

Rotarian H. Allan :

Said he was much interested in Mr. Dobson's narrative. Mr. Dobson was a gold-mine of information if they only handled him right.

There were many matters connected with early Canterbury and Mr. Dobson's own particular work that ought to be placed on record, and he knew of no other institution, beside the Rotary Club, that could get that information.

He looked upon Mr. Dobson as probably their most distinguished citizen and a man whose life was an object lesson to the whole community. Mr. Dobson had just started business again though he was the oldest man in the room. That he should take up this engineering work as a matter of course, after retiring from his great work in connection with the State, was a credit to him and to those he lived amongst.

Mr. Dobson :

Replying to a question on the subject said that the road to the West Coast, via Arthur's Pass, was made shortly after the Pass was discovered - it must have been in 1865.