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be private property, it is as well to consult the owners before operations are commenced. The flies which have proved most deadly in this stream are the Moor-fowl, Black-spinner, and Red Palmer. But coming within the easiest possible reach, and in fact intersecting Christchurch in many directions, is the river Avon. The lower waters of this river are stocked with large fish ranging on an average from 3 to 20 lbs. Owing doubtless, to the influx of whitebait, and other indigenous fish, the trout here are lazy and hard to catch, but those who use the live bait will stand the best chance of filling their creels. These remarks apply from the mouth of the river to the Hospital bridge, from which through the Acclimatisation gardens to a point opposite the dip on the Riccarton road the river is preserved. From here to the Fendalton bridge, the west side of the river is open, but on the east side it is only open between the Armagh Street and Carlton bridges, and above the latter bridge all is private water. On the reaches mentioned the most killing flies are the Irish Moss Brown, Red-Hackled Moor-fowl, Hardy's Favourite, and Black Spinner. Some twenty miles south of Christchurch is the Selwyn river, which affords the cream of North Canterbury fly-fishing. Starting, say by train from, Christchurch, Coalgate, some thirty-seven miles distant, is reached, and it possesses a very comfortable hotel within two minutes walk of the Railway Station. Here the river is within ten minutes walk of our hostelry, and there is splendid fishing if one follows the stream upwards as far as South Malvern, or if the angler chooses to drive as far as the latter place some 3½ miles, he will find that the fish are smaller though more numerous. To give an idea as to the size of the fish here, a local angler in two evenings creeled 87 fish weighing 55 lbs. Some four miles south of Coalgate, and following the course of the river, the Hororata, the principal tributary, joins the main stream. In this river the trout are very much larger, and baskets of fifty or sixty are not uncommon, the fish averaging from ¾ lb. to 2½ lbs. Proceeding up the Hororata river, the ownership is private, but any visiting fishermen by observing the ordinary rules of courtesy can always obtain permission from Messrs. Westerra Bros. and Bealey Bros., where the best fishing is to be obtained. The best flies for these waters are the Irish Moss Brown, Red Ant, Hardy's favourite, Red Spinner, Red Tipped Governor, and Moor-fowl. One basket obtained last year at