

swimming through green paddocks

ALEX GRAHAM

ARAWATTA

While I watched them ^{mused} & mused my tooth. We got back to the hotel at 2 o'clock. All the way up I had been handling my stars that once I got to the hotel I could get my car & drive up the 90 miles to the dentist ^{in Hokitika} instead of a miserable ride up on a horse. I changed & got ready to start when I heard that Capt. Mercer was coming up in the plane & was going on to Hokitika & would probably return that night. We got off at 5 & I was in ^{Hokitika} ^{Hyden's chair} ^{5:30} ^{son after 6} at 5:40. I found the dentist & at 7 o'clock we started back & at 8 o'clock I was eating my dinner at the hotel in quite reasonable comfort. It was very quiet tonight & the ~~town~~ ^{town} ~~was~~ & I still have a great remembrance of it as a town. On the way back it was amusing to see all the people at the various settlements running out to the landing ground for the mail & ^{to see} ~~to see~~ to see. The most interesting thing to me was to get a birds eye view of roads & prosperous farms where before I heard almost unbroken forest with tracks leading to a couple of farm holdings down the river, & to try & identify certain spots in the creek ^{when all is a bush} where I could see usually to see some of the old. Two ladies a Mrs. ^{M.A.} Roberts & a Mrs. ^{M.B.} Scott who had done a good deal of work on the coast with Alice Graham came to the hotel & asked me if I would join them on a trip up the Arawatta 150 miles to the south. A river about 100 miles into Jackson's Bay & after running 30 miles inland up the JACKSON'S