

coast of the South Island, thence over the Hurunui Saddle to the valley of the Teremakau, where they built mokihis (flax-stick rafts) in which they floated down the Teremakau Gorge.

Sometimes the North Islanders bargained with the Coast natives for the greenstone, and sometimes they fought for it.

The greenstone was found principally in the Hohonu Creek (now called Greenstone Creek) and lay in the riverbed in large boulders. It was found in the same form in the Arahura. So far greenstone has not been found in situ, but always in large boulders in drift formation.

Up to 1862 none of the Canterbury people knew anything about the part of the West Coast at that time included in the Province of Canterbury. To them it was a terra incognita.

The late Mr. Leonard Harper was one of the first from Canterbury to go over the Hurunui Saddle to the Coast, but he returned with very little information except that the country was covered with dense bush.

Samuel Butler, the author of "Erewhon", went over some years afterwards. A few stragglers managed to get through when prospecting for gold. They were not able to take much food with them, and on reaching the Grey they got into difficulties through supplies running