

Auckland as an accountant and as manager of a firm of merchants and during this period he also held the position of advisory accountant to the Auckland City Council. In 1877 he came to Wellington, taking a position as manager of a firm of timber merchants, and in 1879 he laid the foundation for his future career when he was appointed by the Supreme Court as certificated accountant in bankruptcy under the Debtors and Creditors Act for the Wellington district. In 1880 he was appointed secretary of the Gear Meat Co. and in 1882 he became the first secretary of the Wellington Meat Export Co. In this latter position he was responsible for overseeing the freezing and stowage of the first cargo of frozen meat to leave Wellington; 6,000 mutton carcasses which left aboard the *Lady Jocelyn* on 21 December 1882. In 1890 he was a party to the formation of the Wellington Employers' Association and in 1893 he established the Commercial Agency Ltd., with which company he was associated until his death in February 1936.²

The bulk of the collection, some of which is comprehensively annotated with technical data and dates down to the time of day and prevailing weather conditions, dates from the period 1889-1894. Regrettably, no plates survive documenting his residence in the Auckland Province before 1877 and none documents his role in the



Waitahurama, Little Barrier Island. Taken at 11 a.m., Friday 10 February, 1893. The weather at the time was 'bright overcast'. Photo Neg 20570^h.