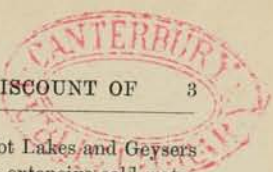


LINE OF ROYAL MAIL COACHES—CULVERDEN, HANMER SPRINGS AND WAIAU,
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Though Canterbury cannot boast of the Hot Lakes and Geysers of the North Island, nor of the fathomless and extensive cold water Lakes of Southland, it possesses many points of high interest to the tourist, and the change from the Hammer Plains in the North, to the everlasting Snow and Glaciers of Mount Cook, in the South; the contrast between the gentle sloping, though apparently level country between the Western Ranges and the sea, and the magnificent mountain scenery, rivers and gorges for which the West Coast Road is famed, and of which descriptions will be found in other parts of this issue, must be seen to be duly appreciated.

Dunedin is the acclimatised home of the Scotchman, and in a lesser degree of the Chinaman. Wellington embraces most nationalities. Auckland is conceded to resemble an American city on a small scale, but despite the admixture of races and creeds Canterbury has remained distinctively English. It is the acknowledged home of sport in all its branches. Here racing, in some shape or form, goes on all the year round; the rivers team with trout, the size and number of which are the envy of the British fisherman; hunting, boating, football, cricket, polo and other sports have their full number of votaries, while those who have leisure and pluck to go into the back country can still engage in the exciting though arduous sport of stalking the red deer, of shooting wild cattle, or of spearing the wild boar. In winter time, hunting and football are the favourite sports, and the latter is now the national game of New Zealand, the youngster who gets into a representative first fifteen being of far greater passing importance socially and otherwise than he who by years of sedulous labour has earned the right to add the mystic letters M.A. to his name.

Distant by rail some six miles from the port of Lyttelton, Christchurch is a most convenient centre for the tourist to start his various trips from, and the best accommodation, and the fullest information is always to be had at Warner's Hotel. The various objects of interest in the city itself, and a series of drives round the neighbourhood will be found in another part of this volume. Suffice it for the present to say that the tourist who has the time to spare can spend a very pleasurable fortnight in Christchurch, and will, if he attend to the directions elsewhere given, rarely have occasion to use the same road twice.

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