-

Wilfrid.	Megson - Bessie
Mrs W.	Chadwick
H. Beale	Simpson
F. Bowling	Vause.
B. Denny.	Hellawell.
Brauer	Welch
Down.	"Naturalist."

Packed Japanese screen.
Our first move.

25 Xmas Day.

Made case for circular
saw, which I dismantled
& took Rose round the
gardens with the Princes
in the afternoon. We
had supper at the
Allans - Inglefield House

26 Fri.

Letter from Adelaide
ack. of my application &
enclosing "duties" etc.
The Show~~s~~ seems to be
run by the "General
Secretary". More case
making. Posted reprints
of my 3 Record papers.

27 Sat

Advertised Speedometer
£3. & Household effects.
for private sale. More
packing including Lathe

The following appears
in to-nights "Star".

28 Sun.

Packed some cases and
laid foundation of a
strong case to take the
driving wheels of the
Circular Saw & Lathe.
A very hot day!

EDUCATION IN
CANTERBURY.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW.

Considering its importance to the general public. In the last month of the year the resignation of the Curator of the Museum was received. The loss of such an energetic and able man as Mr E. R. Waite will be severely felt.

CANTERBURY MUSEUM.

PUBLICATION OF A "RECORD."

Mr E. R. Waite, who will leave Christchurch in a few months to take charge of the Adelaide Museum, has just issued another of his "Records of the Canterbury Museum."

This publication, No. 1 of Volume II., deals mainly with fishes of the genus Tripterygion and related genera in New Zealand. In order to obtain knowledge of the species Mr Waite collected specimens from different localities, drawing upon Kaikoura, Sumner, Taylor's Mistake, Akaroa, the Chatham and Auckland Islands and the Snares, and Mr H. Suter sent specimens from the Great Barrier Island, in Hauraki Gulf. Clear descriptions are given of the generic and specific characters, and Mr Waite has supplied admirable drawings for five plates, each plate containing the figure of one fish. Five pages of the pamphlet are given to the results of an examination of some old drawings of New Zealand fishes, placed in Mr Waite's hands for a report by the late Mr A. Hamilton, director of the Dominion Museum, and in four pages Mr Waite deals with the supposed occurrence in New Zealand waters of the bottle-nosed whale (*Hyperoodon*), a common northern species, often cast up on the coasts of the United Kingdom. A specimen was found stranded by Captain J. Bollons, of the *Hinemoa*, on the beach at the East Cape, and he placed in Mr Waite's hands the extremity of the mandible, which he had sawn off. The specimen was in a somewhat decayed condition when discovered, and the tip of the mandible was the only part preserved. Captain Bollons not only identified the whale from external appearance, but also went to some trouble to obtain one of its most characteristic features.

In the "Record" there is a paper by Mr R. Speight, assistant curator of the Canterbury Museum, dealing with Tertiary mollusca in the Museum; and Mr H. Suter, who now is a resident of Christchurch, has contributed a short paper describing two marine shells new to science, which he found when he was rearranging the collection of the recent mollusca in the Museum.

29 Mon.

Claude left with the signalling team for Auckland. Rose is now selling furniture as a result of my Adot. Attended Motor Club meeting.

30. Tues.

Received letters from Adelaide Howchin Lea & Stirling. Basedow was the "local man" who had some support. I received requests from Adelaide papers for my photograph, so gave Beken a sitting in the afternoon.

31. Wed.

Took this afternoon
"off" & did some pack-
-ing. Carrier took 4
heavy cases to Museum
Row received a letter
from Mr Stanley who
will take Claude at
his farm, for a few
weeks, when he returns
from Auckland.

1914.

January.

1. Thurs.

Started 27 motorists
in teams of three
commencing at 8.30
& received them at the
garage from 4.30 pm
onwards. More packing
at night. A hot day.

2. Fri.

Another budget of con-
gratulatory letters in-
cluding official an-
nouncement of the
appointment. " The
Board's solicitor will
draw up a form of
agreement. " "

Letters from Purnell
Public Librarian, from
Rainbow & Allan, etc
& a telegram from
"Stead", presumably
David G. Started 23
Motorcyclists for Ashley
Gorge. Wrote letters
to Howchin Stirling, Lea
Rainbow. McCulloch,
Grant, Sec. of Museum
Adelaide, Dr. Lester
Purnell & to "Register"
& "Chronicle" enclosing
my photograph.

3. Sat.

Started Motorists
for Akaroa, the 3rd
day & received them

at night as on the
two previous days.

The "Adelaide Observer" of December 27 contains a flattering reference to the appointment of Mr E. R. Waite to the position of Director of the National Museum of South Australia. It states that twenty applications were received, and that the Museum Committee, after careful and discriminating consideration, strongly urged the Board of Governors to appoint Mr Waite, on the grounds of "the incomparable superiority of the qualifications." The appointment is for three years, at a salary beginning at £500 a year. Mr Waite's testimonial from the Curator of the Australian Museum, his former chief, confidently recommended him, and remarked: "He is a good linguist and fine artist." Mr J. C. Adams, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Canterbury College, stated: "He is a most enthusiastic worker, both in the field and the laboratory, and his research work in New Zealand has proved very valuable, especially on the side of ichthyology. Of his personal character I am able also to speak unreservedly, while his relations with his staff have been of the most cordial nature." Equally strong and eulogistic testimonials were supplied by Dr C. Chilton, of Christchurch, and Dr W. B. Benham, of Dunedin, Dr L. Cockayne and Dr Coleridge Farr, Professor of Physics at Canterbury College. Mr Waite forwarded a large collection of publications dealing with his original work in mammals, reptiles and fishes.

The Rev Philip Carlson, who died

4. Sun.

Packed most of the books this day. As the landlord did not come on the first I gave him notice to expire 31st inst and suggested a weekly tenancy thereafter.

5. Mon.

Sent 12 packed cases to the Museum. Rose sold some household goods. (see 8th)

6. Tues

Took this day off & packed 2 large cases of pictures which I sent to Museum out of our way. Attended Committee Motor Club.

7. Wed.

Haynes strapping and sticking calico labels on 22 cases. Telegram from Claude, returns tomorrow.

8 Thurs

Claude returned from Auckland & I sent him off at midday, with Mr Stanley to Makikihi.

The following goods
have been sold to date.

Music stool	7. 6	✓
Claude's chair	3. 0	✓
Stretched * bed.	10. 0	✓
Oilcloth Linoleum	1. 0. 0	
Wringer	7. 0	✓
Stretcher * bed	1. 0. 0	✓
5 chairs	12. 6	✓
1 table	5. 0	✓
1 do	7. 0	✓
1 Chair	2. 6	✓
Linoleum.	10. 0	✓
Washstand	10. 0	✓
Sideboard	5. 0. 0	
Knife machine	15. 0	
Armchair	15. 0	✓
Claude's cart	3. 0	✓
Lawn Mower	10. 0	✓

Timber	5. 0 ✓
Linoleum	15. 0 ✓
Hall runner.	1. 0. 0 ✓

Later Sales.

Cane settee	1. 5. 0 ✓
D. R. Carpet.	3. 0. 0 ✓
Kerb.	5. 0 ✓
Table.	5. 0 ✓
do	3. 0 ✓
D. R. Table	10. 0 ✓
Table.	7. 0 ✓
4 Chairs	15. 0. ✓
Linoleum (Clandes)	8. 0 ✓
Hall stand	2. 10. 0.
Kerb	4 0. ✓
2. Occ tables	8. 0. ✓
Motor Lamp.	1- 15. 0
Motor Lamp.	7. 0 ✓
Speedometer	3. 0. 0 ✓

Cont^d Feb. 5th.

9. Fri.

Sent. £29. 19. 6 to Dible
& Co. wrote to Mr. W.
& to Paterson stating
that Patworth Oil -
Substitute was useless
in changeable climates
Baker rebought the
Motor cycle lamp 35/-
The following appears
in the "Spectator".

AN ENTHUSIAST IN SCIENCE.

THE announcement of the appointment of Mr Edgar R. Waite, F. L.S., curator of the Canterbury Museum, to the position of Director of the South Australian National Museum, will be received with mingled feelings by all who know Mr Waite and know of the work he has done in Christchurch.

