

of Dyers Pass Road, in the Waitahuna grounds. Mr. Parsons sent to town to a well known seedsman for a packet of onion seed. It was indeed a "surprise packet" for up came gum trees, and he planted them round his property. The two seeds are, I believe, almost indistinguishable.

Mrs. Dyer (née Gray) came out in 1860. Her brother was a naturalist and wrote on British seaweeds etc. One of her uncles (Geo. Robert Gray) wrote several books on birds, he was asked to name several of the New Zealand birds - the Tui for one, naming it *Prosthemadera Novae Zealandia*. Another uncle was connected with the British Museum.

To show the difficulties that people had before roads were made, Mr. A. C. Dyer told of his father and uncle buying twenty heifers at £20 each, and starting to drive them over the Hill. There was no road at all, and the cattle got round the Hill on a narrow ledge, where there was no way to go on, and no room to turn back. One by one they all fell over the precipice and were killed. This was a terrible loss to the owners and it took years to recover from it.

Mr. Dyer received injuries by being crushed between a bullock cart and a gate. Though he lived four years after this, he was never strong again.

Mrs. Parsons (sister of Mr. John Dyer) was a great Church