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'CALEDONIA, STERN AND WILD'

SCOTTISH IDENTITY IN WANGANUI AND RANGITIKEI
1880-1918

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<td>NZAAA</td>
<td>New Zealand Amateur Athletics Association</td>
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<td>NZACS</td>
<td>New Zealand Association of Caledonian Societies or New Zealand Caledonian Societies' Association</td>
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<td>NZAU</td>
<td>New Zealand Athletics Union</td>
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PLAN OF WANGANUI AND RANGITIKEI COUNTIES

Reference: Population centres
County boundaries: 1876
1919
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'Should'er tae Should'er': Rangitikei Scots' Society's Ball:
600th Anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn,
Argyle hall, Hunterville, 26 June 1914.  
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MAP

Plan of Wanganui and Rangitikei Counties showing main centres of population and county boundaries 1919 and 1876