See Hochi sadelle p. 166

p. 12 Sketch "Haast Pass looking up the Makarora River

Haast pass (cont.)

This pass was so named from a native chief, a Maori, Wakatipu Jack, came thro' this way & down the Okuru & the Coast with his sixties. He got to the Coast certainly, but I do not believe he came thro' this pass. He was guided by the Blue River he so good that man but got wind cracks them with the well known Haast Pass so handy. If this fabled party came down the Okuru it was ere Haast & Burke & Travellers

Haast Pass.

This pass is the favored route for the best route for a road from the East to the West Coast altho' in my opinion for a railway the Wilkin is far superior, both from the nature of the country & discovering by Jackson Bay the only possible place in Westland for a big ship harbour. A possible railway route via the Haast was laid off - on paper - several years ago. & the route was workable but if ever a railway is taken thro' this pass, the route explored by Mr. Miller & myself via the Burke

(13) River & down the Okuru by W.W. taken not down the Haast River. There has been considerable argument as to Who was the first white man Who came on the pass. From all I can understand a man named Cameron came thro' from the Wanaka & reached the Land Agent's flat & on going back he met Dr. Haast, either at the Wanaka or in Queenstown, nearly starved over with his party & no doubt the Dr. got information from Cameron, but as is usual with explorers, he makes no mention of him in his book.

Cameron like almost all prospectors left no record of his journey except tradition of public house blowing. So to Dr. Haast who did keep an account of his journey & roughly laid off the country all credit must be due. Here I would give a little advice to scientific explorers especially to the German Brand of the species & that is make some slight acknowledgement that you do get some information from the inhabitants - who live about the country. If such were done you would get far more information & often of a valuable nature, information you could never get - acquire by merely. After Dr. Haast the late Vincent Pyke came over with a party & like the Doctor reached the sea. But whether

J. & N.Z.A.T. credit Haast & party as first on