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AMONG the many outstanding characters to settle in New Plymouth in the early days of the Plymouth Company's existence was Captain Richard Brown, not to be confused with Major Charles Brown, the first Superintendent of Taranaki. Born in Dublin in 1804, Richard frown apent his early days in that ity, but later on we find him in asmania, employed in a mercan-le establishment in Hobart.

Coastal trade

It was shortly after the companicupled Taranaki, that Captal rown commenced operating company that Captain of the Captain of the Captain of the Captain of the New Zealand coast. This became quite a profitable business and he continued with it for some time. According to Lieutenant Gudsawkho knew Richard Brown from January.

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He applied for the use of the surf-rasts to land his cargo, but this quest was refused, the Company i this time usurpling the whole of the trade of the port.

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Gudgeon considers that Brown
must have had some inkiling of this
when he packed his goods for they
were all in watertight hogsheads.
Each of these barrels was lowered
over the side and floated ashore on
the incoming tide, being towed to,
the béach by boats from the ship,
Willing hands hauled them ashore,
rolled them up the beach, where
Captain Brown took charge, knocked
in the heads and sold the contents
at prices which could not be refused.
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Sailing off after this successful trading venture, it want' long before he returned with a second cargo, but this time he came to stay and building premises for a store and warehouse near the boatsheds, settled down in defiance of the company's edict.

War dance

THESE HAPPY CHILDREN

grapher catches them in characteristic playtime ac-tivities. LEFT: With nose almost touching the paper, Ashley Hodder gets a close look at his painting of the infants' school. ABOVE:

nts' school. ABOVE. erly Ward orders grocer-for her "family" at the toy telephone.

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> As a rule he got on well in his intact with the Maoris, but on one coasion in 1847, he had an argument with a Maori about a horse hd, losing his temper, struck him the head with a heavy whip andle. handle.
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> The victim of this attack called

At the age of twenty he turned his attention to the sea, joining one of the Tamanian whaleships of which quite a fiset operated from Hobart in the early 'forties, most of them came into town, danced a quite a fiset operated from Hobart in the early 'forties, most of them came into town, danced a classification of the captain should be handed that the captain should be handed for the first time the stavart warriors of Hone Heke, and the law-riors of Hone Heke, and the captain should be handed that the captain should be handed that

Whaling
Finding that shore-whaling was still a profitable calling along the Taranaki coast. Captain Brown set up a shore party at Moturos, under the management of Robert Sincilatr.

A fair number of whales were captured during the first season as they migrated northward through Cook Strait, and the oil and whale-bone was shipped overseas when opportunity offsered.

On the outbreak of hostilities in Taranaki, Captain Brown was placed in charge of the friendly Majori contingent and proved a kren and efficient officer.

On Saturday, May 26, 1860, while in camp at Waitara, he set out alone to look for a straying horse, and had proceeded as far as the ford on the Waitangham of the firming warriors.

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One of these had been formerly employed in the captain's store at New Plymouth, and he it was who fired three shots at his former

fred three shots at his former master.

The first shot was deflected by the captain's revolver-cartridge case and glanced off. The next penetrated his thigh, and the third passed through his left side and lodged in his body.

Swerving aside, his horse turned and galloped back to the Waitara camp where the captain fell from the saddle and was carried to the hospital tent.

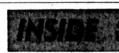
In spite of all that the surgeons could do, his wounds proved of toe serious a nature to give any real hope of recovery and he died on August 21.

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Lieutenant Oudgeon stated that "Richard Brown was a strictly honourable and upright man, a good and firm friend, but an unforgiving enemy. He took the part of Inaia sagainst Katatore in the Puketapu feud, and frequently risked his life in endeavouring to assist him. Daring to a degree and brave as a lion, this extraordinary man died illon, this extraordinary man died about the time the war began."

Wella, in his "History of Tarana- exteht he lived and died a mystery."



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STEWART GRANGER had just | ranch in Arizona. He was brong from the fierce desert sun, and

We were in his Hollywood hotel suits. His wife Jean Simmons, wearing pyjamas, ast beside him on the softs playing with their poodle. It was one of her few days off from the film Spartacus, which she is making with Laurence Olivier and Kirk Douglas. Granger was about to the state of the stat



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