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AKAROA.

Away ! I will not be to-day
The only slave of toil and care ;
Away from desk and dust ! Away !
I'll be as idle as the air.

For a nice, restful little place, Akaroa is indeed hard to beat. It can be reached by sea from Lyttelton on Tuesdays and Fridays, the distance by this route being fifty miles, and the fare 10s. Or the tourist can go overland *via* Little River, thirty-six miles distant by train, at a fare of 7s. 6d., and from thence eighteen miles by coach, for which the fare is 10s. But whichever route may suggest itself as being the more suitable, it is worth while to make the return journey *via* coach to Pigeon Bay, fifteen miles, and thence by launch to Lyttelton about the same distance, as the road is well worth seeing. Anyone who has a day to spare cannot go wrong in riding or driving back to the Hill-top Hotel, about four miles from Little River, and returning to Akaroa *via* the famous Summit Road, from which excellent views of the many pretty bays which border both sides of the Peninsula may be obtained. By the way, an interesting little piece of history attaches to Akaroa, which, though fairly well known locally, is worth repeating for the benefit of the stranger within our gates. Akaroa was originally colonised by a party of French emigrants, whose reports of their new home were so satisfactory that the French Government decided to take possession of the Middle Island of New Zealand, and sent out a war-ship for that purpose. The ship duly arrived at Auckland, the then seat of Government, and the officers were duly entertained at a ball by the leading residents. During the progress of the dance, one of the French officers unthinkingly divulged to his fair partner the errand on which he was bound, with the result that Captain Stanley, R.N., who commanded the *Britomarte*, a British frigate then lying in Auckland, lost no time in setting sail, and arriving at Akaroa on August 11, 1840, hoisted the British flag, thus forestalling the French by a few hours. As showing the narrowness of the escape, it may be mentioned that the French frigate *L'Aube* reached Akaroa on August 13, and the sailing ship *Comte de Paris*, with fifty-seven immigrants, only three days later. A few of the original immi-

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