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AKAROA.

A Guide Book for Our Visitors.

IT has been felt for some years that the many visitors who come to Akaroa, Canterbury's earliest settlement, miss many of its interesting points and in this booklet an endeavour is made to give a short survey of the history of Akaroa and district, its many beauty spots, games, and advantages from a health and pleasure point of view. Let us imagine the reader has decided upon Akaroa as his holiday place. What is there for him to do? What does he do? for there are tennis courts, a bowling green, a golf links, a croquet court, many beautiful walks, places of historic interest, abundant fishing, boating, bathing, launch trips, hundreds of picnic places to visit and all can be done in beautiful surroundings and under unusually favoured climatic conditions both winter and summer. Akaroa enjoys a warm insular climate by reason of its protruding from the mainland out into the Pacific. Its Harbour pierces the great circular headland, while the steep hilly spurs jut out forming innumerable Bays and beaches. Thus there are thousands of beautifully sheltered spots in which to bathe under ideal conditions and bask in the warm summer sun. The ever changing coast line, the hills and valleys, which are covered with a luxuriant growth for the greater part of the year, together with the blue waters of the harbour provide scenery which is a delight to all who behold it, and many thousands have given expression to their admira-

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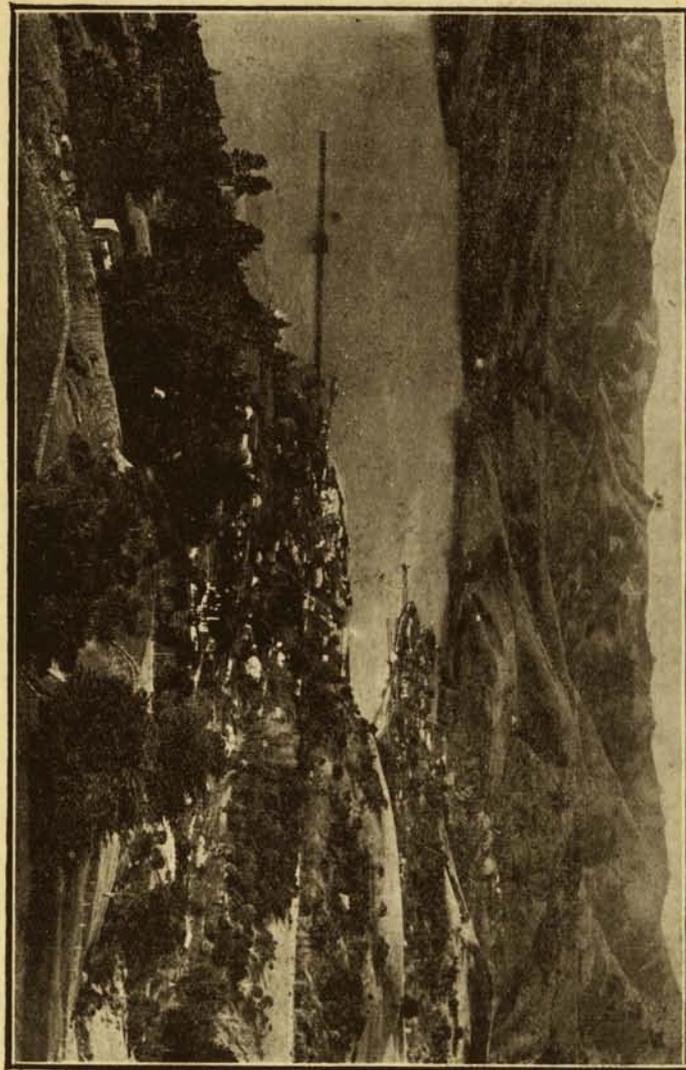
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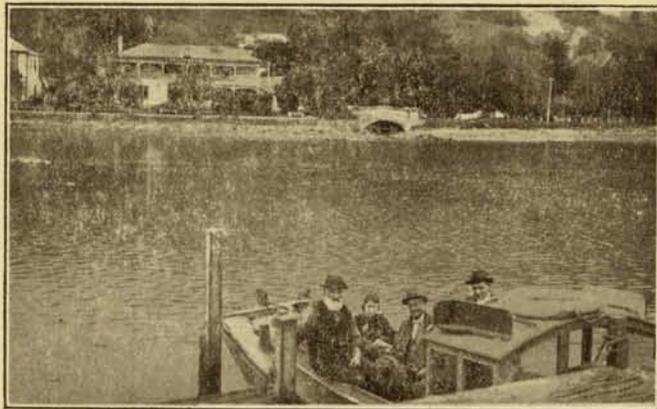
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tion of Nature's wondrous beauty in this particular spot. Ethel Turner, the well known novelist who visited Akaroa early in 1926 was much struck with Akaroa's beauty and prefaces her impressions thus: "Half-way down South Island, about 50 miles from where Christchurch lies on its English Canterbury Plains, juts ruggedly out into the ocean Banks Peninsula—Sir Joseph Banks' Peninsula, of course. Nine miles up into the rugged peninsula runs a fiord named Akaroa, so very blue, so very lovely and unsophisticated that though she meant to stay there only a few hours, this tourist found herself staying on for several days."

