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Extract from some of Douglas notes at Hoka under Leary's Pass
 "I found this pass (Leary's) when traversing the Arawata in
 1883 -- Next year I sketched in the features from the top
 of Mt Ionia --- there was no snow on it in Nov 1883"
 His discovery of the pass seems to have been in Nov. 1883 and
 and next year he was on the top of Ionia. I think he would use
 "next year in its true sense Jan to Dec 1884 (In England where
 the change comes in the middle of winter we describe a winter
 as we get more snow and ice after Christmas. I think in N.Z.
 the summer of ¹⁹²⁵ 1924/5 As I said I do not
 think it comes in here, but it needs to be borne in mind.
 I think it is in that sense that in N.Z.A.J Vol. I. No 6 p 318
 you say "Douglas in 1884 explored the Arawata River He discovered
 Mt Lydia etc"
 I have not seen Gerhardt Mueller's Report in the Appendix to
 the Journal of the House of Representatives 1885 only an
 extract from it. in which no year is given. The important
 bit is "Last year's exploration did not take in Mt Aspiring
 --- I left Jackson's Bay on Jan 28 and returned to it again
 on Feb. 23" Not much time wasted for what they did, this
 rather implies one member of the party knew his way about.
 Can you tell me what year Muellers "Jan. 28 to Feb 23 "is?
 I should be inclined to think that the Journal of 1885 is
 printed in early 1885, but includes reports of 1884. In that
 case Mueller's "last year "is 1883 and would be when he wrote
 it and "Jan 28 to Feb 23 is 1884 This is guess work

Extract from report of Gerhardt Mueller

[Faint, mostly illegible text from a report, possibly containing a list or table of contents. Some words like "Journal", "Appendix", and "Report" are visible.]

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