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Mr. Wm. Gray was well known in the district as he was not only postmaster, but County Clerk to the Mt. Herbert County Council for many years. His occupation was that of a landscape gardener, and after being in the employ of the Wemyss family in Scotland migrated to New Zealand and superintended the laying out of the grounds of Mr. T. Potts. The two men contributed in collaboration a number of excellent papers to the Philosophical Institute, at that time a young growing Society.

Mr. Gray was an enthusiastic Botanist and leading scientists recognised him as an authority on native plant life. He was also a player of the violin and though his hands were horny with manual toil, his touch was extremely sensitive. He was a born mechanic and artists whose violins were out of order and refused to "speak" always sent them to "Gray of Governor's Bay" who invariably returned them in good order.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray were consistent Sabbatarians, Mrs. Gray refusing to serve teas on Sundays, as she was in the habit of doing during the week.

Mr. Gray once lived in a house on Dyer's Pass Old Road. Afterwards they lived at the corner opposite Mr. Sage's property, where they had the Post Office for some years. They also baked bread which they sold to neighbours. A fine black beech tree still grows there, planted by Mr. Gray. Later they lived in the house Mr. Dyer built and then they



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