As Viewed from the Hill Top.

She describes the scene from Hill Top as follows:—

"I can call to mind few, very few such truly lovely scenes. We were on one of the up-thrust ridges of Banks' Peninsula—up-thrust fiercely in the dawn days of the world. Other ridges spread out to the ocean in a kind of fan, and between the ridges ran green valleys, and in the valleys ran silver water, met here and there by the blue thrusting of a fiord piercing in from the sea. Far below, like a lovely land-locked lake, lay Akaroa Harbour, once the yawning crater of a volcano. On the edge of the blue, blue waters, the village could be seen nestling its red roofs in bosky growths of green, while, sentinel over it, rose two coppery mountain crags—Brasenose and Purple Peak. Then down, down to the harbour ran our road, doubling along steep hills, winding past apple orchards, cherry orchards, sheep farms, to the village itself it ran, along the edge of the water, as run the roads on Italian lakes; green grass and flowers making a dividing ribbon, while the houses and the close-clipped macrocarpa hedges and the little shops were only on one side. Grass-grown streets climbed the hills—thin, aloof poplars fluttering yellow flowers brought Normandy unbidden to one's mind. I was told the descendants

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of the French immigrants had been, in many cases, the planters of the old-world growth; the poplars, the great chestnuts, the oaks and elms, the olives and almonds and figs, the tangled hedges of Bourbon and damask roses, the heavy creepers of Provence and Cloth of Gold, the willows—these last-named had been grown from slips brought by Francois Le Lievre from Napoleon's grave at St. Helena."

A Modern Borough.

Akaroa is divided into two separate parts with the crescent sandy beach of the Esplanade between them; a fine place for bathing and for children to play in the sand. At one time a bold scheme was afoot to reclaim this bay, but it was never accomplished, and to-day its value to the town is inestimable.

Akaroa owes much to the intelligent care shown by those who developed its natural resources and utilised them for residents and visitors alike. The Borough is equipped with an abundant water supply, septic tank drainage system, and electric power. Municipal salt water baths are situated on the expansive Esplanade Beach. Well cared for garden plots and flower beds adorn the water-front and a riot of colour is to be seen on the memorial and Britomart reserves at the various seasons of the year. The Borough reserves are of exceptional beauty.



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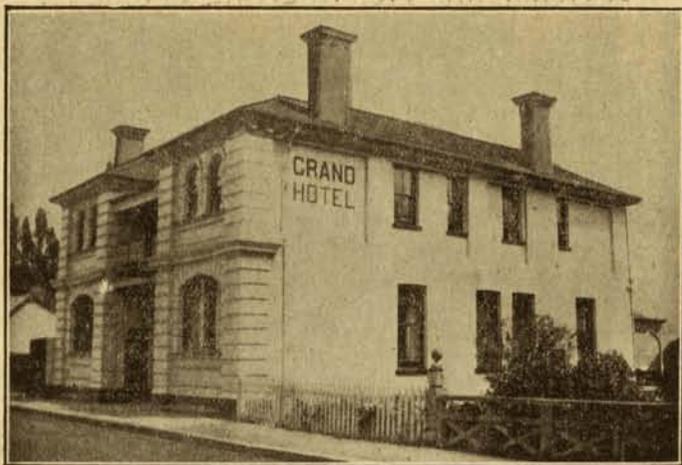
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A Genial and Health-giving Climate.

