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through the grand scenery of the Buller Gorge to Westport, and while at the latter place will not fail to visit the Denniston township, the highest in New Zealand (for its altitude is 1,960 feet above sea level), and also the extensive works of the Westport Coal Company, of which the township is itself an outcome. The return route is again up the Buller River, and through the little township of Lyell to Nelson, whence steamer may be taken to Wellington, or the return journey made by coach, *viâ* Blenheim and Kaikoura, the new sea road from the latter place to the Waiau township embracing some of the prettiest scenery to be met with in New Zealand. But it is well worth the while of the man of leisure to visit that portion of the West Coast which lies to the south of the once flourishing town of Hokitika, from which place, by the way, such interesting features as Lake Mahinapua, with its wonderful scenery and distant mountain views; the forest-swathed Lake Kanieri, and many other objects of interest may be visited. There is also the southern coach road to Ross, and from thence to Okarito, which place can also be reached by steamer from Hokitika. Further routes by horse or foot-track can be traversed as far as Makarora, which is 148 miles south of Ross; but it is safe to say that the scenery met with between Hokitika and Ross will more than repay time and expenditure to anyone who has the leisure, means, and inclination to make the trip. For grandeur of scene, for high and rugged mountains, for placid lakes, for thick forest, for rushing rivers, and for immense glaciers the West Coast of New Zealand knocks Norway and Switzerland combined into a cocked hat, and no description set out in cold print can adequately convey to the visitor more than the barest outlined idea of what awaits him. To understand the true inwardness of the West Coast scenery everyone must see it for himself. Even then he cannot part with his property to others. His observations are his own individual possession.

With regard to the above observations, the following tables may prove of use :—