



ABOVE: This view in the living room of Richmond Cottage shows the fireplace and stone wall with an early style arm chair and a grandfather clock which is over 200 years old. TOP RIGHT: The bookcase contains a collection of early colonist-type reading matter also in the living room. BOTTOM RIGHT: Mr H. P. Richmond, who was born in the cottage, inspects the cottage frontage this morning. He will officially open it tomorrow.

OFFICIAL GUESTS WILL RECALL COLONY DAYS

A four-poster bed carefully draped and with a patchwork quilt will feature among the period furnishings arranged in the Richmond Cottage, New Plymouth, for its official opening tomorrow.

Contributions from within Taranaki and further afield will give an authentic air of early colonist days to the official guests and public passing through after the opening ceremony at 2 p.m.

Many of the pieces are historically interesting being either linked with the Richmond family or other well-known early families in the province.

Some of the furnishings were only on loan and there would be a need for further contributions after the opening day, the chairman of the Richmond Cottage Preservation Committee, Mrs A. N. Gale, said today.

Descendants of the Richmond, Atkinson and Hursthouse families, closely connected with early history of the district, were expected from many parts of the North Island, she said.

The bed was originally owned by the Stanley Shaw family and was bought by the city council with the F. E. Butler collection in 1961. An authority on early colonial history, Mr S. Northcote-Bade, Wellington, set up the bed last weekend.

LOANED

The patchwork quilt, owned by the Skinner family, was loaned by a granddaughter, Mrs D. Scott. A wooden sea chest, which was brought to New Zealand with the Richmond family, and presented by Vice-Admiral Sir Maxwell Richmond, was flown from Auckland yesterday. Sir Maxwell is expected to attend the opening.

A shawl that belonged to Jane Maria Richmond, the only girl in the original family, has been presented to the cottage by a granddaughter, Mrs S. Brocket, Kaitioura.

Rag rugs, stone hot-water bottles, a rocking chair and an early style washstand add the finishing touches to the bedroom.

Ornate curtain poles, an original couch and a round table are displayed in the

MEMORIES OF YEARS AGO . . .

"It's remarkable what they've done," Mr H. P. Richmond said in New Plymouth today expressing his pleasure at the reconstruction of Richmond Cottage.

Mr Richmond who was born in the cottage, will officially open the cottage tomorrow, which by coincidence will be his 85th birthday.

The cottage brought back very vivid memories of his early life when the home was only reached from the beach by a narrow ledge.

New Plymouth at that time was a ramshackle town, he said. He recalled walking into town with his grandfather, Major Robert Parris, who spoke fluent Maori to the natives as they walked.

The Maoris came to town by the hundreds on market day.

At the age of 10 he became a pupil at the co-educational school and was the youngest child there during the first year.

He then travelled with his mother to Christchurch. His father, Mr H. E. Richmond, who, with his brother and a stone mason, constructed the cottage in 1853, died soon after.

The cottage was originally built for his uncle, Mr C. W. Richmond, a member of the Cabinet who later became a Supreme Court judge.

After passing his law examinations at Christchurch, Mr H. P. Richmond continued in law and in 1951 became a Q.C. He retired about eight years ago and lives in Auckland.

Russian explorers rescued

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CANBERRA, This Day.—Eight Russian explorers stranded for five days by a 125 m.p.h. Antarctic blizzard have been rescued, the Soviet Embassy announced here last night.

The Embassy said the men were working at a geological field base at the foot of Mt Risser-Larsen on Vernadsky Peninsula.

The blizzard smashed one of two small planes, tore tents to shreds, carried away a field kitchen and scattered equipment.

During a lull in the storm eight men flew out in the remaining plane but eight others had to take refuge in the mountains.

A plane which set out to rescue them had to shelter at the Australian base at Mawson while the blizzard continued.

On March 18 it picked up the eight men and took them via Mawson to the Soviet base at Mirny.

QUEEN HOME AGAIN

LONDON, Thursday.—The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh returned to London by air today from a two-month visit to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.

Princess Anne greeted her parents at the London Airport and with her was the Queen Mother and the Prime Minister, Mr. Macmillan.

The Royal tour had lasted more than two months and covered 45,000 miles.

The Royal family left by car for Windsor Castle about 15 minutes after their arrival. The Duke of Edinburgh looked tanned and fit but the Queen appeared pale after the long flight from Perth.

The return flight was the longest the Queen has made on any tour — 14,600 miles from Perth.

RIVER 'SOURCE OF DISEASE'

WANGANUI, THIS DAY (PA).—THE WANGANUI REGARDED AS THE CITY'S MOST ATTRACTIVE BRANDED A SOURCE OF POSSIBLE DISEASE AN

After the death of two people from typhoid within 12 months and the serious illness of three others, the medical officer of health in Wanganui, Dr G. R. Jensen, last night issued a warning that sewage pollution of the river had reached a serious stage.

An outbreak of typhoid had been avoided on the last occasion only because of the speed with which the Wanganui Hospital staff's speed work in locating and isolating contacts of the victim.

Typoid symptoms, however, could take from three days to three weeks to manifest themselves. The

disease was contagious and many people could be affected.

"The city was fortunate that it did not spread further and it should be taken to heart as a warning of what could happen," Dr Jensen said.

Raw sewerage

People eating lunches on a grass strip bordering the river in the centre of the city were sitting only feet away from raw sewerage lying on the river banks. Flies could transmit the disease to the food they were eating, he continued.

There were 68 outfalls of untreated sewerage into the river and as the population grew the risk of infection spread.

"One case could be sufficient to start an outbreak. We were fortunate last time. We might not be as fortunate next time," he added.

"It seems wrong to us that deaths should have to occur

Fists fly in airport clash

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PARIS, Thursday.—Fists flew as friends of English model Christine Keeler clashed with a crowd of newsmen at the Le Bourget Airport, Paris, tonight.

An American radio correspondent was knock-

Hiatus at embassy

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LONDON, Thursday.—There is a hiatus at the Haitian Embassy in London, the Daily Express learnt reported.

And the British Foreign Office believes it a unique situation.

Haiti, the Negro republic in the Caribbean, has a splendid embassy—