Not without reason has Akarua been called "the Riviera of Canterbury," for in many ways it resembles the health-giving coast of the Mediterranean, protected on the north by the Alps and Appenines. Some years ago the New Zealand Government Railways issued an interesting map showing New Zealand as it would be if placed in the corresponding latitude of the Northern Hemisphere, but with east (instead of west) longitude, for comparison with the countries of the Mediterranean. This map shows that Banks Peninsula approximates to Nice, and Timaru to Genoa, practically the region known as the Riviera. Akarua's climate is such that grass grows the whole year round, and lemons, oranges, medlars, peaches, nectarines, loquats, palms, sumach, chestnuts and walnuts flourish everywhere. The French colonists raised luscious white grapes in the open, and portions of these vineyards still exist.



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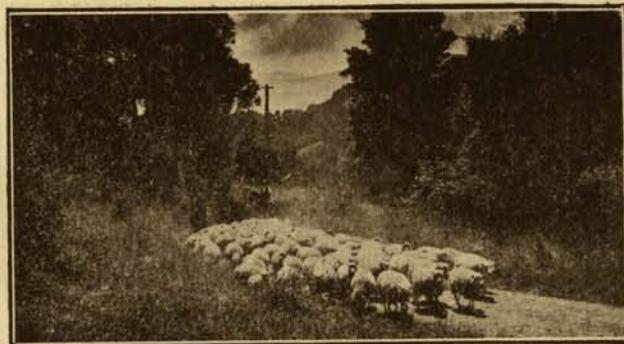
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And deeply drank the wine of dawn;
Saw Bossu, sentinel of morn,
Guarding a bay of beauty rare.

As at the touch of sun the snows
Fade far away, so neath thy scenes
My weary brain its care o'erthrows.
Can trouble live where beauty reigns?

Here, here in this delightful spot
Where Nature's store is unsurpassed;
Come, plough the sea, the hills ascend,
Renew that youth with cares o'ercast.

Oh, you who dwell in smoke and dust,
While "Speed, more speed," your slogan runs—
Leave for a while the frenzied rush,
The bitter race that men call life.

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Your ears attune to God's great choir,
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Walks Around Akaroa.

Charming Valleys and Sea Coast.

Akaroa has many fine walks within easy reach of all. After leaving the seashore the town runs into three valleys, viz.: Grehan Valley at the north end of the town, Balguerrie Valley in the centre of the town and Aylmer's Valley at the south end. A wanderer up these valleys is richly repaid for the effort. Each has its creek and winding road its gardens, hedges and trees and beyond the farm lands.

Summary of Walks.

Short Walks.

Green Point Memorial—Where the annexation of the South Island was declared. A pleasant walk by the sea to an historic spot.

Akaroa Domain—Akaroa has one of the most beautiful Domains in the Dominion, and no visitor should miss seeing it.

Old French Cemetery—Where the first French burials were made and are recorded.

Electric Light Reservoir—Beyond the old French Cemetery, where a fine view of the town may be obtained.

Newton's Waterfall—Up the lovely Aylmer's Valley.

Powerhouse—Off Lavaud Street

Grehan Valley—Where the old Mill and Brewery once stood, and a clay cottage may still be seen.