Very naturally Mr Waite's friends are pleased that he should have been selected for a post of such importance and one in which his enthusiasm for science and his wide experience of museum work will have fuller and wider scope. On the other hand, Mr Waite's departure will be a distinct loss to the community and the position he has held for the past seven and a-half years will not be easily filled. When he took over the curatorship of Canterbury Museum Mr Waite found collections of great value and interest and through the Museum appeared to

the majority of those who visited it to be as near perfection as it was possible for it to be, Mr Waite has been able to effect considerable improvements that have further enhanced the value of the institution both from the scientific and the popular points of view. He has also displayed great public spirit, notably in the manner in which he successfully appealed to the public for funds to secure for the Museum the skeleton of one of the largest whales known to science. In many other respects Mr Waite has left the impress of his ability and enthusiasm for science upon the institution and if his successor is able to improve on what Mr Waite has done he will be, indeed, an exceptionally good curator.

10 Sat.

Ayson called, it seems that there is no chance of my accompanying Prince, as it is not yet known when he will sail from Canada. Put more adts. in the "Star". We went to the Press in afternoon. Very hot day.

11. Sun.

Equally hot. made a long case and packed gas fittings etc which I dismantled from the workshop. Received a number of dealers & others as a result of [135]

The adults.

12. Mon.

wrote Kellawell & D. S.
Stead. Handed in my
monthly report. Sold
an old motor lamp &
Rose sold some more
household goods, see
under 8th.

13. Tues.

wrote Mr Stanley sent
clothing for Claude -
Paid Income Tax. £3.17.0
Had some empty cases
collected from Barnetts.

14 Wed.

Finished my paper for
T. N. 2. I. Fishes No. 4.

15. Thurs.

Packed the largest pictures having to enlarge a case. Museum Committee will release me on March 10th

16. Fri.

Sold Speedometer £3.

Took afternoon off and did some more packing.

Kuge gave me a set of photos. of Museum, which he had taken

Spent evening with him

17. Sat.

More packing in the afternoon & evening.

18. Sun.

With members of the [137]

Motor Club. Social
run to Waikuku - &
nailed up cases for
carrier on return.

19. Mon.

Fixed March 12th as
date of sailing from
Lyttelton. Sent in
resignation of. C.P.I.
accompanied by a
photograph. Sent 4
large packed cases to
the Museum. Taking a
spell from packing we
went to the Haynes' in
the evening. The latest
is a young wild rabbit
which makes no attempt
to escape the caresses

of the monkey.
Thus the democratic
"Bulletin".

Edgar Waite, Yorkshireman by birth, but an Australian for the last 20 years, gets promotion as museum-curator from Canterbury (M.L.) to Adelaide, at £500 a year. Fish are Waite's specially strong point; N.S.W. made him zoologist to the Thetis trawling expedition, and it was he who reported on Shackleton's Antarctic catch, and will in due time deal with Mawson's. The curatorship he will fill at Adelaide has previously been held by Professor Stirling in an honorary way in the intervals of his medical teaching at the University.

20 Tues.

Letter from Ayson,
Prince will not arrive
till April 8th so I
shall be well out of
it. Gave Huige letter
of introduction to
Ayson, as he wants
to accompany Prince
on his round.

21. Wed.

Received from Adelaide draft agreement; I made some alterations and returned it. The Clause practically making the Director a subordinate of the General Secretary was the principal one to go. Shall await the reply with some interest.

22 Thurs.

Letter from George M. Thomson; he still harps on the N. Z. Catalogue of fishes & expects me to write it in Adelaide.

Musical evening at
"Inglefield House."

23 Fri

Learn that Sub-committee
are to consider offer
of my publications of
the Linnean Soc.

24 Sat.

Simply packing !!

25 Sun

To Museum in morning
packed cabinets etc &
to Beken in afternoon.

26 Mon

Now colouring casts of
fishes so as to get
them all put in the
gallery at an early
date. Took Rose to the
Opera House, Claude
being at Makikihi - (14)

27 Tues.

Letter from Stirling,
my goods may be
stored at S.A. Museum.
Found that the Watford
Speedometer, being on
the left axle registers
the mileage backward
so transferred the gear
to the right side but
still kept the recorder
on left handle-bar.

28 Wed

Letter from C. Anderson,
he was a candidate
for Adelaide and is
now inquiring about
ChCh. He says that
the position has been

advertised in Austria-
lian papers. Replied
29. Thurs.

Found that the boat
leaving March 12th is
the 'Ulimarou' so I
secured passages for 3.
Commenced to write
my Annual Report as
I want to get all the
necessary work out of
hand, in order that
I may ask for time
off in case I decide
to go to Mt. Cook.

30. Fri.

Finished Ann. Report.
Spent evening at the
Walkers,

31. Sat.

Beach races postponed
owing to wet.

February.

1. Sun.

Saw Stewart speedometer
on behalf of Alex.
Anderson & wrote him.

2. Mon.

Attended committee
of Motor Cycle Club.

3. Tues.

The Museum Committee
bought my Journ (Zool)
of Linnean Soc. and
Transactions for £5.
Left Truman's "Red
Piper" with Büngz.

4. Wed.

Received books ordered
from Liebsch, Leipzig.
as below: -

Marschal. Nom. Zool.

Rutken. Spol. Atlan

Bruning. Ichth. hexik.

Sent 16/- in payment.
Letter from Allan, he
wishes to relinquish the
"Endeavour" fishes.

5. Thurs.

going to look at a 1912
'Douglas', bought the
man's sprung seat pillar
for 10/6. Ethel Price
asked me to look at
Rev. Tait's Cadillac
which he desires to
sell as he is leaving
for Adelaide. It is a
5. seater, single cylinder
accumulator ignition.

CANTERBURY MUSEUM.

THE CASTS OF FISHES.

Mr E. R. Waite, curator of Canterbury Museum, is busy completing the display of casts of fishes in hand at the Museum, in order that this work, as far as it has gone, shall be cleared up when he leaves for South Australia early next month.

The casts are displayed in several large cases in the gallery of the New Zealand Room. Mr Waite has been engaged on this work since he came to Christchurch, several years ago, and the display of naturally and beautifully coloured casts is one of the features of the New Zealand section of the Museum. Amongst the fish represented are the porbeagle shark, the strangely marked carpet shark and the Lord Plunket shark. The last is a brownish coloured shark, about four feet long, recorded from Kaikoura, and named by Mr Waite. There are two specimens of the elephant fish, showing different stages of growth. In other cases there are a frost-fish, in which the silvery hue of the skin has been well reproduced, a fresh-water eel, the original from Lake Ellesmere, the rat-fish, the unicorn fish, with an extraordinary extension of the spine, sticking up from the top of the head like a horn, the red-fish, a specimen of which was found at New Brighton, the rudder-fish, the tunny and the bass, both large, deep-bodied fishes, the mora, the mountain trout, a species of the cuttle-fish, and the peculiar sun-fish. The economical element is represented by the warehouse, the butter-fish, the schnapper, the moki and the trumpeter.

Sales (cont^d) from Jan. 8.

Wardrobe.	4.	0.	0.	✓
Linoleum		2.	6.	✓
Kitchen table		4.	0.	✓
Armchair (2 nd)		15.	0.	✓
Grindstone		2.	6.	✓
Scythe		1.	6.	✓
Bed + bedding	1-	5-	0.	✓
Sundries	1-	0.	0.	✓
2 Chest drawers	1.	7.	6	
2 Chairs		17.	6	
Dresser		16.	0	
Overmantel		10.	0	
Linio '4/6 table 3/-		17.	6	
Steps + tools		5.	0	
Shed 7/6 Linio 5/-		12.	6	
Curtain rods		10.	0.	✓
Carpet		15.	0	

6. Fri.

Mrs Price bought the car after I had looked it well over.

7. Sat.

Birken Roberts gave me some cases which I had delivered at the house. Spent the afternoon at the Prices ran the car, giving Ethel a lesson in driving.

8. Sun.

Alex Anderson rode his Douglas from Teddington & broke a spring. I got another from Birken. He

took the "Stewart"
Speedometer - Spent
the day packing &
to the Allans in the
evening.

9. Mon.

wrote a testimonial
for Speight. He will
be an applicant for
the curatorship - At
the Smellies at night.

10. Tues.

wrote report for the
Museum Committee
& asked for leave to
visit Mr. Cook.

