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Mr. Dodds built the first house, where Mr. Potts afterwards lived. Then Mr. Thompson bought it and added a brick room. He sold to Mr. Moorhouse. Later Mr. Potts bought it. Successive owners have been Mr. W. Cook, Mr. H. Hall, and the present owner Mr. Pearce.

Mr. C. Parsons bought land in the Bay before he left England, from the Canterbury Association. He built a house, naming it Waitahuna, which is still standing. He was at the Bay at the time of one of the disastrous Bush fires, and told the writer that the smoke was so dense that the only place where they could breathe with any comfort, was close to the ground - the air was clear for a few inches from the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. James Allan (Mr. Robert Allan's parents) after whom Allandale was named, were living at Diamond Harbour, during the time of a great fire at Governor's Bay, and said that the glare was so bright that they could see to read at night by the light of the fire all those miles away. Mrs. Allan travelled to England alone when she was 70 years old.