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G.W. Davies invented Eruptite and on July 25, 1912, patented this product. A powder of potassium chlorate combined with a commercial airline oil plus toluidine, Eruptite needed to be lit before working whereas many other explosives such as gelignite were expensive and dangerous to handle. Exciting Eruptite was said to 'have a big future before it when the farmer is a little better acquainted with it's great value'. Records show in 1926 a thirsty bushman with two bottles one filled with the fluid used in Eruptite and another with cold tea. Both looked similar liquids. Sadly he made a fatal choice. Supposedly 'A non dangerous high explosive carried by rail at ordinary freight charges'. So if it was such a great product why is it not heard of today?

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# The Chronicle

Coach House Museum

In association with Feilding and Districts Community Archive

Citizens in any democratic society are able to protest. Sometimes a change is made with which many do not agree. Freedom to protest is a right in a democracy but the violence and deliberate vandalism seen in recent years at protest gatherings should

## NOT BE TOLERATED

The following advertisement appeared in the Feilding Star, February 22, 1918. Note the recipient of the monetary collection—The Salvation Army Trench Fund.

### CITIZENS PROTEST MEETING

AGAINST MOB RULE AND THE COWARDLY ATTACK ON REVS. STOCKWELL AND MILLER, WILL BE HELD IN THE

DRILL HALL

TO-NIGHT AT 8

All Citizens who believe in the British Principle of Justice and Fair Play, with the right of Free Speech, are invited to attend.

EX-COUNCILLOR G. J. HARFORD, Esq., will preside, and the Speakers will include Rev. Dr. GIBB, Hon. WM. EARNSHAW, M.L.C., Rev. G. KNOWLES SMITH, J. ASTON, J.P., of Wellington. Also Rev. T. Miller, M.A., Adjutant Wain, and Rev. G. F. Stockwell (if sufficiently recovered) will address the meeting.

DOORS OPEN AT 7. BE EARLY.

Collection in aid of Salvation Army Trench Fund.

## Coming up at CHM in August

**9 August, Friday 1.30pm** in the museum foyer  
**A Memorial Service for BRIAN HUNTER**

Additional seating will be available in the Hunter Room and a live link to the service will be available <http://www.beauchamp.co.nz/webcast/remote>



**TODAY Membership subscriptions are due. \$40 single, \$60 double, \$75 family. Many benefits: Free entry to museum, special events, monthly newsletter and more**

## INTRODUCING

# Morgan the Moa



Morgan recently became an exhibit at the Coachhouse Museum. Her previous residence was at Te Manawa Museum. The Moa is claimed to be the tallest bird ever existing - apparently the largest of 27 species of moa were some 16 feet tall. With the female being almost 1.5 times the height and 3 times the weight of the male moa.

### (Feilding Star 27 July 1908)

*'To the Editor, Sir, —"What time has elapsed since the moa became extinct? The question has often been asked, but not yet satisfactorily answered. Because the Maori have no traditions about the hunting or capture of the bird, it has been assumed that the moa was extinct before the Maori occupancy of New Zealand. On the other hand, remains have been found in such a state of preservation as to justify the assertion that the moa lived 'long after then, and probably since this country received its present name. Allow me to give you proof that the moa was not extinct at the time New Zealand was first settled by the British. It is a bold assertion to make, but " tai-hoa." On the 21st of the present month I unearthed some moa bones. This bird had evidently died in a hole made by the uprooting of a large tree, the clay falling back from the roots covering and preserving the remains. The bones 1 found were lying above broken roots, some of which are still; fairly sound. The surface roots and trunk were burned, presumably when the land was cleared in 1883, as masses of ashes are still in existence, almost on the surface. Assuming that the tree lay fifty years, probably not nearly so long, before it was burned, it would seem that this particular moa lived not more than seventy-five years ago, and possibly long since then. I invite discussion. —I am, etc., Thomas A. Bryce, Kiwitea. July 23, 1908.'*



Letter from Paper's Past, National Library of New Zealand



Was the Moa hunted into extinction by the Moriori or the Maori? Many stories on the subject have been passed down over the years but like the game of 'whispers', fabrication is often added so whether fact or fiction, truth is not easy to ascertain.

Moa bones have been found over the years in many different areas of New Zealand. Bones were found on sandy seashores, swamps, forests, riverbeds, limestone caves and some were found 9 feet deep in Seatoun under a house built on the site of a Maori Pa. The moa was reputed to be 'a stupid, fat, indulgent bird, feeding on vegetable food with feet adapted for digging. Their leg bones were filled with marrow which differed from flying birds whose bones are filled with air. When the last Moa died and the bird became extinct is a fact still argued by experts.

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A demonstration of the power of Eruptite was given at Apiti. When one solid matai stump of 3ft 6in in diameter was charged with 2 and 1/2 lb under the tree, the Eruptite split the trunk into four as well as lifting roots and soil out of the ground. The total cost of this was less than 2s 6p. Next to demonstrate the power of Eruptite was an 'old man' rimu stump 20ft high and believed to weigh over 4 ton This tree was lifted 6ft out of the ground, split into five large logs with no roots left in the ground, making it ready for ploughing and arable farming. Many demonstrations of this 'safe' explosive were held around N.Z - e.g. Apiti, 'Westella' PTO