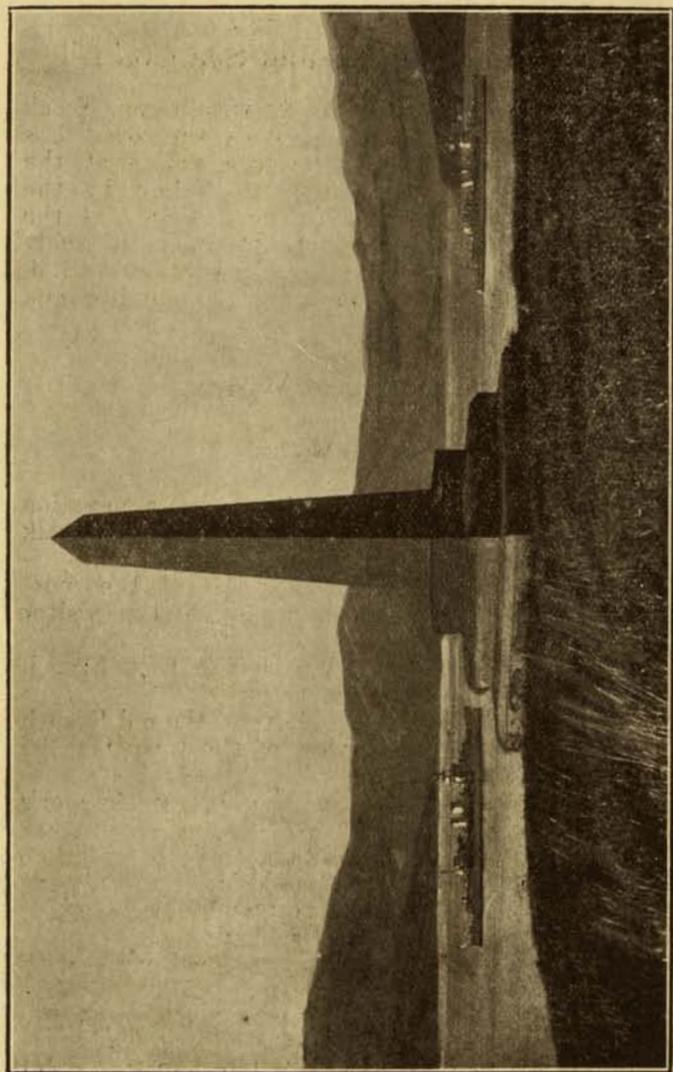
Hewitt's Road—A beautiful climb.

The Maori Kaik—A long but level walk, with superb view of the Harbour.

Balguerrie Valley—A favourite walk, with the Waterfall well up the valley.

Children's Bay, Lushington's Bay and Red Point at the North end of the town.

Walks Around Akaroa



Green's Point Memorial.

Long Walks.

For the energetic, Akaroa and its surrounding bays supply many beautiful walks. Here are some of them:

Lighthouse Walk.

Mt. Brazenose—Up above Aylmer's Valley.

Mt. Bossu—Above Wainui.

Stoney Bay Summit—Up the Balguerie Valley.

Purple Peak Walk—Past the Mt. Vernon homestead.

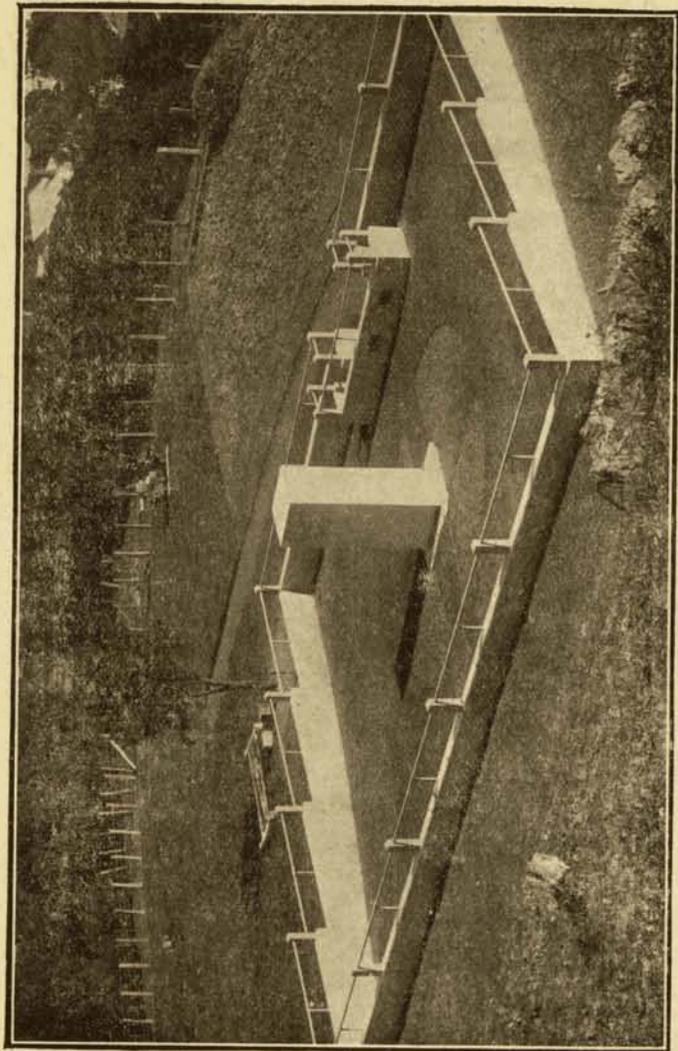
Piraki—A beautiful and strenuous walk from Wainui, which can also be reached by launch.

