



HUDDART PARKER LINE

M.V. "Wanganella"

My dear Mrs Prochris -

We sailed from Wellington to New Zealand at midnight last night for Sydney, Australia. I cannot say I enjoyed what I saw (or felt) in N.Z. It rained every day, except one night day. In fact there was a flood in Auckland. We were stopping at the Hotel Ch. Kemp which is on the top of a hill, but down in the town shops were flooded. The store, which we had visited in the morning had four or five inches of water on the main floor. ^{in the afternoon} Slept & had a snow re - Natives say the coldest winter they have experienced in years. - We left Auckland with regret - the houses & hotels are not heated, with the exception of open fire place in the lounge, & only a limited

members came for within reach of
that. - We motored about 600
miles in four days, spending
nights in very comfortable (except
for cold, heaters) small hotels.
Good food, good service, but
cold. - We went to bed at 8 o'clock
the night in order to get warm.
In spite of driving across the
country was very interesting
though, some rather sad & forlorn.
Very sparsely inhabited - a little
home here & there - miles apart &
very crude. I was sorry for the
women who live in them.
Millions of sheep - fine fat ones,
& a good many cattle -
We saw many every where we
went - men, women & children. Not the
great mass of old - but thoroughly
enjoyed, most if not all appearing
the native woman, a guide through the
native village. Dr. Taylor asked her many



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questions ~~about~~ as to their feelings
with regard to their changed circum-
stances - no longer the great native race,
the owners of New Zealand - and they
said frankly they are satisfied to be
under the British rule. As the said-
some of the old natives - the Maori chiefs
who were in possession when the English
came, are living now. They did not
wish to return to the old native life, in
fact they said they could not - they could
not eat, or prepare now the things they
used to live on. — Seeing that
place, Wanganui, - we motored many
miles thro' a National Park, & over
mountains - thro' the latter we encountered
a very heavy snow storm, & the cold was
biting. — In many ways it has
been very interesting.
But no matter where we go or what
we see Southport & that rich Eoom

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