

April 8. Got away 5.30 after 9. I saw the horses off Lake Rotokoi & Rotokoi. I was sorry I could not go down. The road up the hill saddle is 5.00 & they are widening the road. The summit is 2000 ft. It was too heavy to get the used up to the Tamean Bay. The country reminded me very much of Scotland. From the top of the Spenser Range I got a better view than last time. I had seen tea in W. Cheshire & got into Nelson about 12.00. I took the car to garage & engaged a car for driving & got a few little things done. I arranged at the P.O. about the Dunroby's collection & was told Wainui Road & I think had come in. I would break & spend the afternoon at 1.00 & 2.00 by way of Nelson. They were not in the car was long. I waited till 3.00 & then went back to Nelson for some tea & left at 3.50. The road runs along beside the bay for a while & is very fine. After 11 miles there is a long 5 miles up hill to the top of the Wangamoa hill, but the grade is not so steep as I thought. I then down & up the Rai saddle & down to Rai. I went on as I heard there was an accommodation house at Pelorus Point Junction, but there is no accommodation for the very beautiful Cleverly & Teasdale. So I went on to Parua where I stopped at the Pelorus Hotel. 43 miles. 110 miles in all. A fine day & fine view.

Caravan tent

April 9. A very heavy morning mist but cleared for fine weather. I decided not to go fishing & I felt very tired. I left about 11 & drove slowly into Blenheim 34 miles. I left the lake & the cover the vehicle. Had some tea & drove out to the Hotel about 4 miles to the P.O. intending to get some fishing. I was so tired that I could not sleep & then my suitcase came in, so I had a rest both & got up all ideas of fishing. There was a strong wind blowing all day from the hills down the river. At night it was wonderful & I went over Blenheim, & glowed red with purple shadows on the hills.

Blenheim

April 10 Wed. packed up my car & left to take to P.O. sent car to garage & then to the P.O. Went to look at the creek, saw a fine view & so found for 12.30 moved to. Then to Blenheim & to the Richardson. Found a very good place. Mr. Richardson at home. He talked about 6. It came in to rain about 10 after a while

Blenheim

35 miles after the P.O. Her car had been run out of the motor & a splat was chipping. Very pleasant people. He had been in both the P.O. & the first was. He was saying I must be careful on the Wairarapa when I was there.

April 11. I slept well in a bed under a tree. I showed them my photos. I left at 11.30 & got to the car & took the car had been uncleaned & I was all right. Did not want to get off. I met a girl & a young man the whole. He sailed at 2.45. The summit was very fine. The wind had been N.W. & it was a calm evening except for a short period of cold gusts in the "left". I had got my car put on a car & was out of within 10 min of the 5.00 evening bus I was. I went to the Royal Hotel & left my baggage & took the 2.00 train to Wainui where I got my baggage put right & walked back. I put the car back on side light for a few minutes & I found it difficult to find the garage. Garage

Welling in

April 12 Fri. I went out to get a few things & then walked up to the garage. I see the things were getting on, the car was cleaned & so next day. got some lunch at, bought a reel. Had tea with Shank & several members of the club at Kirkcaldy & then. Saw of them. Came up to the Hotel & took a photo.

April 13 Sat. After breakfast repacked my bag so as to have as much as I could. Left out of the car last night. Went to the garage & got the car as I was out & I should sleep & the car stopped. The dynamo chain had slipped so I left the car to be mended again with a promise it should be ready 12.30. I went back to the Hotel had lunch & walked up again. The mechanic told me he had found one of the pins that holds the clutch spring at the bottom of the drum. He said it would be right to replace, but I checked it was in ^{Welling in} ~~the~~ as it was cold & wet. So I went to the hotel had tea & wrote letters & after dinner put up diary & went to bed. Also position of Sonia

April 14 Sun. Went to the P.O. & to the P.O. & the 11.00 train. Then went for a walk to Botanical Garden. Had morning tea & came back to the Hotel & left. As S. Peter was very a little, I said leaving.