honour and integrity I have the most full confidence as well as in his ability He is perhaps a little too conservative to suit me entirely but then you know I am a great democrat from conviction We have however managed to live on the best terms both in our public & private relations for these last three years As a private friend I have every reason to speak highly of him and I shall always look back to the time I have known him as one in which I have received a great deal of instruction I hope when he goes home you will call on Lady Grey and make their acquaintance She is in all essentials a very nice person rather clever and has been very kind to both Fanny & me. . . . Believe me ever your affte brother C A Dillon" Andrew Sharp

NOTES

¹The Gilfillan murders.

²The New Zealand Company which colonized Nelson.

³Dillon's eldest child.

⁴A brother and another sister of Dillon. A strong and another sister of Dillon.