2 PM saw land from the mast head bearing WBN, which we stood directly for, and could but just see it of the deck at sunset.


I am aware that most humane men who have not experienced things of this nature will censure my conduct in firing upon the people in this boat nor do I self think that the reason I had for seizing upon her will at all justify me.

On the occasion when Cook sought at Poverty Bay to take a broadside of Maui aboard Endeavour to gain their friendship, the Mako were killed and several were killed in the ensuing melee. Entry 10 October 1769 in The Journals of Captain James Cook. Vol. 1. 1955: 171.

6AM we weight'd and stood out of the Bay which I have named Poverty Bay cause it afforded us no one thing we wanted.


e SW Point of Poverty Bay ... I have named Young Nick's head after the boy I first saw this land.


After displaying the English colours I took formal possession of the place in the name of His Majesty.


Banks got from one of them a bone of the fore arm ... and shewed us that they had eat the flesh they bit and raw'd the bone and drawd it thro' their teeth and this in such a manner as plainly shew'd that the fish to them was a tasty bit.


Country on earth can appear with a more barren and rugged aspect than this hilly sea for as far inland as the eye can reach nothing is to be seen of the summits of these Rocky mountains which seem to lay so near one another not to admit any valleys between them.


A country, which before was thought to be part of the imaginary continent, consists of two large islands divided from each other by a vast or passage of 4 or 5 leagues broad.


Wild fowl ... are very like a Common hen and eat very well in a Pye or Casserole.


A Shore to two goats male and female ... Captain Furneaux hath put ashore Cannibals Cove a Boar and a Breeding Sow so that we have reason to hope in process of time this Country will be stocked with Goats and Hogs.


A spike nail or any other thing they value will oblige their wives and ghters to prostitute themselves whether they will or no and that not with privacy decency seems to require, such are the consequences of a commerce with Europeans and what is still more to our Shame civilised Christians, we debauch their Morals already too prone to vice and we intertice among them want and perhaps diseases which they never before knew and which serves only to disturb that happy tranquillity they and their fore Fathers had onjoy'd.


I have always found them of a Brave, Noble and Open and benevolent disposition, but they are a people that will never put up with an insult if they have an opportunity to resent it.


COOPER, LADY DIANA

The blood of New Zealand is so stale that they are reverting to type ... Maori-type — growing longer torsos and weeny legs, and you can't get a bed in a loony bin.

Comment: 1941, in Philip Ziegler's Diana Cooper, 1981: 244.

COOPER, WARREN ERNEST

It happens in America, New Zealand and the United States.


COOPER, DAME WHIN

I can't sleep at night, because even at night I'm worrying about things and planning things. It's the mana, you see. If you've got it, it never lets you alone.

Michael King, Whina 1983.

CORNISH SAYING

Where it be.

There it be.

But where it be.

There ain't we.

End line from the 1860s Cornish miners of Coates Jack goldmine, near Kumara on the West Coast. David McGill, Ghost Towns of New Zealand. 1980: 118.

COROMANDEL NEWS

There are three degrees of mining speculation: 'Positive, mine; comparative, mine; speculative, minus.'


COROMANDEL SAYING

When the tui sings, we'll be rich.


COSSONS, NEIL

Napier represents the most complete and significant group of Art Deco buildings in the world and is comparable with Bath as an example of planned townscapes in a cohesive style. Napier is without doubt unique.

burn they put a match to it. If the Seventy Mile Bush fire was started by one of these bastards, he must have been a very happy man.


SHAW, GEORGE BERNARD

See that everybody in New Zealand has plenty of butter to his bread. When you have reached this point, stop producing butter and produce something else.

A voice: What?

Mr Shaw: Start producing brains perhaps?

Auckland Star, 10 March 1934.

The danger is that, when people find out what an interesting place New Zealand is, they may come in crowds and you will be tempted to give up some interesting industry and become waiters keeping hotels for tourists; and then when revolutions come in the countries where the tourists come from and they lose their money, where are you? I strongly advise you not to make too much of the tourist sights except for yourselves.

Auckland Star, 26 March 1931.

I have never seen a Maori unhappy in spite of our endeavours to make them religiously miserable.

The Dominion, 4 April 1934.

Looking at them in the lump, they are better looking than English women.

The Dominion, 6 April 1934.

The extraordinary thing is that New Zealand, which is leading the rest of the world in Communism, does not know it is Communist.

Evening Post, 14 April 1931.

This is the first city of my acquaintance with an art gallery like a public lavatory and a public lavatory like an art gallery.

Wellington, where the public lavatory the Ta-Maihi has subsequently been converted to an art gallery and restaurant. Evening Post, 17 April 1930.

SHEPHERD, SARAH

I have found that where a problem arises you put it in a drawer and very often it will be superseded by another problem — in which case it is no longer a problem.


There was once a wicked lady called Circe, who was reputed to turn human beings into swine. The object of broadcasting should be the exact opposite.

The Director of Broadcasting in H. Keier and W. M. Green, New Zealand Parliament: A Text of Our Recent Past. 1954: 102

SHEPHERD, KATE

Do not think your single vote does not matter much. The rain that refreshes the parched ground is made up of single drops.

Sheepdog newspaper advocating the question of another feature of New Zealand life — voting. (1939)