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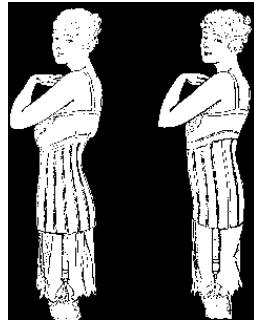
AERIAL RECORDS BROKEN

Mr. Bell, inventor of the telephone president of the Aerial Experimenting Association of Canada successfully flew off the ice of Baddeck Bay on the 23rd February 1909. This was the first successfully controlled flight in the British Empire and Canada. The aircraft was piloted by one of its designers, John McCurdy. The aircraft is called the "Silver Dart" and is made of a steel tube, bamboo, friction tape, wire and wood. Recently, on the 10th March, Mr. McCurdy flew the aircraft 21.7 miles, which is the longest flight ever in North America. By the time the "Silver Dart" had been constructed in 1908, it was the Aerial Experimenting Association's fourth flying machine. One of its precursors, the "June Bug" had already broken records. It won the Scientific American Trophy for making the first official One mile flight in North America. However the "Silver Dart" has out now classed this. This is a great advancement in aerial flying and hopefully soon we will be able to fly passenger aircrafts.

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To clean a bath, mix a little salt with kerosene oil. Rub the kerosene and salt quickly over the bath with a small cloth, polish with a different cloth to obtain an additional shine.

To boil a cracked egg, add a teaspoon of vinegar to the pot of water that you are to use. The egg will not boil out.

To enhance the flavor of mutton, a day prior to roasting, rub a little red wine into it. A good

way of treating toothache is to soak a plaster in whisky and cover it with ground ginger, and then apply to the affected part of the face.

To relieve earache, drop a little warmed olive oil into the ear. Make sure the olive oil is not hot.

A good way to clean white cloth is to get a little flour, warm it in a saucer and rub it into the white cloth. Brush the flour well in with a soft nailbrush, then with another soft brush, brush the excess flour off the cloth.

CATHEDRAL DECISION REACHED

A meeting of the Anglican Cathedral Board was held in the Diocesan Trust Officers to discuss matters in connection with a new Anglican Cathedral. It was decided to proceed with a portion of the new cathedral, 50ft in length and 90ft wide, including the vestry. This portion will consist of the choir and altar, which will stand on the higher end of the ground. To make room for this the vicarage will be removed. The new part of the church will be joined to

the present cathedral building by wooden walls; this will provide seating for 1000 people. Lord Glasgow has offered a small piece of stone which was originally a portion of the ancient cathedral in Iona and the board agreed with the offer and accepted.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

In Wellington After 25 years' work, the Public Works Department will hand over to the Railway Department on Saturday the final section of the North Island Main Trunk railway. Before this is done an engineer from both departments has to inspect the work and certify to its proper completion. At the end of January 400 men were still engaged, putting on finishing touches to the line, but sadly every week their numbers have been diminished.

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THE SS PENGUIN

It has been a month since the SS Penguin travelled from Nelson to Wellington through Picton, in the dark and severe weather conditions, when it hit submerged rocks in the water and began to sink. There were enough rafts and lifeboats for all the passengers, but not all were able to depart from the ship due to horrendous weather conditions. Of all 105 passengers and crew on board, only 30 survived and many perished in the violent seas. All children died and only one woman survived. The first people at the disaster were shepherds from the Terawhiti sheep station. Many people searched the coastline and found several bodies washed up. A half-day holiday was announced, following the disaster, to allow people to grieve for their love ones and bury them. The town of Wellington stopped as people watched the funeral service make its way from Kelburn to Karori Cemetery.

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BIRTHS

DUTHIE- On March 9 at "Walden," Balmacewen Road, Maori Hill. The wife of Frank M. Duthie a daughter.

ALLAN- On January 1 1909. At 33 Princess Street, Musselburgh to Mr and Mrs A. F. Allan-a son.

AYSON- On March 3, at Nurse Brew's Private Maternity Hospital, 211 Castle Street, the wife of Malcolm Ayson a son.