12. Thurs.

Arranged re insurance
goods & at Museum &
at Heywoods. Latter
are to collect piano
& Suite etc. on Sat.
Marks offered £4.7.6
for some furniture
which we accepted.
Museum Committee
granted me leave to
visit Mr. Cook.

13. Fri.

Took a "holiday" and
had a strenuous days
packing. Slept at
"Inglefield House."

14 Sat.

Heywoods removed the furniture and packed-boxes and we finally cleared out of the house.

15. Sun.

Mr. Cresswell came from Nelson and put up at Inglefield House ^{photo of} _{cycle club} _{committee taken}

16 Mon.

Bought suit and shoes.
Took ticket for Mt. Cook for Wednesday.

17 Tues.

wrote to Mr. Stanley asking him to send Claude home on the 28th.

18. Wed.

Left by midday train
changed at Timaru &
spent the night at
Fairlie.

19. Thurs.

Left at 8 am by motor
for the Hermitage which
was duly reached in
the evening. 96 miles.
Drove along the shores
of Lakes Te Kapo and
Pukako. Lunched at
the Pukako hotel &
here changed cars
as we had had a
puncture in one tyre
& a blow-out in the
other and a broken

put in the transmission gear. The new Hermitage has been open only a fortnight & internal fittings are not yet complete. Made arrangements with Peter Graham, the guide to form a small party to start for the Malhe Brun hut on Tasman glacier tomorrow wrote to Rose - The motor drive on the whole is not very interesting, but becomes more so as the mountains are approached. Very little life - Paradise ducks

✓ Harriers -

20 Fri

Our glacier party
comprised Mr. & Mrs
Roberts her sister Miss
Greenwell and myself.

Ruth Greenwell

Left the Hermitage at
10. ✓ walked the $4\frac{1}{2}$
miles to the point
where we picked up
guide Cowling & four
horses, thence crawled
round the bluffs &
along uninteresting
moraine deposits to
the green lake, a
veritable oasis where
refreshments were

served. Cooled our
aching feet in the
icy waters of Green
lake. For our glacier
boots were none of
the lightest. Each ~~boot~~
pair complete weighs 4 lb
including 1 lb of nails
& legs are encased in
putties which tend
to warmth & general
discomfort. Arrived
at Ball Hut in due
course and camped
for the night. We
found 2 gulls (L.
dominicanus) & 13
keas at the hut,
the latter as in-

quisitive & cheeky as
usual. In order to
extend the range of
our vision we ascen-
-ded the ridge of a
morain and here I
sat down to attract
an inquisitive Red
which after sampling
the clinkers on my
boots & the material
of my pants, found
his neck in my
hands, he duly &
~~truly~~ accompanied
us on our return &
spent the night un-
der a kerosene can.
As darkness came

on the birds assembled in a patch of herbagg near the hut & it was necessary only to squat down when the keas would appear. I caught a second one & others nearly succumbed, though I released the second captive after exhibiting it to my fellow travellers.

Later we were joined by Mr. King and 2 guides who broke their journey at the hut en route in an essay of Mt Cook, []

which has not been
climbed this season.
Several relics are
preserved at Ball
hut. and labelled
as below:—

" Part of first Ski
used by Dixon and
Maunering on the
Grand Plateau and
left on the glacier
Dome December 1893,
found by guide Thom-
son. on Hochstetter
glacier, 1 mile above
Ball Hut, March
1910. 4 miles below
where dropped."

"Not to be burnt,
piece of tent pole
used by Dr von See-
denfeldt in 1884."

also a piece of survey
chain used by him.

"Cover of aneroid
lost by Fitzgerald
on the Silberhorn.

Feb 1895 and found
by guide Lefipe on
Hochstetter glacier on
Nov. ~~1912~~. 1911."

An alpenstock left
by the Rev. Green
at the 5th camp (ie
Ball Hut) - He was
one of the first to
attempt the ascent

of Met Cook, though
he failed.

21. Sat.

Left our bunks at
3 am. though we
did not leave till
5.0. King and the
guides left before
us. We crossed first
the Ball glacier &
then the Hochstetter
and after some dreary
moraine work com-
menced the traverse
of the Tasman. The
ice was folded into
decent crevasses at
the edges, say for
 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on each

side but in the
middle where the
flow was freer,
it was easier going
partaking of a
lumpy nature.
Those who had not
been on a glacier
previously marvelled
at the intense and
characteristic blue
colour of the ice in
the crevasses, the
enormous cavities
& the volume of water
pouring into some of
them. The thundering
of avalanches was
ever in our ears,

though we saw but
few falls, the sound
failing to reach us
from the great dis-
tances until the
fall was over. On
the ice, living, and
"far from the land"
we found two moths

a fly not dissimilar
from M. domestica
and a small tipulid
while blow-flies
were our companions
especially where we
halted for a snack.

We reached Malte
Brun hut at 1.30
& were glad to rid
ourselves of extraneous
impediments. We
discovered that one
of the gulls had pre-
ceded us & the guide
told us that it was
his habit to pass
over the glacier from
hut to hut as the
travellers tramped
across. Early to bed.

22. Sun.

5.30 Saw us once
more on the way &
soon afterwards we
again trod the ice. (165)

By this time we
had got well used
to the ice and made
good progress especially
as we were on the
down grade. Found
the Moraines tiresome
& welcomed the ice
as we successively
recrossed the Tasman
Hochstetter and Ball
glaciers. We made a
very short stay at the
Ball Hut as we had
to compass the entire
journey in the day.

Saddled the horses
and thus rode to
the point where we

had first requisitioned
them and found the
concluding $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles
to the Hermitage par-
ticularly tiresome.

23 Mon.

Our party spent a
quiet day to recoup.
I went as far as the
suspension bridge over
the Hooker River in
the afternoon.

24 Tues.

Picking up a copy of
"Scott's Last Expedition"
at the Hermitage I
came across the list
of dogs with the fol-
lowing note:—

1871

" Dogs. These included
33 sledging dogs and
a collie bitch 'Rassie'
The 33, all Siberian
dogs, excepting the
Esquimaux 'Peary' and
'Borup' were collected
by Mr. Meares, who drove
them across Siberia
to Vladivostok with the
help of the dog-driver
Demetri Geroof, whom
he had engaged for
the Expedition. From
Vladivostok, where he
was joined by Lieut.
Wilfred Bruce, he brought
them by steamer to
Sydney, and thence to

Lyttelton. The dogs were
the gift of various
schools, as shown by
the following list —

Cherry - Garrard gave
me the name of our
dog as "Serai" but
I find him listed as
"Seri" as below: -

Russian name - Seri

Translation - Grey

School's name - Falcon

School. High School,
Winchester }

The name Seri or
Grey seems very ap-
plicable, as the dog
has no black marks
& is wholly grey. the

name Falcon is
doubtless from the
second name of the
explorer.

Strolled up to the
Hermitage Reservoir before
breakfast and afterwards
went up the Hooker Valley
beyond the second bridge.
In the afternoon to the
terminal face of the
Mueller and gathered
plants for Cockayne.
This morning we learned
that King and guides
Thomson & Richmond
(see 20th) were supposed
to have perished in
an avalanche. (see

news cuttings) Commenced
to write account, which
also appeared later. Letter
from Rose.

25. Wed.

Got friend to overlook &
correct my M.S. & left
the Hermitage with "Our
party" at 8. am. Refreshed
at Pukaki and spent
night at Fairlie. Had
a look over the repair
shop of the garage.

26. Thurs.

Train from Fairlie at
7.55 and met Cress-
well at Timaru to
whom I introduced Mr.
Greenwell both being

Maori war veterans
who had not met
since 1868. Left at
1.38 for Ch Ch ~~for~~
finishing my account
of the Alpine climb
in the train & handed
it to Drummond who met
me in response to a
wire sent from Tuiaia.
Took Rose to the United
Service Hotel to meet
"our party".

27. Fri.

Corrected proofs of TN21.
paper on Fishes No 4
Piloted "our party"
over the Museum in
afternoon Rose having

officiated in the morning.

28 Sat.

Claude returned from
Makikihi, big, well
+ stronger. Paid some
visits with Rose, Bekeu
Fry, Thompson + Herdman
Smiths.

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Tumaru Herald.

Turner Hermitage

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ALPINE DISASTER.

THREE MEN MISSING.

LOST ON MT. COOK.

A BIG AVALANCHE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

HERMITAGE, Feb. 24.

