

66 were not to be shot only during a certain part of the year, & then only by holding a license to do so. We arrived at the school in good time, and with great glee, shewed the young birds to the boys, but we got a big scare, when told that it was illegal to take them or have them in our possession, & there were hints of us being put into "chokey" or gaol. Our interest in young pheasants quickly vanished, for we had the "wind up", and quickly decided to get rid of them as speedily as possible. It was now just about a quarter past nine & school would be going in, in a quarter of an hour. However, there was no help for it, so we together with another boy with us took them back to where we had got them, some were dead by this time, but our conscience seemed eased. As it was more than a mile to where we had got them, we were pretty late in getting back. The teacher asked where we had been as he had seen us on the school ground earlier. We made a full confession and

67 were pardoned.

There were several occasions upon which we had school picnics. The first I have a very faint recollection of, being one to Lake Ellesmere. It must have been a very slow journey, for there was ~~no~~ means of travelling, only by going in a dray. All I can remember was of getting on some vessel which was called a schooner, but was water logged. The next occasion was one that we were all taken to Lyttelton, and ~~taken for~~ <sup>had to</sup> a sail around the harbour, in a big open boat. On this occasion, we went by the train getting on board at the Selwyn Station. When we got through the tunnel which had been made through the hills to connect Christchurch with Lyttelton. My first view of the water seems now quite fresh in my mind. It was a day ever to be remembered. We did not get the chance to travel about much in those times, for the usual method of doing so round about was in the dray. The horse would be put between the