

The said small boys peregrinated a good deal on stilts when the water was lying - not effeminate stilts with long shafts for handles, but stilts cut off and tied with flax to the leg below the knee - plenty of freedom of action then.

BRIDGES.

Bridges over the River were few. I think Victoria Street was the first, but Colombo Street Bridge was the one I remember best for over it came the Kaiapoi Coach daily. Perhaps it was so used because the Post Office was close to it, at or near the corner of Colombo and Chester Streets.

Another means of crossing the river was by fords. The principal ford was in Hereford Street, just above the Island which afterwards was the site of Inwood's Flour Mill.

Another near the Royal Hotel was called Fisher's Ford from Dr. Fisher who lived on Oxford Terrace nearby, and used it a great deal. Dr. Fisher's site, or a site close by, has been occupied by a Doctor ever since his day.

SCHOOLS.

My earliest recollection of going to school was through the tutu and fern of the now thickly built-on Triangle.