BEGG- On February 4 at Mrs Pidgeon's Nursing Home. Mary Street, Gore to Mr and Mrs W. J. T Begg Waikaia-a son.

BURT- On February 3, at Hillend Station Pukeawa, to Mr and Mrs Adam Burt- a daughter.

EILIS- On February 6 1909. At 11 Shelly Beach road Ponsonby, Auckland.

MAINS- On January 20 1909. At Musselburgh Rise, to Mr and Mrs W Mains- a daughter.

SMITH- On January 31. At Dunoon, Remuera, Auckland, the wife of W. J. Smith- a daughter.

STEVENSON- On February 6, at Owaka, the wife of W.H Stevenson-a daughter.

MARRIAGES

MICHELL-HALL- On February 13, at st Johns church Waikouaiti by the Rev H.B Jones.

Alexander S. Michell to Catherine Hall were married.

BRAN-BROOKE- On March 8. At Mornington by the Rev.C.H.Dallaston.

Frederick George, eldest son of Frank Reynalas Hall to Florence Beatrice, third daughter of Edwin Wiliam Brooke, Shad Point.

CAMPBELL-MORRISON- On February 27 1909 at the residence of Mr A. Crisp Seaward Bush, Invercargill, by the Rev G. Lindsay, George Patrick, son of Mrs A. F Campbell Ravensbourne, to Elizabeth daughter of Mrs J. W Morrison, Eastern Bush, Southland.

DEATHS

BROWN- On Sunday January 3, at his residence 18 Macandew Road, South Dunedin, Conrad the dearly beloved husband of Sarah Brown, In his sixty-ninth year. Deeply Regretted. His end was peaceful.

CHESNEY- On March 7 (after a long painful illness), Emily Maria beloved wife of Sydney Charles Chesney, 23 Serpentine Avenue: aged 49 years.

BASAN- On Monday January 5, at Dunedin Hospital, Samuel Basan; in his seventieth year.

LAING- On February 23

at Wellington, Oswald (Osie), third son of the late James Laing 7,

Tennyson Street, Wellington.

MCKAY- On February 4 at Dunedin Hospital, William McKay: aged 49 years.

CRAWFURD- On January 30 1909 at his residence, Ramsay Lodge, 60 Stafford Street, John William Crawford; aged 82 years.

HOWIE- On March 2, at her parents' residence Hillgrove, Jessie May beloved eldest daughter of Donald and Annie Howie; in her twenty-first year, R.I.P

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Rhodes Scholar Allan MacDougall, from Victoria College, Wellington, has been chosen from 5 candidates, as the Rhodes Scholar for 1909, here in New Zealand.

Mr MacDougall came from Scotland 9 years ago. He is now 23 years of age. From 1895 to 1899, he went to the Wellington Terrace School and from 1900 to 1903 he attended Wellington College, at which he won 3 scholarships and 11 prizes. In 1904 he then went to Victoria College. In his first year at the college he won 3 first prizes in Latin, French and English. In 1906 he graduated B.A in mathematics, English, French, Latin, constitutional history and jurisprudence and won several prizes. Since then he has been in continuous employment as a clerk, and he continued his university studies in the evening and has achieved his first class honours in literature and languages. In 1907 he achieved his M.A and in 1908 won the Jacob Joseph Scholarship. The other 4 other candidates applying for the scholarship were; Hector MacLean, of Otago University; Peter McCallum, of Canterbury College; Bruce Morison, of Wanganui Collegiate School and Alfred Aldridge, from Auckland University.

KAIANGATA HOSPITAL
The significance of the establishment at Kaitangata of a cottage hospital, was formally opened on Wednesday, it is evident, fully appreciated by the speakers at the official ceremony. The existence of the cottage hospital under efficient control ensures adequate provision been made for the prompt, efficient treatment in the district of those accident cases to which industrial centres are so liable. It also means the immediate relief of suffering in some cases where it may be difficult or impossible to remove the patients to the Hospital in Dunedin City. And it is a matter for congratulation that the policy will certainly be extended, to provide the erection of similar institutions in other parts of the hospital district.