Mr S. L. King, a member of the English Alpine Club, left with Guides Dave Thomson and J. Richmond on Friday afternoon for the Ball Hut, to climb Mt. Cook from the Tasman side. Mr Friend, with his own guide Conrad Kain and Guide Brass left at the same time to climb Mt. Cook from the Hooker side, with the intention of meeting on the top. Mr King's party were on the top at noon on Sunday, in perfect weather, and were seen by Mr S. Turner and Mr Dennistoun from the Haast bivouac. They they started back again for the Tasman.

Mr Freind's party reached the summit at 5.15 on Sunday afternoon. They followed the steps of Mr King's party down the eastern arrete on to the Linda glacier, which was covered by several avalanches. They followed the footprints over two big avalanches near the head, picking them up again lower down. Then they came to a big avalanche, round the bend of the Linda near the Silberhorn corner, where a glacier joins the plateau. Crossing this they found other steps, but these were evidently cut the day previous, while Mr King was making the ascent. Mr Freind's party reached the bivouac at 2.30 a.m., when Messrs Turner and Dennistoun were just starting for the peak, and finding that Mr King had not arrived they made all haste to the Hermitage.

Monday was a vile night. Graham, chief guide, says Mr Wilson was with me at the Hooker Hut, intending to cross by the Copland Pass to the West Coast to-day. At midnight two guides came through from the Hermitage and we thought Mr Freind's party had arrived, as we had been sure of meeting them at the Hooker Hut, if they came down that way as originally intended.

"That you, Peter? Is Dave there?"

Sorrowfully Graham answered "No."

Graham left his blankets and went back through a blinding storm in pitch darkness over moraine and creeks to search for his beloved "boys." At daylight he started again with Conrad Kain and all available guides from the Hermitage in the hope of finding some trace of them, but with little hope.

No word can be received from the rescue party (which was joined by Messrs Turner and Dennistoun) for a couple of days.

Mr King is a well-known member of the English Alpine Club. D. Thomson, a West Coaster, has been for some years at the Hermitage as Graham's first lieutenant, and J. Richmond, who comes from Willowbridge, is also an experienced and trusty guide.

[We are indebted for the foregoing to Mr Wilson, manager of the Tourist Department, in response to an inquiry, on receipt of a rumour in town that a disaster had occurred.]

REPORT TO THE MINISTER.

BY MR B. M. WILSON.

(Per Press Association.)

CHRISTCHURCH, Feb. 24.

The Hon. R. Heaton Rhodes, Minister in charge of Tourists and Health Resorts, this afternoon received an urgent telegram from the Hermitage from Mr B. M. Wilson, General Manager of the Tourist Department, who is on his way from the Hermitage to the West Coast via Copland Pass, as follows:—

"I regret to inform you that there is reason to fear that a serious accident has happened on Mount Cook. An English climber, Mr S. L. King, with Guides Thompson and Richmond, left on Friday afternoon to climb Mount Cook from the Tasman side. They were seen on the summit at noon on Thursday by Messrs Turner and Dennistoun, who were at the Haast Bivouac, and who were up on glacier Dome at 4 p.m. looking for them. Their steps down again were picked up that evening by those climbing from the Hooker side of Mount Cook—Mr Friend, with Guides Conrad Kain and Brass. This party followed the tracks until they were obliterated by a huge avalanche which came off an overhanging icewall on the Linda glacier, between Silberhorn and Teichelman Peaks. The glacier is very broken here, and if the party were caught they would be swept into a crevasse and never seen again.

"Mr Friend's party reached the Bivouac at about 2.30 a.m. when Messrs Turner and Denniston were proposing to start, and on finding no trace of Mr King and his guides they became alarmed, and returned and reported the occurrence at the Hermitage.

"Chief Guide Graham was with us at the Hooker hut—(about six miles from the Hermitage)—last night going to the Copeland. When the two guides came from the Hermitage with the news that Thompson's party had not returned, Graham immediately returned to the Hermitage in dreadful weather, and left at daylight with four guides and Conrad Kain, to search for the party, but neither he nor Kain hold out any hope of finding the missing men.

"It is expected that two days will elapse before the search party returns. Mr Rhodes has cabled to the Alpine Club asking them to communicate with Mr King's people."

THE FATAL CLIMB.

STORY OF THE START.

THE FAREWELL ON THE TASMAN.

NARRATIVE BY MR E. R. WAITE.

Mr E. R. Waite, Curator of Canterbury Museum, who returned from the Hermitage last night, was asked if he had come into touch with Mr King and his guides. He said that he was the last to bid them "God-speed" at 3.50 on Friday morning at Ball Hut, some fourteen miles from the Hermitage.

"On arriving at the Hostel the previous day," Mr Waite said, "I consulted Chief Guide Graham as to the most profitable way of spending five days, and he suggested that, as the weather was good and likely to hold, a start should be made in the morning for the Malte Brun hut; the outward journey occupies two days, and the return is usually accomplished in one day. Guide Cowling was assigned to me, and, on making inquiries among the tourists at the Hermitage, it was found that Mr and Mrs Roberts and Miss Ruth K. Greenwell, of Sydney, were willing to join me, and our party therefore comprised five, including the guide.

"The Hermitage was left early next day, a walk of four and a half miles taking us to a point where the Tasman and Hooker Rivers join. The length of the walk is necessitated by the fact that a bridge which would materially shorten the distance was swept away last year when nearing completion. The next ten miles were accomplished on horse-back; the route was along a succession of barren glacier moraines, a halt at the Blue Lake, a veritable oasis, for refreshments, was most welcome. We arrived at the Ball Hut, and were later joined by Mr S. L. King and Guides D. Thomson and J. Richmond, who also spent the night, or part of it, at the hut, for at three o'clock the following morning they were afoot, and, after a hurriedly prepared breakfast, left on their adventurous and, as it has proved, fatal journey.

THE PARTING WITH MR KING.

“Although Cook and neighbouring peaks have been the scene of many adventurous climbs, not a single fatality had previously occurred there, and when we bade Mr King and his two guides ‘God-speed’ it never entered our thoughts that we should be the last, outside their own party, to speak with them. An hour later Mr King’s last words addressed to me were ‘Good morning, hope to see you Monday night.’ We commenced the second portion of our own journey. We first crossed the Ball Glacier, then the Hochstetter, and after some dreary moraines entered on to the Tasman Glacier. During its traverse we frequently looked round and wondered how King and his guides were getting along, though at such great distance it would have been as impossible to see them had we even known their precise position as to have detected a sandfly on the top of the Christchurch Cathedral. At this time of the season the glacier is not at its best for tourists. The winter snows which fill the crevasses and make the surface tolerably even have melted, leaving huge chasms which severely try the nerves of novices. My previous experience of the Franz Josef Glacier stood me in good stead, and it was interesting to note, by the chart, that when on the Tasman Glacier we were separated from the West Coast glacier by a comparatively short distance. Towards the middle of the glacier the ice was hummocky and easy of traverse, but for half a mile or so on either side, where the greatest friction and pressure is exerted the many and deep crevasses necessitated constant detours which must have added a mile or two to the ten miles covered, as the kea flies. Avalanches were constantly thundering down the mountain sides, the heat of the past few days having melted the ice and swollen the streams. Water rapidly collected on the glacier itself from the melting snow and ice, and coursed along until it disappeared down a fathomless crevasse to join the ice-river rushing some 2000 vertical feet below.

"Malte Brun hut was reached early in the afternoon, and here the second night was spent. Sunday morning, at 5.30, saw us once more afoot, and good progress was made. Not only had the party become accustomed to the difficulties of ice traverse, but the general trend was downward, though the crevassed and hummocky character of the ice made the course anything but a level or direct one. Having to accomplish the whole twenty-eight miles in one day our stay at the Ball Hut was short, and we returned to the Hermitage tired, but with a keen sense of the delightful experiences of Alpine travel.

THE FATE OF MR KING'S PARTY.

