



Given, Andrew, and Co., Paper Merchants, Wholesale Stationers, and Printers' Furnishers and Brokers, 195 Princes Street, Dunedin. Telephone, 1064. Bankers, Bank of New Zealand. Private residence, Maitland Street.

Andrew Given was born in 1848 in Edinburgh, where he was educated at the Hamilton Place Private Academy. On the completion of his scholastic course he entered a legal office in Leith, but after a short time became apprenticed to the well-known firm of Messrs. Cowan and Co. (now Alexander Cowan and Sons, Ltd.), paper makers, of his native city.

Five years later, when only nineteen years of age, and before the completion of his term, Mr. Given commenced to travel for the house. In 1873 he visited the Vienna Exhibition, also travelling in Germany and Austria, and doing business in London. He was appointed commercial manager of Messrs. Cowan's principal Edinburgh warehouse in 1875, at the same time making occasional business trips.

After filling this important and responsible position for a few years, with complete satisfaction to his employers, Mr. Given was transferred to New South Wales to take charge of the Australasian business of the firm in their Sydney warehouse. When the direct steamers

commenced to make regular trips to New Zealand, it was deemed advisable to establish an office in the Colony, and Mr. Given was sent to open the branch.

From 1884 to 1890 he was in charge of the company's business in New Zealand, and left the firm after twenty-seven years of faithful service to open out on his own account. The business thus established has developed with surprising rapidity, and now extends throughout the Colony.

As a dealer in paper Mr. Given is known to be a very large importer, possibly the largest in the Colony. While his shipments include all descriptions of paper, he makes a specialty, amongst other lines, of "news" paper, in which his turnover is truly enormous, his contracts extending to a large proportion of the New Zealand journals. Not only does Mr. Given supply paper, but type, machinery, and every requisite required in the newspaper, stationery, and printing trade. His stocks are so large, too, that he is in a position to completely equip, at short notice, the largest newspaper office in the Colony.

Mr. Given is agent in New Zealand for Messrs Parsons Bros., of New York, and for other leading manufacturers. He represents Messrs. A. B. Fleming and Co., of Edinburgh and London, manufacturers of printing inks. Mr. Given's trade is steadily increasing in New Zealand, and his business is being extended in Australia—in fact, it has already been demonstrated that New Zealand can as readily supply Australia as the latter can supply this colony. Considerable developments in respect to the trade with the sister colonies may be looked for at no distant date.

Mr. Given's Dunedin premises consist of the basement and cellar of the large and substantial building at 195 Princes Street, and the warehouse extends through to Bond Street. The public and private offices are in front, the rest of the premises being utilised for storing, receiving, and packing the large stocks which are always being handled. The energetic proprietor makes periodical trips over New Zealand in the interests of his business, which has already become firmly established in the Colony. In 1883 Mr. Given was married to the youngest daughter of the late Mr. John Moncrief Robertson, solicitor to the Supreme Courts of Scotland, Edinburgh.

Andrew Given died on 2 December 1927 and is buried in the family grave in Dunedin's Andersons Bay Cemetery alongside his wife Isabella who had died in 1919.