



## the opening of cornwall park

As you can see, a huge crowd turned up for the opening of Cornwall Park in 1903.

The Auckland Star reported on the event;

*“An immense concourse of people assembled at Cornwall Park this afternoon for the purpose of witnessing the opening of the carriage drive by Sir John Logan Campbell. The afternoon was observed as a general half holiday by both wholesale and retail houses and by most of the public schools. The Auckland Stock Exchange closed at noon, and there was practically no business of any description done in the city after one o’clock. So great was the demand for vehicles that even last night it was impossible to engage a conveyance of any kind. (...) Long before two o’clock crowds were waiting in Queen-Street, and rushed each car as it came along and brakes and ‘buses were also pressed into the service, the idea of the citizens being, no doubt, to first witness the ceremony at Cornwall Park and then return to watch the interprovincial football match at Alexandra Park.”*

- Auckland Star, volume XXXIV,  
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