

On one occasion Mr. Turner (with whom I was at the time) and Mr. W. Montgomery, imported an entire cargo of red-cased Geneva direct from Rotterdam - about 15,000 cases. I am sure such a thing has not occurred since, but the public rose manfully to the occasion and it was not long before it was put into consumption.

I remained with Mr. Turner until after his return from London, where he had been to float the Shipping Company. Here I might mention that Mr. Turner was one of the most enterprising men that we had in those days.

He came to Lyttelton and opened for the Bank of New South Wales, established the branch in Lyttelton and bought the present site in Hereford Street, it then being the residence of the Superintendent, Mr. W. S. Moorhouse, and that remained the Bank until the new building now erected was completed.

Mr. Turner was an exceedingly clever business man, and had ships sailing to all parts of the world. He was the first to import teas to New Zealand direct from China; he was the first to import sugar direct from Mauritius; the first to import Oregon timbers direct to New Zealand. His ramifications were very great, but he was not successful from a financial point of view, and died a poor man.

I then embarked on my own in the leather trade, built a tannery,