

that a Crown grant was issued for Rural Section (2) in favour of the Rev. G. Cotterill of Christchurch, and C. E. Elliott of Nelson, as trustees in the Wakefield Estate.

The area extended from a point 66 feet from high water mark, in a south-westerly direction, to a line between what are now Dryden and Colenso Streets, and from Heberden Avenue to the Sumner-Lyttelton Road, thence via what is now Nayland Street (the original road to Lyttelton) to the north-western boundary of the section on which "Haeremai" boarding-house, extends a welcome to Sumner.

Felix Wakefield commenced the survey of this area into town sections in 1864, calling it Wakefield Town.

On January, 1871, two and a half acres between Day's (Richmond Hill) creek and "Haeremai" corner were leased for a term of 21 years to C. J. Foster, a solicitor and Doctor of Law, of Christchurch.

In December, 1873, the learned gentleman purchased two and a half acres on the eastern side of the creek. In the month of June, of the same year, Frederick Day of Sumner, coach proprietor, purchased two roods at the corner of Morten and Grafton Streets ("Sunleigh" Flats property). Two properties in which interests are still held by relatives of the deceased purchasers were bought about the same time, namely, the properties administered by the Estate of Eliza White, and W. G. Terry (Wienn's).

In June, 1851, a Mr Burrell Parkerson of Dereham in the County of Norfolk, bought 100 acres from the Canterbury Association. It was bounded on the west by Wakefield Avenue, on the east by Heberden Avenue, and subject to a margin of three links it abutted on to R.S.2. The south-western boundary was just about where Park Street now is.

The Parkersons built a house on the property, but sold the whole area to H. B. Johnstone in 1864. Mr Johnstone had the area subdivided calling it "Johnstoneville."

The Rev. G. Cotterill who had resigned from the trusteeship in 1865, purchased in the following year, an area of 50 acres, known as R.S. 204. Today, this area includes part of the Sumner Vale Farm, the School for the Deaf property, and what is officially known as Ocean View Terrace Subdivision. The reverend gentleman had a house built in England in sections, and on its arrival here it was erected on the property. Mr Edward Dobson was also an early buyer, and with his area of 50 acres taken into account, the whole of the flat area and a small portion of Richmond Hill had been sold. His purchase was Rural Section 152 running from the Marine Hotel corner, to where the Masonic Hall stands, and extended up Richmond Hill to a point near where the Golf House now is. His house ultimately became part of "Morten's," now the Marine Hotel.

Reserve 69. By Crown grant, dated 20th September, 1855, this Reserve was vested in the Superintendent of the Province, James Edward Fitzgerald, on the 23rd of December, 1868. He conveyed it to the Church Property Trustees pursuant to the Public Reserves Act, 1854, to hold upon trust for a site for a church, parsonage, schoolhouse and cemetery for members of the Church of England of the district for the purposes set out or any of them.



Fashions of yesterday; Sumner Gala, January 23, 1909.



An early view of Clifton and the Pier, 1910.