"The Mount Cook parties were expected back on Monday evening, but it was not until Tuesday that we realised that anything was wrong. As far as known to the time of my leaving the Hermitage on Wednesday morning, the facts may be briefly stated as follows:—Two parties left on Friday to ascend Mount Cook, which had thrice previously been attempted this season, though unsuccessfully. Mr H. Otto Frind, with his private guide, Conrad Kain and the service guide Brass, going by way of the Hooker Valley from the west, and Mr S. L. King, with Guides D. Thomson and J. Richmond, attacking the mountain via the Tasman Valley from the east. It was suggested that each party on reaching the summit of Mount Cook, 12,349ft in height, might return by the other party's route, thus making a double traverse of the mountain on the same day. This was carried out by Mr Frind's party, but on reaching the summit at 5.15 p.m.; it was found that King and his guides had been there first, but had evidently retraced their steps, intending to return by the route they had ascended. Frind followed King's tracks down the upper and middle rocks, and lost them in a huge avalanche of snow and ice, but afterwards found some steps leading into two more avalanches; one of these appears to have overwhelmed the three men, though this was not exactly realised at the time.

"Frind's party arrived at the Haast Bivouac at 2.15 a.m., and worked about for five or six hours by means of lanterns, when J. Dennistoun and S. Turner appeared, preparatory to following King's tracks to Mount Cook. The wind grew rapidly stronger, and Dennistoun and Turner proceeded to the head of the glacier only, that day, returning in a wild storm. Frind's party left the Bivouac at 9.30 a.m., expecting to find King and his two guides at Ball Hut (this is where the men left us early on Friday morning, as stated). They continued their long tramp, and arrived at the Hermitage at 7.30 p.m.

"The chief guide, Peter Graham, was absent, having started earlier with Mr B. M. Wilson and Mr Lawson, who intended to cross over the Copland Pass to the West Coast, but as it was known that he would spend the first night out at the Hooker Hut, two guides were immediately despatched to bring him back. One of these was our guide, Cowling, who told me that the night was a fearful one, a fact of which we, safely housed in the Hermitage, were well aware. There

was, however, no thought of evading the storm and the attendant dangers, and a relief party was formed by Graham, who took with him Conrad Kain, Frank Milne and William Brass. These brave men left for the Haast Bivouac at 5 a.m. on Tuesday, and later in the day, as I was returning from the Mueller Glacier, I met Mr Dennistoun on his way down to telegraph reassuring news to his mother from the Hermitage. It was his intention to accompany King, but he arrived too late to start with him, though he had driven his own car from Peel Forest in an endeavour to keep his appointment. After sending the message he at once set out again on a hasty journey to the Haast Bivouac, some nineteen miles up the Tasman, and Mr Lawson, who had returned with Guide Graham from the Hooker Hut, also left to render assistance in the search. Mr Frind with whom I had some conversation on Tuesday evening, told me that Dennistoun and Turner saw King on the

top of Mount Cook at noon on Sunday and were on the Glacier Dome at 4 p.m., looking for traces of their descent.

As we were leaving the Hermitage on Wednesday morning for home I learned that Guides Cowling and Young were going to take horses up to Ball Hut, so as to establish as rapid communication as possible between the search parties and the Hermitage. A second strong relief was also formed and merely awaited news from the chief guide to start immediately if word was brought down that further assistance was required.

"The sad news grieved the whole company at the Hermitage which by close association and similar interests becomes like one large family. King was an experienced climber and a member of the Alpine Club, while the guides, outside the chief, Graham, were the most experienced of the staff and quite used to high climbing."

ALPINE MEMBERS AT BALL HUT.

Mr Waite further said that not the least interesting objects to be seen at the Ball Hut are a number of relics associated with alpine climbing on the Mount Cook ranges. The various objects are carefully labelled. The following are copies of the descriptions attached to the more interesting relics:—

"Part of first ski used by Dixon and Mannering on the Grand Plateau and left on the Glacier Dome, December, 1893. Found by Guide Thomson on Hochstetter Glacier, one mile above Ball Hut, March, 1910, four miles below where dropped."

"Not to be burnt. Piece of tent pole used by Dr von Lendenfeld, in 1884." Also a piece of the survey chain used by him.

"Cover of aneroid, lost by Fitzgerald on Silberhorn, February, 1895, and found by Guide Lippe on Hochstetter Glacier, November, 1911."

There is also an alpenstock left by the Rev W. S. Green at his fifth camp (Ball Hut). He was one of the first to attempt the ascent of Mount Cook, with two Swiss guides but failed to reach the summit by 300 feet only.

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March.

1. Sun.

Disimantled, cleaned
& reassembled the Motor,
found it to be in ex-
cellent condition.

2. Mon.

Wrote to Coles, Melbourne,
re second-hand flute-
piano music. Sent 9/-
to Hutchinsons for 4
parts & covers of "Marvels
of the Universe". Was
told that the Motor
Cycle Club intend to
present me with a framed
photo-group of members
of the Council, taken
Feb. 15th.

3. Tues.

Labelled cases including those at Heywoods, 57 in all. Tickets taken to Sydney. £24. 7. 6. - The C. P. I. will give ~~a~~ an informal dinner to Cockayne & self at Warner's on Tuesday.

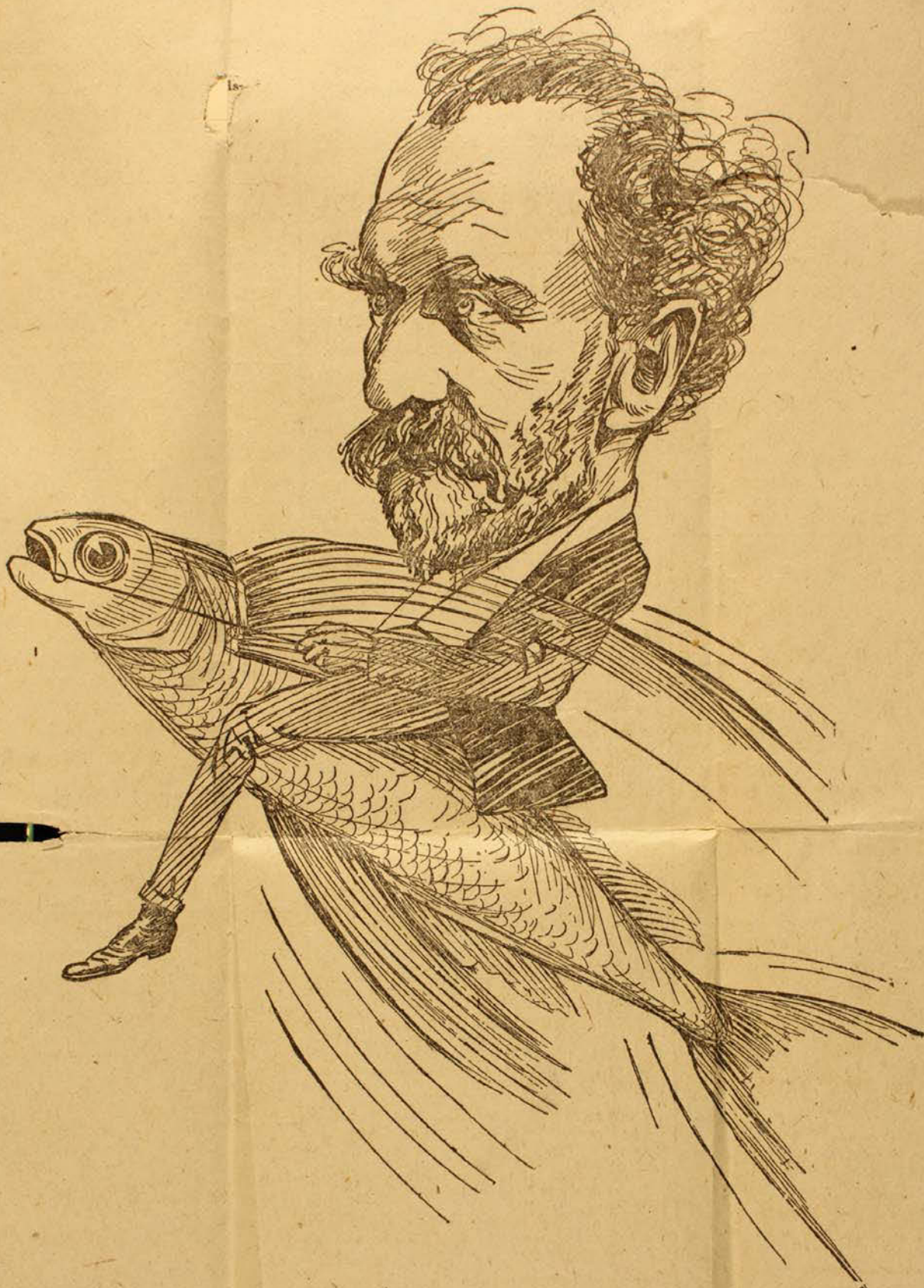
4. Wed.

