

Hurunui Saddle Harper Pass (cont.)

Ridden west, last descent to the Teranakau Valley & cliff & rough. The early clippers came over this depression & after a while this had been blazed by Surveyors Hunt & Blake packhorses & stores were taken across. On the completion of the road this' cutting pass, the route was abandoned. Leonard Harper guided by Kaiapri Maori was the first white man to go across. This was about 43 years ago (ie about 1856)

There are all the passes thru the Main Range that are free from snow for a clear part of the year. As mentioned before a possible pass may exist up the Waitaki & Poerua, and the ranges from Dwyer Peak to Castle & Pollux can be crossed in many places, but not tho' defined saddles or passes. The whole west side of the divide from the Hurunui to the Hollyford has now been sketched, photographed & mapped so it is almost impossible that a defined pass could have escaped observation.

Balwin Tarea (?) Huna (Tostom?) has been mentioned in Edwards' drawings J. D. P.