

Fine weather favoured both celebrations, and I have reason to believe that the aspect of the people and the country produced a most favourable impression on the distinguished visitors present, amongst whom was His Excellency Sir J. Thurston, Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner of the Pacific.

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford, &c.

I have, &c.,

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MY LORD,—

Government House, Auckland, 24th February, 1890.

I have the honour to inform your Lordship that their Excellencies the Governors of New South Wales, Fiji, and South Australia have recently visited New Zealand.

Lord Carrington arrived at Dunedin on the 12th January in Her Majesty's ship "Orlando," and, after staying some time in that city to visit the Exhibition, accompanied me to Christchurch, Wellington, and Auckland. At all these places he had the advantage of seeing the cities and the people at their best, the weather being most favourable, and at the time of our visits Dunedin, Wellington, and Auckland were *en fête* for the celebration of the Jubilee of the colony.

Lord Carrington informed me that he was greatly struck by the industry, frugality, and perseverance of the people, by the results of the policy of economy, which, without recourse to further loans, is likely to produce a surplus in the national exchequer next year, and by the nine millions' worth of exports which a hundred thousand New Zealand producers have sent into the world during the year.

Sir John Thurston arrived in Auckland on the 22nd of December last, but was unable to avail himself of my invitation to visit me at Dunedin and see the Exhibition. During his stay at Auckland he had interviews with the Admiral Commanding-in-Chief, and the manager of the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand, on matters connected with the administration of his government; and he expressed himself both surprised and pleased at the wonderful order and temperance of the great masses of people who assembled during the Jubilee celebrations.

Lord Kintore arrived at the Bluff on the 20th January, and proceeded to Government House, Dunedin, where he resided as the guest of Lady Onslow during his stay in the city. After visiting the Exhibition he went round the West Coast Sounds in the Colonial Government steamship "Hinemoa," and afterwards proceeded from Hokitika overland to Nelson, and thence to Wellington. From Wellington he and his party went to Wanganui, and spent several days in going up the Wanganui River in native canoes, penetrating into the heart of the "King-country," which has only recently been thrown open to travellers by the Natives. Both he and Lady Kintore (who was the second English lady to ascend the river) speak highly of the scenery, and of the attention paid them by the Native tribes with whom they came in contact. Lord Kintore arrived in Auckland on the 16th instant, and remained as my guest here for a few days; after which he paid a visit to the Hot Lakes and the scene of the eruptions of 1886, and returned here on the 22nd instant. He leaves to-morrow for Sydney.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford, &c.

ONSLOW.

No. 46.

(No. 17.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Auckland, 22nd March, 1890.

With reference to your Lordship's Despatch No. 43, of the 29th of November, 1889, respecting the appointment of Monsieur de Lostalot Bachoué³⁷ as Vice-Consul for France at Wellington, I have the honour to inform you that

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