

The French settlers were also in Akaroa, and a considerable number of old whalers were scattered about. Most of this population was on the Peninsula.

A very considerable trade existed between Sydney and the various ports of New Zealand. The old firm of Peacock & Co., Cooper & Levy, from whom Port Cooper and Port Levy were named; Swinburne, and other trading firms were well known in those days.

Peacock & Co's. ships ran to various ports and they rendered great service afterwards to early settlers, both in bringing goods to Lyttelton and taking away our productions.

I do not wish to introduce any detail as to the Constitution of Canterbury, or any other matters of that kind. They are on record; but I must refer to John Robert Godley, whose Statue is in the Square, and who is called the "Founder of Canterbury". Few people realise how short a time he really lived in Canterbury. He arrived a few months only before the first four ships, having left England in the January that the ships arrived here in the December.

When he arrived at Lyttelton he found that Captain Thomas, Chief Surveyor, had done a lot of fine work, built the wharf, laid out the Bridle Path, erected barracks and other buildings. Mr. Godley found that he had spent the money and there was nothing remaining. He therefore went up to Wellington for a few months discussing the position with the Government