

ed about the box seats, as two gentlemen had occupied them from Atkarua, and declined to give them up. I can hardly blame them for being so disinclined, as it requires a great deal of unselfishness, (not generally found in the male species) to vacate the pleasant seats and crowd into the stuffy inside with women and troublesome children.

A Maori woman of twice the usual size sat opposite to us, she should certainly have paid a double fare. She was a restless being, would take off her hat and arrange her attire during which she would flip her arms about in a most alarming fashion, then give vent to gigantic yawns. Presently two Maories rode up alongside the coach, when she took off her hat waving it and gesticulating wildly to them. They conversed in Maori, then rode away, when she explained to us that they were her husband and nephew. This part of our

journey was very uninteresting, as we had left the beautiful Little Peninsula, and were on the monotonous plains once more. When we reached Taiapu, our friends were waiting to drive us home, and our excursion was ended, leaving us however, a store of pleasant memories.

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