

coaches played an important part. These coaches came from California to Australia with the gold rush, and later on in the Gabriel's Gully rush they reached New Zealand. The two Christchurch partners Lee Cole and his brother Charles were very fine men. They ran coaches from Dunedin to Christchurch and to the West Coast, and wherever a coach could run or was wanted, Cobb & Co. were there. They became a wonderful institution.

W. R. Mitchell was their agent for many years, and their office was where Hallenstein's Clothing Factory now stands, and it was quite a sight to see the coaches with their fine teams arriving and departing from this point.

Mr. Mitchell lived to a good old age and was engaged in other work. He became a Director of the Kaipoi Woollen Mfg. Co. until 1905, and was a man held in the highest esteem.

I want to say something about the GAMES we played and the SONGS we sang.

Sport of all kinds had a strong hold from the very first. From the very nature of the people who came to Canterbury, it could not be otherwise. Many of the old settlers were from the hunting shires and from the great Public Schools of England, and the Universities.

Horse racing was quickly inaugurated, and the first meeting was held in Hagley Park, not very long after the arrival. The old programme is still in print