

Awhea Station
Martinborough
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Dear Friend

I write this scribe to you instead of Andrew as he might not be there perhaps. But kindly tell him I could not make a diary as it would require a ship for itself it would be so big he must take this as an account of the voyage. If I only had 5 years I might then finish my stories. Although I put my address on here I haven't seen the place yet. I am to say nothing of New Zealand in this letter I am to limit it to the voyage only. I may say it's a very pretty country much more so than I expected & as far as I've seen yet very young & not nearly full up plenty of room for improvement in everything. I wrote to Mr Jock McLeod giving description of sheep I brought with me. This is an awful place for grass. It grows everywhere & anywhere. It will almost grow on the leather of your boots but och man it's a wonderful place the bush of N'Zld. I will describe grazing bush life & city life in my next letter in a few weeks. But tell Andrew to write at once plenty of news & send newspapers. I was sorry I did not see you before I left I said so to John McLeod. You would hardly believe this place it's a really free country. I like it very well as yet but of course there is nothing to compare to anything in the old country except an old Huntley plough I saw. Remember me kindly to Mrs Anderson Miss Anderson Andrew yourself & all enquiring friends. I will be pleased to hear from yourself any time.

Yours truly
Donald Ross