Gave my aquarium to Haynes which he coveted. Sent typewriter to be packed for transport. Post newspapers with my Mt. Cook article to
Brauer
Beale
Bowling

Chadwick
Denny
Simpson
Sterling
Mrs W.
Wilfrid
Vause
Welch
Hülsew

5 Thurs.

The following appeared
in the "Evening News"
quite a surprise. !!



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A DEPARTING SCIENTIST.

MR E. R. WAITE, who has resigned the curatorship of the Canterbury Museum, leaves next week to take up a similar appointment at Adelaide.

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6. Fri.

Posted paper with
portrait to:—

Brauer

Beale

Bowling

Denny

Mr. W.

Stirling

Wilfrid.

Saw Baverstock and
purchased the original
from him.

7. Sat.

Motored to show ground
& for the first time
saw an aeroplane
ascent and flight.
Scotland in a C.

biplane.

8 Sun.

Paid several farewell visits.

9. Mon.

Committee meeting of the Motor Club. Was presented with a framed picture of the photo. taken Feb 15th.

10 Tues.

Finished engagement at the Museum. At Warner's - dinner to Cockayne + self by Council of C. F. I.

11. Wed.

Musical evening at the Allans. about 20 present.

Completed arrangements
as to packing, freight
dogs, etc. Letter from
Adelaide with copy of
Agreement, (amended).

12. Thurs.

Left by 5.20 train
joined Ulinaroa, &
got away at 6.30.

13. Fri.

Calm passage to Bellington
called at Museum
Thomson absent, ill.
Saw Mrs Hamilton &
many people I knew.
Bought box-spanner.
ratcheted. kit, second-
hand in case. 10/-
Left at 6.30.

14 Sat.

At Sea, quite calm.

Saw many flying fishes
individuals only. They
were large, possibly C.
speculiger.

15 Sun.

Still calm. more flying
fishes.

16 Mon.

Fine weather continued
A concert at night, the
Ellwood trio, etc. I
"fluted" we also have
the Pantomime Co. on
board. - They went to
N. Z. on the "Moeraki"
my last trip across.

17
~~18~~ Tues.

Arrived in Ft. Jackson
early - Dr in Watson's
Bay. The usual delay
& trouble with luggage
greatly accentuated with
the dogs. Stock Inspection,
Customs etc. Sent Rose
to the Josephs and on
hearing that they will
house the dogs I took
them through the city
to William Street. We
put up at the Grand
Central for one week.
Took the "Douglas" to
Phizackerly's Garage.

18 Wed.

To Museum and saw
all except Allan and
North, the former away
with the "Endeavour" the
latter ill. Called on
Paterson. Took out the
motor, riding to Tempe
Rose & Claude by train,
thence to Petersham &
saw Welch & Jessie.
Returned & to the Hel-
lawells at Mosman

19 at night.

~~20~~ Thurs.

Took out boat tickets
by "Kapunda" Melbourne
S.S. Co sailing for
Adelaide on Tuesday. [203]

£11- wrote
to Haynes, Miss Farr,
& to Munchin of the
Adelaide Zoo, asking
if he would accommo-
date the Antarctic
dog for a term.

Called on Low, of the
"Bulletin" and went
to the Megsons in the
afternoon, joining Claude
who had gone earlier.
We had a swim with
the girls in the bay.
Interviewed Hardie &
forman re property
& suggested sale of
"Burley" at £800 net.
but declined renewal.

of lease of Headingley
to Cooper's as I learned
during my visit to
Mosman that they are
in debt to tradesfolk

20. Fri.

Collected rent of the
two houses from the
Agents. Had 2 teeth
treated by Paterson
Letter from Miss Farr
re lodgings and one
from Whitelegg: this
I answered after asking
for an interview with
the Premier. Spent the
evening with Rose at
the Downs - Balmain.

21. Sat.

Heavy rains 1.6 in.
fell in half-an-hour
the best for 30 years.
Paid many visits in
& about the city, the
weather cooler. Heard
of the death of Mrs
Hopercraft and Katie's
baby at the N. Hebrides.
the former of malaria,
the baby, drinking
quinine.

22 Sun.

wet.

23. Mon.

Learned that the
'Kapunda' had sent
a wireless that she
was delayed. Obtained
£5 from agents on
acc of £7. 10. 0. due
for rent. Whiteleggs
called & I gave him
10/-.. Took Rose & Claude
to Museum.

24. Tues.

The engines of the
'Kapunda' have failed
& she is timed to
leave at 10. tomorrow
Decided to journey to
Adelaide by train.

25. Wed.

Arranged for dogs to
go by "Kapunda" and
after much trouble
obtained boat concession
on railway tickets I
got refund of passage
money from S. S. Co.

Saw Rowing. We left
by Adelaide express at
8.0. pm & had carriage
to ourselves to Albury
& also on Victorian
section to Melbourne
where we arrived on

26 Thurs

at 2. pm. Put up
at hotel for night

Received letters from [208]

Minchin who will
take charge of "Seri."
Miss Farr & Muriel
Hare. To Carlton &
Saw Mrs Liefmann -
No flute music at
Coles. Raining hard.

27. Fri

While Rose & Claude
went with Muriel I
visited Campbell at
the Custom House -
Spencer & Hall at
the University & Kershaw
and Chapman at
the Museum. Left
at 4:30 for Adelaide.
The luggage & motor
having gone through [209]

yesterday -
28 Sat.

Arrived at 9.55 am.
at Adelaide picked
up luggage and to
97 Jeffcott St. Mr
Claridge's, lodgings
taken for us by Miss
Farr. Called on them
in afternoon, then took
train to + from Glen
Osmond. No houses
obtainable anywhere!

29 Sun.

No trams running on
Sunday morning we
went to the Zoo +
saw Minchin as to
charge of the dogs - [210]

Took tram to & from
Payneham in after-
noon, to gain some
idea of the suburbs.

30. Mon.

Registered the motor
5059 - paid fees 5/-
Then to Museum &
obtained letters, Saw
Zietz, Lea, attendants
etc.

31. Tues

Called on Minchin &
gave him authority
re dogs. On Wilkinson
Estate Agent as to house
on Pulleine - To Savings
Bank & found that
my money had been

duly transferred from
Christchurch. Saw the
Shipping Agents as to
Cargo to arrive. To
the Museum in the
afternoon. The staff
made a presentation
to Stirling and welcomed
me. Stirling took me
over the premises &
handed over his keys.
Committee meeting to-
morrow. Interviewed
by pressman -

April -
1. Wed.

The reporter evidently has
a vivid imagination.

THE REC
MUSEUM'S NEW DIRECTOR.

An Expert on Backbones.

[By our Special Reporter.]

"The incomparable superiority of his qualifications!" That superlative recommendation brought Mr. Edgar Waite, F.L.S., from Christchurch, New Zealand, to succeed Professor Stirling, C.M.G., as Director of the Museum, under the superintendence of the Public Library Board.

"When do you take the helm, Mr. Waite?" (I had just learned that the new Director is quite a sea-dog.)

"Nominally from April 1," replied my subject, at his office in the new Public Library block on Tuesday, "but actually from March 31."

