the pioneers of the colony, and how they fared fifty years ago under the shadow of the tomahawk, we have every reason to be thankful. For illustration, the Bay of Islands Gazette of 1840 announces that the Kororareka bakers had just then reduced the price of the 4-lb. loaf from 2s. 6d. to 2s.; pork was 8d., the daily diet being pork and potatoes; and for a change, potatoes and pork. In Auckland, the prices current of a late date (1841) we notice tea, none; sugar (very brown), 28d. per ton; candles, none; timber, 29s. per 100 feet; beef, Is. 4d. per lb.; mutton, Is.; potatoes, none; fowls, pair, 12s.; eggs, 6s. per dozen." These were the "good old days."" 

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TEMP.—We need a short word to take the place of "in the time of," and I beg to suggest the use of temp. (which is already used in heraldic and some technical books). Pym lived temp. Charles I., Bolingbroke lived temp. George I., the spinning-jenny was invented temp. George III.

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PARALLEL EXPRESSIONS.—Andrew Marvell, in his poem "To his Coy Mistress," says:—

I would love you ten years before the flood,
And you should, if you please, refuse
Till the conversion of the Jews;
My vegetable love should grow
Vaster than empires and more slow.

The Poet Laureate, in his "Talking Oak," has:—
I, rooted here among the groves,
But languidly adjust
My rapid vegetable loves
With antlers and with dust.

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"QUOD EXPENDI HABUI:"—Jeremy Taylor has the epitaph at length in a note to his "Holy Dying," ch. ii. sect. xiii. vol. iii. 'Works,' by Eden:—

Quod expendi habui,
Quod donavi habeo;
Quod negavi punior.
Quod servavi peridi.

which were "formerly under the effigy of a priest at S. Peter's, S. Alban's." Ravenshaw's 'Antient Epitaphes,' p. 5, Lon. 1878 (compare Weever's 'Funeral Monuments,' 1631, p. 581), where there is mention of other early instances of its occurrence. But neither C. P. Eden nor T. F. Ravenshaw refers to the classic origin, as it is in Seneca, 'De Beneficiis,' liv. c. iii., nor to the 'Gesta Romanorum,' c. xvi. In Seneca there is this notice of it:—

"Egregie mihi videtur M. Antonius apud Rabirium poeta, quam fortunam suam transseuntem alio videat, et sibi nihili relicitum praeter jus mortis, id quoque si cito occupaverit, exclamare: 'Hoc habeo quodcumque dedi! O quantum habere potuit, si voluisset. Hae sunt divitiae certae.'"

A parallel is the well-known passage of Martial, xiii. 7-9.

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THE LATE EX-EMPEROR OF BRAZIL.—The following extract, which has more than a passing interest, is from the Echo newspaper of December 9:—

"The Figaro relates a touching incident. The Count d'Eu found in a cupboard in the ex-Emperor's apartment a small bag, carefully sealed. He opened it, and found it full of earth, on which was a small piece of paper, containing the following words: 'This is earth from my native land, which I wish to be placed in my coffin in case I die abroad.' The Count d'Eu has accordingly had a small cushion filled with this earth, and placed beneath the Emperor's head.—D'alsetto."

As an earlier illustration of this custom, it may be well to supplement this notice by an extract from the writings of Alphonse Esquiros:—

"In all the great cities of Holland the Jews have a private cemetery. At the Hague it is outside the town, on the right hand of the road running to Scheveningen; it is enclosed by a thick wall, and overshadowed by the lofty trees of this delightful walk. A handful of earth, said to have been brought from Palestine, is placed in a bag under the head of the deceased, or spread over his eyes, that he may sleep the sleep of his fathers, and rest collect his country."—'The Dutch at Home,' second edition, 1883, p. 341.

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WICKET.—I derive this from an assumed Anglo-French form wicket, which, as I have shown, must have been the right form, though no quotation occurs for it. And now I have found it:—

Li fol entre enz par le wicket; i. e., the fool enters in by the wicket. It occurs in 'Le Roman de Tristan,' ed. Michel, vol. ii. p. 101, l. 245. It is always a comfort thus to find a predicted form.

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Querires.

We must request correspondents desiring information on family matters of only private interest, to affix their names and addresses to their queries, in order that the answers may be addressed to them direct.

DUNDAS FAMILY.—I have been for some time engaged in tracing the descent of Major Lawrence Dundas, 13th and 26th Light Dragoons, who died on board H.M.S. Dictator March 1, 1796, on the passage to St. Domingo. There are letters from the first Lord Dundas, and the second Lord, afterwards first Earl of Zetland, in which they both speak of him as "a near relation." There is some curious mystery about this man, and the matter has lately been referred to the present Lord Zetland, who regrets "being unable to find the required information," and adds with reference to William, third son of Thomas Dundas of Fingask, that "the family records which I have by me state that Thomas Dundas died in 1762, leaving two sons—Thomas, the elder; Lawrence, who became Sir Lawrence. I have been unable to find any mention of a third son." Now Mrs. Dundas (senior), of Carron Hall, found amongst her papers