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The most persistent Maori ceremonial throughout the country was the tangi. Through it the basic rituals and values of Maoritanga were practised and renewed. This double funeral was held in the early 1900s for a Mr and Mrs Williams who had died at Arahura on the same day. An enormous number of bicycles are in evidence.

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"Coon humour", which sought to show Maoris as amusing simpletons unable to cope with the sophistication of modern life, was especially popular in the United States and New Zealand from about 1910. Pictures catering for such tastes, including this one by the Northwood brothers in Northland, were carefully posed and the models generally paid for their services.

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The church wedding with full regalia was a custom which many Maori families embraced wholeheartedly. This one at Kaiapoi united members of the Hukai and Tainui families.

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Rugby was another formerly Pakeha ritual adopted with enthusiasm by Maoris, from the 1880s. The game was regarded as an ideal vehicle for Maori competitiveness, and for combining individual flair with over-all team work. This pre-World War One team is pictured at Kaiapoi.

