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reading room is, in point of convenience and design, one of the best south of the line, and the casual visitor will receive the best attention from the library staff.

Hill Walks.

There are many fine hill walks in the vicinity of Christchurch, and as long as the visitor chooses a road for his purpose he cannot lose his way. There is the walk from the foot of the Port Hills at the foot of Colombo Street to Governor's Bay. The two miles and a half are covered by tram, leaving six miles and a half to walk, and the return journey to Lyttelton can be made by coach or launch. Then there is the walk from Heathcote Valley to Lyttelton over the Bridle Track, with a stiff grade on both sides, but not much more than two miles in point of horizontal distance; and the stroll from Lyttelton to Sumner of about five miles. There are many exquisite short-cuts over the hills, and the summit walking is everywhere pretty good; yet it is hardly advisable for a stranger to undertake these without the guidance of someone who knows the country, as even with the best written description he might find himself in difficulties.

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