

Thacker afterwards went to O'Kain's Bay where he had work in plenty for his plucky fighting spirit to tackle. He made good, as we all know.

Many others I could mention of that sturdy community. Fitzgerald who started the "Press" newspaper and drove about in a gig with tremendous wheels - fully twice as large as ordinary wheels.

Nabob Wilson - a man of great energy and courage. Bowen, Moorhouse, and many others whose names are written in our history.

The Heathcote River was much used by trading craft and often there were a dozen vessels at least at the various wharves. The highest wharf was a little upstream from Radley Bridge.

One vessel I remember seeing at one of the wharves was the "Rifleman", a three-masted schooner. She was the ship which was seized by Te Kooti at the Chatham and brought him and his gang back to New Zealand to perpetrate the Poverty Bay Massacres.

Communication with Lyttelton was, of course, of great importance. It was done variously. You could ride all the way, or you could walk all the way, or you could take coach to the foot of the Bridle Path and then walk over. The coach was ferried over the Heathcote by a punt.

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