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QUOTATIONS

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Cook, Captain James

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

Saturday 7 October 1769 in *The Journals of Captain James Cook*. Vol. 1. 1955: 167.

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 myself 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 boatload of Maori aboard *Endeavour* to gain their friendship. The Maori resisted 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 weigh'd and stood out of the Bay which I have named *Poverty Bay* because it afforded us no one thing we wanted.

Entry 11 October 1769 in *The Journals of Captain James Cook*. Vol. 1. 1955: 171.

The SW Point of Poverty Bay ... I have named Young Nicks head after the boy who first saw this land.

Nicholas Young, aged c12, 11 October 1769, *The Journals of Captain James Cook*. Vol. 1. 1955: 173.

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

Mercury Bay, 15 November 1769, *The Journals of Captain James Cook*. Vol. 1. 1955: 204.

Banks got from one of them a bone of the fore arm ... and to shew us that they had eat the flesh they bit and naw'd the bone and draw'd it thro' their teeth and this in such a manner as plainly shew'd that the flesh to them wasainty bit.

First encounter with cannibalistic practice, 17 January 1770, in *The Journals of Captain James Cook*. Vol. 1. 1955: 236-7.

no country on earth can appear with a more barren and rugged aspect than this high from the sea for as far inland as the eye can reach nothing is to be seen but the summits of these Rocky mountains which seem to lay so near one another that they do not admit any Vallies between them.

of the Southern Alps, 23 March 1770, in *The Journals of Captain James Cook*. Vol. 1. 1955: 270.

no country, which before now was thought to be part of the imaginary southern continent, consists of Two large Islands divided from each other by a strait or passage of 4 or 5 Leagues broad.

1 March 1770 in *The Journals of Captain James Cook*. Vol. 1. 1955: 274.

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

Feeding and eating weka, 11 May 1773, in *The Journals of Captain James Cook*. Vol. 2. 1961: 121.

at a Shore 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.

Queen Charlotte Sound, 3 June 1773, *The Journals of Captain James Cook*. Vol. 2. 1961: 169.

a spike nail or any other thing they value will oblige their wives and daughters 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 interduce among them wants and perhaps diseases which they never before knew and which serves only to disturb that happy tranquillity they and their fore Fathers had enjoy'd.

Queen Charlotte Sound, 3 June 1773, *The Journals of Captain James Cook*. Vol. 2. 1961: 175.

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.

18 March 1775, *The Journals of Captain James Cook*. Vol. 2. 1961: 653.

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.

Speaking as Minister of Foreign Affairs about anti-nuclear protest on Radio Hauraki News, 20 July 1983, quoted in *Metro*, September 1983.

COOPER, DAME WHINA

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: 8.

CORNISH SAYING

Where it be,
There it be,
But where it be,
There ain't we.

Bad-luck ditty from the 1850s Cornish miners of Cousin Jack goldtown, 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, miner; speculative, minus.'

October 1887. David McGill, *Ghost Towns of New Zealand*. 1980: 148.

COROMANDEL SAYING

When the tui sings, we'll be rich.

David McGill, *Ghost Towns of New Zealand*. Wellington, 1980: 161.

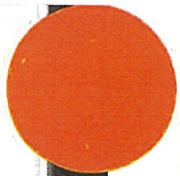
COSSONS, NEIL

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 townscape in a cohesive style. Napier is without doubt unique.

R. Hanbury-Tenison, *Fragile Eden*. 1989: 166.

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After



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

Country Occasions: Episodes and Activities in New Zealand Farm Life, Wellington, 1962: 110.

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, 15 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 1934.

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.

On New Zealand women, *The Dominion*, 4 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 1934.

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' Mahal) has subsequently been converted to an art gallery and restaurant. *Evening Post*, 17 April 1982.

SHELLEY, SIR JAMES

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.

J. McNeish, *Walking on My Feet*, 1983: 134.

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. Kete and W. Ma'u, *New Zealand Yesterday: A Look at Our Recent Past*, 1984: 160.

SHEPPARD, KATE

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

Surfridge campaigner addressing the question of whether the women of New Zealand can govern themselves.

SHIELL, ALAN

Those Australians who thought of New Zealanders as tweedy-coated conservatives, with soft voices, gentle manners and a touch of an inferiority complex, ought to think again ... The Kiwis, 1980s style — or at least Auckland's rabble element — are a beer-guzzling, footy-shorts-and-thongs lot, with voices like foghorns.

Australian journalist at one day cricket match in Auckland for *Adelaide Advertiser*, February 1982.

SHIPLEY, JENNIFER MARY

New Zealand needs the world more than the world needs New Zealand.

The Dominion, 2 May 1998.

SHORTLAND STREET

You're not in Guatemala now, Dr Ropata.

Of actor Temuera Morrison's character in early episodes of NZ soap.

SIEGFRIED, ANDRE

All the large cities of New Zealand look the Pacific in the face, and turn their backs on Australia. Their situation is symbolic, for neither in the early days of its history, nor more especially in recent years, has the colony desired to follow in the wake of the great southern Continent. She has always lived a life apart, obstinately shunning every form of alliance.

Democracy in New Zealand, 1914: 4.

With his filial affection, real and touching as it is, is mingled a contemptuous pity for those conservative and prejudiced Europeans, who are afraid of their own shadows when there is any question, as some philosopher has said, 'of stirring something in the great reservoirs of the future.'

Democracy in New Zealand, 1914: 46.

At every step in New Zealand we find English forms, but we must not forget that they are always animated by a new spirit.

Democracy in New Zealand, 1914: 47.

The colonials, moreover, are generally men of mingled strength and simplicity. Their strength makes them unconscious of obstacles, and they attack the most delicate questions much as one opens a path through a virgin forest with an axe.

Democracy in New Zealand, 1914: 53.

In most cases they do not seem to see difficulties, and they propose simple solutions for the most complex problems with astonishing audacity.

Democracy in New Zealand, 1914: 53.

At heart they are probably convinced that politics are not as complicated as they have been made out to be, and that a little courage and decision are all that is required to accomplish the reforms of which Europe is so afraid.

Democracy in New Zealand, 1914: 53.

They have become so accustomed to being taken seriously that they have become conscious of a mission to humanity.

Democracy in New Zealand, 1914: 53.