William O'Leary — known as "Arcewold Bill" fr. the Sketch. Leary's pass from Arcewold to Otago flat. next year may mean 1854 or the summer '84/'85

See p. 163. Vol 1 No 6 Is it visible from Invia?

(A) Harper's writing in Oct. 1884 N.Z. A.S. p 318 says "Douglas in 1854 explored the Upper Arcewold R. -- He discovered Wilson's pass head of Clarke River 6000 ft. + beside this saw Mt. Robinson, the Bath, Aspiring etc & lump of peaks almost contained from Clarke River to sea. Douglas being done no more than explore the lower country except in the case of the Barron and of the Dividing Ranges from Mt Cardrona to Cardrona"

Wm Williams Hall. first. named from Andrew Gillespie Esq p 155 l. 2.

Capt. Mercer told me that he has been quite unable to identify Leary's pass from the air. H.G.N.

Sketch p. 4.

See Maori pas p 169.

This is the Waiatoto-Wilkin Pass shewn H.O Boddy & Otago men. J.D.P.

Leary's Pass.

I first found this pass when traversing the Arcewold in 1883. I left the foot of it but did not ascend it. The next year I sketched in the features though I fixed its position from the (A) top of Mt Invia & noticed that the ascent of from Williamson Hall to the top of the pass was comparatively easy. There was no snow on it in Nov. 1883 - although we doubt there would some on the east side - Which was rather singular as the pass must be over 5000 ft high, being exposed to the warm N. Westerly sun almost before it is free. I doubt this pass is so high for more than a fortnight as it must be snowed up for a good part of the year. Which is a great pity as this pass thus alone would have solved the problem as the best route for the main South Road into Otago.

I have not known that any one had crossed this pass till an Explorer named Leary came from the Valley of the Dart with the Arcewold Mountains in 1857 via this route so I have called it Leary's pass. He cannot be quite sure to record of his journey so I cannot tell what like the route is from the Summit of the pass down the Dart River.

Hector Saddle

It is doubtful if this pass has ever been used by the Maoris, not likely as the approach up the Waipara is barren of birds & otter & edible. Already Dr. Hector was the first white man who ascended it in the early Sixties & wrote a report on it. He however used no guides & no one to my knowledge has ever crossed from Otago down the Waipara unless he except the native mythical "Wakatipu Jack" who came in the Coast some years after Dr. Hector's expedition & disappeared - never had an actual body as he came & all accounts down the Otekaike & the Waipara at the same time.

(7) ## Rabbit Pass.

This is not exactly what would be called a pass, it rises over from the foot of the upper Waiatoto flat into a branch of the Matukituki with height of feet of the bridle. When I was at top of the range in 1880 I could not locate the river. The act of crossing up a bare open is common enough on the Divide & I believe the range from the Broad Peak Lendenhall Rise to Castle & Pollux can be crossed in a score of places, but many of them would be suitable for more than a foot & much track if ever for that.