

April 15. Mon. I drove to the Tootak & S. Peter, after breakfast walked up to see how the car was getting on. Had a look at the back axle & heads. Since they were not working back to hotel & walked as usual. Decided to go up to the NW road which is about half the distance. I had had to jump. Drove to the farm at 4 pm. had a look at the dynamo chain etc. at 5-11-10. Got off at 4.10 and had to back up of baggage and off. It was a really good to get acquainted with. And then I went to the Titahi Bay Road. There was the PAEKAKARIKI ^{at the car on the side.} Hill 760ft. I then went to see how the glacial road. It was 80- to Marahau. 56 miles. The view from PAEKAKARIKI 114 was very fine with Kapiti the Bird Sanctuary about 2 miles off. It was too cloudy to see by now, but I saw it later on as the cloud cleared. Got in at 6.20, stopped at little hotel at Marahau.

Marahau

April 16. Tues. I got off at 5.00 am, a level run to Levin. After leaving Levin I passed the old Titahi Bay (flooded in wet weather) but it was of course still dry. After Foxton a road almost straight for 20 miles, it was most rather good. After Tararua the road was off the main line. Got to Wanganui at 12. I had some tea, called on the AA. place, had a look at a road called an Auckland Guy who was at Ross about 15 years ago. I left at 1.15. After leaving the Wanganui R. on a nice road of 300 ft. down to 30 miles again. The road was not very interesting, and missed the road so much. The road was at 8500 at the summit when the scenery improved, then down to 3000 at the range on the side, then winding up to 550 at the Otoko school & back from 3000 down. I got a glimpse of the Rawlins Falls then surge. The country was all the same and deep & the gullies deep cut showed up well in the morning & evening light. The road was steady to Raetihi 1600 ft. Then I went to see Chase Day, Mrs. Vile, a beautiful little girl had a little to do I could not go. I left at 5.30 & driving along the road which was steady. About 5 miles out I saw a big mass cloud covered & black against the setting sun.

I finished my steady passing in Moko to Wanganui level link of the main trunk railway opened in April 1909. Then I came out on the Glen Plains. It was dark when I got to the lower Junction so I went to the Mountain House ^{2670ft.} & camped there. There was 30 of the trees already, a pair of 10 all round. No bird came for 760 class on the Glen. I slept in a small room with 2 others & the woman - 1824.

April 17 Wed. I got off about 10.20 after being delayed some time on the way by my sick light. The scenery was beautiful clear & the glacier showed well. I then saw high hills with yellowish green. Ngauruhoe ^{2100ft.} & Taranaki to the left, I then saw with a high mountain NGAURUHOE. I did not go to the Chateau, but went straight on crossing the Wanganui River 2200 ft. up. She was the same as last time, second rain had laid to dust. Pass. Lake Rotokina & some view of Taranaki. It did not stop. I was in a decided mood to see the glacier & see out on the glacier, I had a look at the road side. I had seen the mountain range of the glacier but was lost on the a headland & got some fine views. I had a cup of tea in Tapanui 32 miles from the glacier end. I had the second view of the snow & had a look at good King Service. Got to at the Baird's block at 8.50 stopped at the Hotel. After dinner I was with the Kapiti Blue hole, saw the the safety valve of the steam engine. It has a hole 13 x 8 inches & the pressure is 180 lbs to the inch. I had seen the & leave from the road to Tapanui.

Wairakei

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April 18 Thurs. Got up in good time & after partly shipping some looking on the line went to the Wairakei Glen. It was well with scenery. I took on a few photos, but they were all unsatisfactory. A fellow (Kodak) joined us and got back at 11.30 had some tea & drove on to Wairakei, found some was a fine ^{view} end of the big road so after seeing & seeing the Wairakei road for a while on it. Piled up by the finishing whipping on the bedding, remained the night at the hotel. I had bought some food at the Wairakei store, as I did not know of a hotel & had decided to camp near Wairakei on the glacier with a 10 am. Very hot & dry. had a look at the pool.

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