

effects consisting of my plans, designs, notebooks articles of clothing etc. and 27/- in cash my brother gave me. I yet hope to see better days."

In Auckland he returned first to the *Allied Arms* hotel whose landlady, Mrs Allen, had to ask him to leave when he was unable to pay board. However a Parnell family, the Chisholms, offered him hospitality until his prospects improved. The struggle for any employment was most disheartening and in desperation he accepted an agency position as a shepherd to one May in the Waikato for 6/- per week. Fortunately during the first week of the New Year he was offered a position as a temporary clerk with permanent prospects in the office of the Hon. H. J. Tancred, Postmaster General. And there was even the possibility of a return to architectural work:

"About a month since Mr Hansard introduced me to one Mr Heron a noted builder in Auckland who apprised me of designs & plans etc wanted for the new Union Bank, the Manager (A. Kennedy Esq) of which had recieved numerous designs for the same but not one would meet . . . requirements. - I proposed to offer a design for the Buildings, which is not to exceed £10,000 - hoping thereby to earn some reputation in my legitimate line of business . . ." However some weeks later he was excited to learn that his designs had been approved. "My prospects apparently beginning to look bright, it is not to be wondered at, if I begin to like Auckland better than before - The climate is milder than that of 'Stormy Wellington' but I think not so good and healthy upon the whole . . ." And on that cheerful almost topical note of meteorological vindication the diary closes.

Brother John's Maungatapere enterprise probably did not long survive Robert's departure. John Graham Anderson joined the Audit Department as a clerk on 16 July 1862 and before his retirement thirty years later he was Deputy Auditor. His obituary in 1903¹¹ records that his first job in Edinburgh was in the Post Office and in Melbourne he was in the office of the Minister of Lands. In New Zealand "he purchased a small run in the north of Auckland; but afterwards accepted a position in the Audit Office." One feels that like Robert his feelings on appointment would be coloured more by thankfulness than regret.

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NOTES

¹The Passenger Regulation Act (Wellington Provincial Council Session V No 21, assented to, 20 Feb. 1857, in its *Acts & Proceedings* 1856-57) made it illegal for a vessel to depart before the master had deposited a list of the passengers and crew with the Harbour Master who had to inspect the ship before sailing. Campbell on the *Marchioness* was taken off in terms of Clause 4 of the Act.

²F. W. Ligar was the country's second Surveyor-General (1840-56). When visited by the Andersons he had not long retired and was shortly to accept a similar position for the Victorian Government.