

bolting leaders or fractious wheelers of which we heard a good deal during those two days, and drove up in fine style in front of the Royal Hotel, where the coach always ended that last stage and deposited its passengers. The Royal was then and for long after the crack hotel of Timaru, but some years ago the Grosvenor superseded it and still ranks first, though the Royal makes a good second. Cobb and Co's Stables and booking office were very close to the Royal, situated in the same street, and the coaches always made their arrival and departure from the hotel. My father took rooms for us there till we found a house to suit us, and here the journey and my early travels came to an end.

M. Bridge. Christchurch.
April 1899.

Marian Bridge
Christchurch, January 1889

The Family Sketch Book.

Being a record of excursions of interest made by various members of the family.