

After the luncheon, the President said - "I have already introduced to you our old friend, Mr. A. Dudley Dobson, and in a few minutes, will ask him to address us on a subject which, I am sure, will be of the greatest interest to every member present."

"The Opening up of the Canterbury West Coast" was one of the most important and interesting events associated with the connection of the East and West Coasts of the South Island of New Zealand. Only scant records are available and Mr. Dobson's contribution will become very valuable, more especially as he was the pioneer, and owing to his strenuous and daring work the mountain pass was found which will probably to the end of time bear his name.

Mr. A. Dudley Dobson -

You know of course that this Island is called by the Maoris "Te Wahi Pounamu" - the place or locus, of the Pounamu, or greenstone, and the actual loei were the rivers Teremakau and Arahura, a region that, in Maori times, was always debatable ground.

Some of the Maoris from the North Island came all the way by sea in their sea-going canoes for the much-prized greenstone; others crossed Cook's Strait in canoes, came down the east