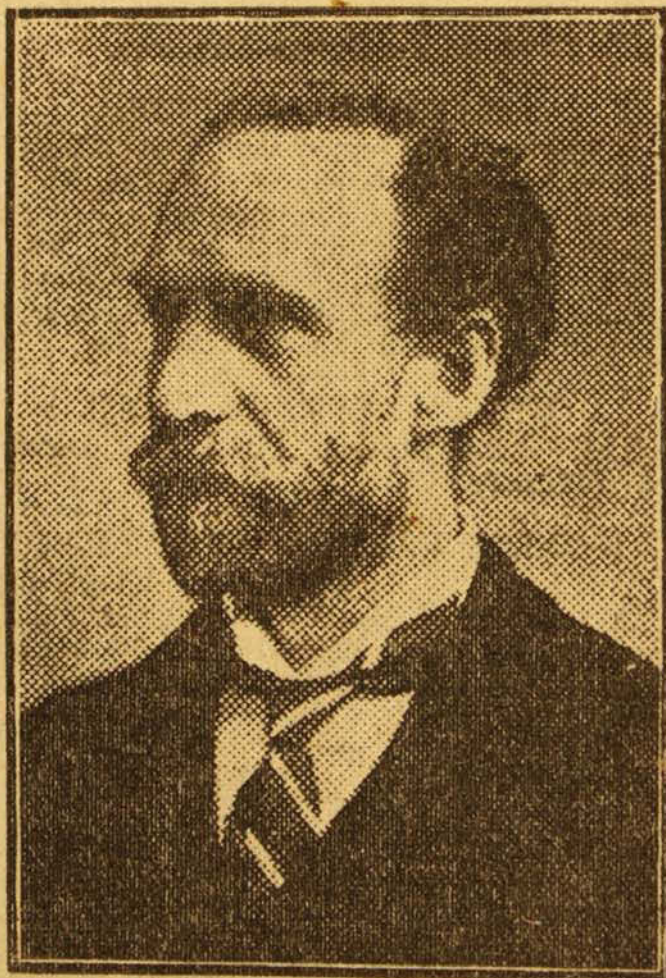
"Superstitious about the date? Or chary?"—"Not one bit," laughed he. "As a matter of fact, here I am to-day, you see. Dr. Stirling has been all day fitting me into the run of things. I came from the Dominion via Sydney, where I looked up old friends, and arrived in this lovely place with its lovely climate on Saturday last."

"Does this day suit you?"—"It is simply glorious, though I believe you folk would rather have it otherwise. This balmy, sunny clime is in striking contrast—it has just occurred to me—to my situation among the eternal snows just six weeks ago."

Antarctic?"—"No, you are thinking of my visits to Macquarie Island. I refer to the summit of Mount Cook. It seemed to me that I must get there before I departed from New Zealand. In a way I owed it to that noble land to climb to the peak of the highest mountain in Australasia, before I went away altogether. The climb is a matter of 12,239 ft., and it chanced that I was making for its highest point when the first fatality known on Mount Cook unhappily occurred. A fine fellow—Mr. King—and two guides lost their lives. I happened to be the last man to whom the poor fellows spoke. As I set forth from a shelter hut to traverse the great glacier, they passed me upward to the summit."

"What are your particular interests in scientific research, Mr. Waite?"—"I suppose I may say that my special department is that of the vertebrates—backboned animals: more especially mammals, reptiles, and fishes."

"You will make those your chief objects of study here in South Australian land and waters?"—"That will be so. It is proposed that Dr. Stirling shall still supervise the ethnological portion of the Museum's interests."



MR. EDGAR WAITE, F.L.S.

"A great deal of your work, I understand, has been among the denizens of the sea?"—"That is so, particularly in New Zealand. I obtained my biological training at the Victoria University in England, and for five years I was curator of Leeds Museum."

"Where did you make your early deep-sea studies?"—"Out on the notorious Dogger Bank. I received my baptism in the North Sea. I used to go out with the fisher fleets; and perhaps it was on those venturesome voyages, taking all sorts of men and conditions as they came, that I gained my positive love of the briny. Since then, anyhow, when any scientific sea-going has been on hand, especially if it were rough and called for a bit of 'going up against,' I have been always asked, or have always secured, the assignment."

"So fish have always been your pet study?"—"My chief concern, at least, for when I sailed from England in 1892, and became zoologist to the Australian Museum, I had much research work come my way concerning fishes. Again, when I became Director of the Canterbury Museum, Christchurch, seven or eight years ago, I made more coastal and deep-sea investigations than ever."

"There is not much scope other than fish among the vertebrates of New Zealand?"—"Perfectly true. I became identified with that country's fish fauna mainly for the reason that there are no land animals, except two small bat varieties; and there are no snakes or tortoises, and very few lizards. That restricted my range and concentrated my work as well."

"Your repute has gone ahead of you, Mr. Waite, as a student of languages. You are further reckoned an artist and an expert photographer?"—"Well, well! But, seriously, I make photography an important part of my doings, and I am rather sorry to note that there is no provision in the Museum here. However, I shall soon be able to provide a dark room and continue with that means of recording investigation."

"Do you know anything of the fish in our South Australian waters?"—

"Not a deal as yet. Naturally, I shall turn my attention to the South Australian fauna. I might have had something of a really fascinating character to start upon, but the species collected by the Federal trawler Endeavour are in the hands of Mr. McCulloch, of the Australian Museum, formerly my assistant there, in Sydney."

—You do not know, then, whether our waters carry edible fish to compare with the famed New Zealand varieties?"—"I should say they do not. The Dominion produces some extremely fine fish. Among them the blue cod is the finest-flavoured food fish in all the Australasian seas; and New Zealand's flat fishes are, from the gastronomic point of view, without equal in Australia—unfortunately for Australians."

"I believe you have engaged in research concerning fish brought back by various expeditions from the antarctic circle?"—"Yes. I was selected by Sir Ernest Shackleton to report on the species secured by his expedition, and I have acted similarly for Dr. Mawson."

"You have journeyed with the Aurora, I believe?"—"Quite true. Before I pass to my visits to the sub-antarctic I ought to tell you that I have done a large amount of investigation among the fish along the Australian eastern coasts. I was placed as expert upon certain of the New South Wales Government trawling expeditions. As for New Zealand experiences, I had a rough time for three continuous months away out at sea on a trawler. Twice I have been down to Macquarie Island on board the Aurora. Last year I had the opportunity to go as a member of the relief expedition when Dr. Mawson's party fell short of food supply."

"A portion of your interests, I am told, have been spent on the publication of authoritative works on vertebræ?"—"You might put it that, in respect of my original investigations, I have set down material in book form, and I have managed to illustrate by means of my own photographs."

"Have you a preference for work in the open rather than in the laboratory?"—"I love my work, whatever it be."

"Have you had opportunity yet to examine the character of the material in our national museum?"—"Scarcely, so far, although I was here for a short visit some little while ago, and noted that there were many things which would attract my interest. You see, I have had many threads to wind up in New Zealand. Besides, there was the task of transfer, just beginning here in Adelaide, from the old museum to the new. There was no need for me upon the scene in a hurry, for the general scheme had been laid down, and thoroughly worthy were Dr. Stirling's plans."

"What do you think of the new quarters?"—"This handsome Public Library pile should prove in every way up to date. One could not help being pleased with the edifice and with the administrative methods generally of the museum department. Yes, I should be, and fully expect to be, very happy in my new sphere."

Attended Museum Committee meeting. Stirling also being present. I presented minute of requirements for my work-room in the basement, Advocated a dark-room & a system of intercommunication telephones. All passed for presentation to the Board. Heavy rain.

2. Thurs.

The annoyance predicted
by Stirling commences.
"Directors" letters are
opened in the office,
my letters are signed
by "General Secretary"
& so on! Saw Adams
who suggested interview
with President. Attended
meeting of Royal Soc.
& was nominated Sent
21/- to Linnean Soc.
N.S.W. with resignation.

3. Fri.

Editor of the "Register"
Sent me a copy of
Wed's issue together with
one of Dec. 20. 1913.

"Register"

Dec 20. 1913.

NEW MUSEUM DIRECTOR.

Mr. Edgar Waite, of New
Zealand.

C. The most important business transacted by the Board of Governors of the Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery at the meeting on Friday was the appointment of a successor to Professor Stirling, C.M.G., as Director of the Museum. The matter had had the careful and discriminating consideration of the museum committee, of which Mr. W. Howchin is Chairman. Twenty applications were received, and the choice of Mr. Edgar R. Waite, F.L.S., Curator of the Canterbury Museum, Christchurch, New Zealand, was strongly urged on the grounds of "the incomparable superiority of the qualifications."

The committee's recommendation was discussed in camera by the members of the board, and it was adopted after considerable debate. The appointment is for at least three years at a beginning salary of £500 a year from March 31 next.