CHILDREN TURNED AWAY FROM SCHOOL
In Union Street yesterday morning was the opening of the new Normal School. Students from schools in the city and the suburbs came forward wishing to be enrolled. However in the classes there was all most no room for the

students while in the infant room only students living within the district who have siblings previously attending or currently attending the school have been accepted. All applying for the Seventh standard were able to be accepted as well. It had been estimated that about 200 students have been refused attendance. As vacancies occur students within the district shall receive preference. Those students who have been admitted into Seventh Standard are able to be appointed as probationers, student teachers or for admission to the civil service or training college, so it is likely to have some opening available shortly. Interested students are advised to put in an early application for enrollment.

RECORD DRY SPELL
Of the Statistics which go back 40 years, the weather report for this February constitutes a record. Of the 29 days of that month there were only 0.3 inches or three-hundredths of an inch, an infinitesimal drop on the thirsty land. In February 1907 the average rainfall was 3.94 in the little rainfall

for New Zealand since November has been exceptional. On November 11 2.51 inches fell but since then there has only been 2.08 in which is less than one-sixth of the average amount. There have been two absolute droughts, one lasting 16 days and the other 21 days, and one partial drought from January 16th to date 44 days.

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ANDERSON BAY DISCOVERY

A peculiar discovery was made recently on Mrs Cutten's property at Anderson's Bay. Two boys were scaling a cliff facing the sea and came upon a cave in an almost inaccessible position. It had a roof of kauri planks, and the front was covered with sheets of ruberoid. Inside the cave were articles of a varied description, including: a stretcher, an assortment of carpenter's tools, a miner's pick, a hand-mirror, a set of shaving apparatus, candles, cartridges, a quantity of fuse, a couple of Aurora lamps, methylated spirits, a few magazines, a quantity of tea, and a sugar bag containing small metal from the quarry near at hand. Constable Rings, of Anderson's Bay, was informed of the discovery, and visited the cave. He descended by the means of a rope, and lowered portions of the hut and its contents to the bottom of the cliff, they were removed to the Police Station in Dunedin. The police are of the opinion that the occupant of the cave is a crank, and do not favour the theory put forward in some

quarters that the place was intended as a storeroom for plunder.

OLD AGE PENSIONS ACT

The Old Age Pensions Act of 1908 is an act of the parliament of the United Kingdom. The act provides for a non-contributory old age pension for people over the age of 70, the person will receive 5s a week or 7s 6d for married couples, half a million people will be eligible for the pensions. The amount of money was set low to encourage workers to add their own money to the package. In order to be eligible you have to be earning less than 31.50 pounds a year, and pass a character test. People also excluded are those in receipt of poor relief, people in asylums, persons who have been out of prison for less than 10 years, persons convicted of drunkenness, and anyone guilty of habitual failure to work.

CEMENT FOR FUTURE PROSPERITY

The works of the Burnside Hydraulic Lime and Cement Company were officially opened recently in the presence of a large assembly of the commercial community of Dunedin and its environs. With the close approach of the time when locally-

grown timber for building purposes will become a thing of the past in New Zealand cement manufacturing will become more and more prominent. The Burnside Company is intending to begin manufacture cement for the future. These works commence under the most favourable conditions, and should have a successful future before them, largely because of their natural resources.

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NEW SUMMER WOMENS WEAR

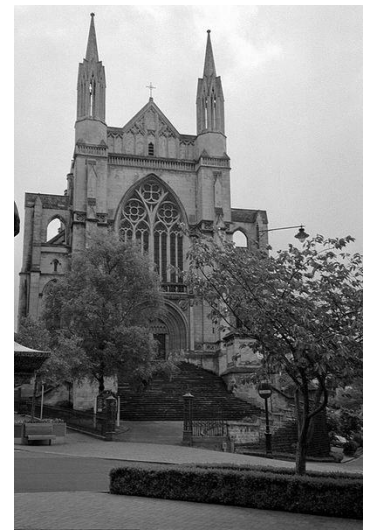
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