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Hello Folks!

This won't take long, but I did want to pass on a couple of tidbits before they slip my sieve-like mind. While perusing a copy of the PRESBYTERIAN WITNESS for 1860 I came across two items of possible interest to you:

The barque "ELLEN LEWIS" landed her passengers at Auckland, N.Z. on the 11th May. She left Cape Town 11th March, sighted Tasmania on the 7th May, got into Auckland on the 9th, and on the 11th passengers all landed in better health and order than was the case with any other vessel that ever left Cape Breton. The "GEORGE HENDERSON" is chartered to Newcastle for a Cargo of Coals. Most of passengers had gone to the country to settle on their own land as reserved for them by Government--being previously aware of their being on a passage for New Zealand.--Communicated to Cape Breton News. 

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also:

LOSS OF THE GEORGE HENDERSON--The brig "GEORGE HENDERSON", Captain James, went ashore on the beach near the mouth of the Hennui River, a short distance from Taranki, New Zealand, on the 15 August last, in a gale from W.N.W.--The crew were saved. She was subsequently stripped of her rigging, masts, etc., and remained on the beach waterlogged at last accounts. The GEORGE HENDERSON was built at Pugwash, in this Province, and conveyed a number of passengers from that port to New Zealand a few months since. She was