

AT THE BAY

Comment by the Editor

In welcoming Mr Newlove's commentary on the article by Mrs Morris I should like to make a few points. Firstly the editorial choice of the 1902 photograph of Muritai facing p. 23 of the November issue, or at least the caption to it, was unfortunate and, quite unwittingly, a disservice to Mrs Morris's thesis. A local authority, Mr H. G. Lawrence of Eastbourne, has pointed out that the Martin and Jones store discussed in the article was not opposite the Puriri Street extension but some hundreds of yards along the road to the south at what is now No. 374 next to the turnstile mentioned by Mrs Morris. The store opposite the Glen as shown in the photograph may not have been there at the time of the Beauchamp holidays but was the one later known as the Muritai Park Store.

Secondly, Mr Newlove has referred to the fact that the Barraud title mentioned in Note 4 (for which, again, the editor was responsible) of Mrs Morris's article dates the ownership of the house only from 1903 when Kathleen Beauchamp had left New Zealand for school in London. A complete search of the title shows that the Barraud interest in the section dated at least from 18 August 1897¹ when a small area of one rood twenty-two and a half perches was purchased from the Camerons of Gollans Valley who owned most of the block. This was extended in February 1902² to a larger area of 3 roods 31.24 perches. Barraud could therefore have erected a house on the property at least in 1898. Mrs Morris in the penultimate paragraph of p. 21 refers to a house 'Wood Glen'. This is perhaps a slip for 'Glen Wood', the name of the second house on the adjacent property at the back of the section. This house, a still prominent building with a tower and a much more pretentious structure than the Glen, is known to have been built in 1904 and has also been suggested locally as the centre for Beauchamp holidaying. It can be seen above and behind the Glen in the photograph facing p. 237 of the November issue.

But there are two stronger reasons than a whole series of inferences for assuming a later 'turn of the century' association with Muritai, rather than an earlier one. Mrs Margaret Scott has drawn my attention to the typescript carbon of an article *Incidents in the childhood of Katherine Mansfield* by Marion C. Ruddick, in the scrapbook recently donated to the Library by Mrs Mackintosh Bell. Mrs Ruddick and her daughters on their way from Canada to New Zealand had travelled from Vancouver on the *Warrimoo* with Mr and Mrs Beauchamp on their return from a trip to England. Marion became very friendly with Kathleen Beauchamp who she later recalled as being 'about nine years old' at the time and 'spent some glorious weeks with the Beauchamps at their