Mr. Waite has occupied his present position for about seven years. He obtained his biological training at the Victoria University, England, and was for five years curator of the Leeds Museum. In 1892 he became zoologist to the Australian Museum, and 1906 he succeeded the late Capt. F. W. Hutton, F.R.S., as Director of the Canterbury Museum. Mr. Waite has been actively concerned with several scientific expeditions, and was selected by Sir Ernest Shackelton to report on the

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ny fishes obtained on his antarctic expedition, and Dr. Mawson has requested him to act in a similar capacity. He was chosen to do the biological investigations of the first sub-antarctic cruise of the Aurora, and has had considerable experience in deep-sea investigations. The new Director has had 13 years' experience of the Australian fauna. The testimonial from the Curator of the Australian Museum (his former chief) confidently recommended him, and remarked, *inter alia*:—"He is a good linguist and fine artist." Mr. J. C. Adams (Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Canterbury College, which has control of Canterbury Museum), stated:—"He is a most enthusiastic worker, both in the field and the laboratory, and his research work in New Zealand has proved very valuable, especially on the side of ichthyology. . . . Of his personal character I am able also to speak unreservedly, while his relations with his staff have been of the most cordial nature." Equally strong and eulogistic testimonials were supplied by Dr. Chilton and Dr. W. B. Benham (of the University of Otago), Dr. Leonard Cockayne, F.R.S., of Christchurch; and Dr. Coleridge Farr, Professor of Physics at Canterbury College. Mr. Waite forwarded a large collection of publications dealing with his original work in mammals, reptiles, and fishes. A valuable feature of his work is that he is an expert photographer and develops and prints his own pictures. This will be of considerable assistance to the Adelaide Museum.

Mr. Waite was born in Leeds, England, on May 5, 1866. He was Curator of the Leeds Museum from 1888 to 1892, and was for some time a member of the councils of the Leeds Naturalists' Club, Leeds Geological Association, and the Conchological Society of Great Britain and Ireland, Co-Secretary of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union, and joint editor of *The Naturalist*, and was elected a Fellow of the Linnean Society of London in 1894. Mr. Waite made extensive travels on the Continent, and devoted critical attention to the principal museums of Europe. He was zoologist of the Thetis Trawling Expedition in New South Wales, and wrote the scientific account of the fishes, and also of trawling operations in Western Australia. Mr. Waite is the author of a large number of authoritative publications.

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Unsuccessful house-hunting
Adams agreed that I
should sign my letters !!
The dogs are to arrive
late to-night. Wrote to
Down re a new Alumin-
ium alloy, advertised
by Vickers. Young of
Christchurch called to
see me. Wrote to Speight.

4. Sat.

Obtained the dogs with
a shipment of animals
for the Zoo. (Bison etc.)
Almost decided to take
a house at N. Adelaide
@ £80. Visited landlord
who said he had raised
the rent to £90 !!

5 Sun.

Washed the dogs + cleaned
the motor in morning
+ to Botanic Gardens +
Zoo in the afternoon.

6. Mon.

Received advice that our
goods have arrived +
made Customs declaration

Received visit from
~~Geisinger~~^{ler}. he is an ardent
Aquarist.

7 Tues

To Botanic Gardens with
Geisler who has es-
tablished a small
Aquarium house there.

He has a nice series
of the regular Aquar. [231]

fishes including some local ones also.

8. Wed.

Commenced to write report to the Board which meets on 17th. Made out new customs declaration, as personal effects are free + household effects free up to £50 for each person. Took dog to the Torrens Lake in early morning. which will now be my regular practice.

9. Thurs.

Inspected house at Hawthorn of which the present tenant is Mr [232]

Douglas late of ChCh.
54 of our 60 cases
arrived at the Museum
& kept the men back
until after 6:0.

10 Good Friday.
Inspected a house in
4th Avenue and with
Rose again in afternoon
too large.

11. Sat.

At Museum all day
unpacking books and
cycles. found pumps
bags & tools and my
2 speed gear fittings
had been stolen.

12 Easter Sunday
To Gilberton in the [233]

morning inspecting houses
& with Rose in the
afternoon to Stanley
beach by tram -

13 Mon.

Rose's Birthday. At the
Museum in morning
finished unpacking my
working books. Took
Rose to Glenelg. (spelled
forward or backward)
in afternoon and we
all finished the day
at the King's Theatre
(Vanderville) opened only
last Saturday. Found
that the carriage shift
lever of the Remington
had been snapped off.

14 Tues.

Claude's birthday. (18)
gave him a watch. got
new filter for the
typewriter. 6/- Received
balance of cases with
the exception of 57
Household linen, also
A/c. £52-16-1 cost of
transport etc. Spent
evening (dinner) at
Dr. Mayo's.

15. Wed.

Mr. Farr said to be
sinking and as result
we did not keep the
appointment made for
this date.

16 Thurs.

A severe attack of
diarrhoea Letter from
Haynes & replied &
from Speight.

17 Fri.

At home in morning
Attended meeting of
Board in afternoon,
but asked to be ex-
cused from transacting
business. Put adv. for
house in "Advertiser".
Case 57 arrived. Got
price for replacements
to bicycles & sent on
to shipping agents.
Still ill.

18 Sat.

Consulted Dr. Rogers
who thoroughly examined
me & prescribed

At yesterday's meeting of the Public Library Board the new Director of the Museum (Mr. E. R. Waite) was formally introduced to the members by the president (Mr. W. J. Sowden), who expressed the satisfaction felt by the board at having secured Mr. Waite's services. They were sure he would add to the lustre already possessed by the Museum. Mr. Waite thanked the board for the confidence that had been placed in him, and promised that his best endeavors would always be at their service.

Mr. Harry Lauder, now in Melbourne, re-

19 Sun

All day in bed no
apparent improvement
Mr. Farr died

20 Mon

Condition improving. The
Board left the matter
of my correspondence
with the President who

is a rabid red-tapist
and relegated question
of expenses to Museum
& Finance Committees.

21. Tues.

Had brake fitted to
Claude's & 2 speed lever
to my cycle.

22. Wed.

Paid £5. . . . for
conveyance of goods
from Port. Stirling in-
troduced me to Prof.
Chapman with whom
I had a chat about
Claude.

23 Thurs

Had another look at
No 11. 4th Avenue with

Rose and agreed to take
it if £80 is accepted.

24 Fri.

Saw Rogers owner of
the house and placed
my offer before him.
final negotiations to
be left with the agent.
Paid Life Insurance
premium.

25 Sat

All went to have an-
other look at No 11.

✓ placed offer in hands
of the agent, th

26 Sun

Took the dogs for a
run (Cycle) to Islington
Saw some men with [239]

a clap-net catching
goldfinches. I bought
a pair & put them
in the house aviary.
Went to gardens in the
afternoon met Geisler
at the aquariums.

27. Mon.

Owner of the house
agreed to let it to
me at £7. monthly.

28. Tues.

Accepted invitation to
opening of Art gallery
Bought second-hand
Fletcher gas stove for
£2.

29. Wed.

Mrs Rogers called &

asked to be relieved of
the arrangement with
me as the agent re-
ported a probable sale
of the house. Pullene
motored me out to a
house in Fullarton Rd.

30. Thurs.

The "probable buyer"
did not take No. 11.

So we finally fixed
things up again. Had
a talk with Adams as
to the signing of
correspondence but I
gather that, though he
professes to be sym-
-pathetic, he is a
stickler for "Red-Tape" [241]

and there is little
chance of any con-
cession.

4. 7. 6

4. 13. 6

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PROCEEDS IN AID OF SHIPWRECK
RELIEF SOCIETY

Grand Concert

HELD AT SEA
TUESDAY, OCT. 14th, 1913

T. S. S. "Moeraki"

Commander W. P. Collins

Accompaniste :

Miss Inez Wells

Programme

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| 1 | Overture | Miss Inez Wells |
| 2 | Song | Mr Forest |
| 3 | Flute Solo | Mr Waite |
| 4 | Recitation | Miss Inez Wells |
| 5 | Song | Miss Jackson |
| 6 | Pianoforte Solo | Mr Elkin |
| 7 | Song | Miss Terry |
| 8 | Recitation | Miss M'Kay |
| 9 | Song | Miss Miller |
| 10 | Selection 'The Question' | Messrs Elkin
& Waite |
| 11 | Song | Mr Bell |
| 12 | Song | Miss Rita Webb |
| 13 | Comic Song | Mr Stevenson |
| 14 | Song | Miss Jackson |
| 15 | Recitation | Mr Cornoch |
| 16 | Song | Miss Inez Wells |
| 17 | Song | Mr Forest |
| 18 | Wire Walking | Mr Stevenson |
| 19 | Recitation | Miss Lawson |
| 20 | Song | Miss Ashburn |

GOD SAVE THE KING

Chairman : J. S. Ew Esq.