Nikau Palm Gully, where Nikaus grow in a rock-bound gully is a delightful but arduous walk past the Kaik overlooked by the great Dan Rogers cliffs.

Eastern Bays Walks—To Flea Bay, Stoney Bay, Sleepy Cove, Long Bay, Fisherman's Bay, Paua Bay, Gough's Bay, Hickory, Le Bon's Bay, Okain's Bay, Little Akaloa, Chorlton, Pigeon Bay, Port Levy and to Purau and Teddington.

Green's Point Monument.

Walks in the immediate vicinity of Akaroa are varied and there are several most interesting and historic spots to visit. In the latter respect the Green's Point memorial, where Captain Stanley, of H.M.S. Britomart, under instructions from Governor Hobson, hoisted the flag and held a court as the first official functioning by the British Government in the South Island is of greatest importance. Captain Stanley arrived in Akaroa Harbour on August 11th, 1840, accompanied by Messrs Murphy and Robinson Magistrates, and forestalled the French in their project to create a colony in the South Island at Akaroa. On June 14th, 1898, His Excellency the Governor, Lord Ranfurly unveiled the obelisk which marks the spot where the flag was hoisted. This obelisk lies about a mile south of the town along a shore-side road that winds its way along the indented coast line past the Domain and along Lover's Walk. The monument stands on the small promontory opposite the buoy which marks the ice at this spot.



Old French Cemetery.

French Cemetery on L'Aube Hill,

On L'Aube Hill, above the Recreation Ground reserve, at the north end of the town, lies the old French cemetery, the first consecrated burial ground of Canterbury. It is reached by the road past the Presbyterian Church, and is about half way up the Hill.

This burial place unfortunately suffered from neglect, but in 1925 the Government was induced to undertake the work of putting it in order. This was done by clearing the fairly flat portion of the hill, sowing it in grass, planting shrubs and trees, re-burying the bodies in a central plot which is enclosed by a low concrete wall, and the erection of a concrete block with marble inserted in the centre on which has been carved the names of those who were buried on L'Aube Hill as far as it has been possible to ascertain them. Valuable assistance in the work of identification was done by the late Professor Malaquin a few years ago, but it is feared that the names of some of those buried there have not been identified. The inscription on the memorial reads:—"In Memory of—Madame Libeau, Madame Eteveneaux, Mdle. Amelie Eteveneaux, Monsieur Fleuri, Monsieur Rouslot, Monsieur Andre Jendrot, Capt. Edourd Le Lievre, Madame Pierre David, Madame Le Vaillant, Mr. Magee, Mrs. Magee, Mr. Peter Walter, Mrs. John Breitmeyer, Miss Adelle Breitmeyer, Mr. John Breitmeyer, Mrs. Zillwood, Mr. Zillwood, Mrs. Watkins, and many other early settlers who rest in this burial ground, but whose graves were not identifiable when the Government effected improvements in 1925. The earliest known burial took place in May, 1842."

On the wall of the enclosure, facing the memorial, have been inset two inscription plates, seemingly of copper. These cannot be seen except by going inside the enclosure. One of these plates is from the coffin, or headstone, of Captain Edouard Le Lievre, whose name is on the memorial, and who died on May 11th, 1842, aged 35. The other



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On the Golf Links.

plate is from the grave of Pierre Le Bouffe, Comis de la Marine, who died in 1849 on board the L'Aller, at Akaroa, aged 26. His name does not appear on the memorial, the plate not having been found in time to be included. The lettering on the plate is indistinct in parts. On September 25th, 1926, when the Akaroa Borough celebrated its 50th anniversary, the Hon. J. G. Anderson, Minister of Marine, unveiled this memorial to the old French settlers.

Electric Power Reservoir.

By proceeding from the old French Cemetery up the hill the electric power reservoir, which supplies the power-house with electricity for the town below, is found. Round it are planted native veronicas, ngaios, and other native shrubs. From this summit an expansive view of the town and harbour is obtained. The golf links are immediately beyond the reservoir.

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Grehan Valley.

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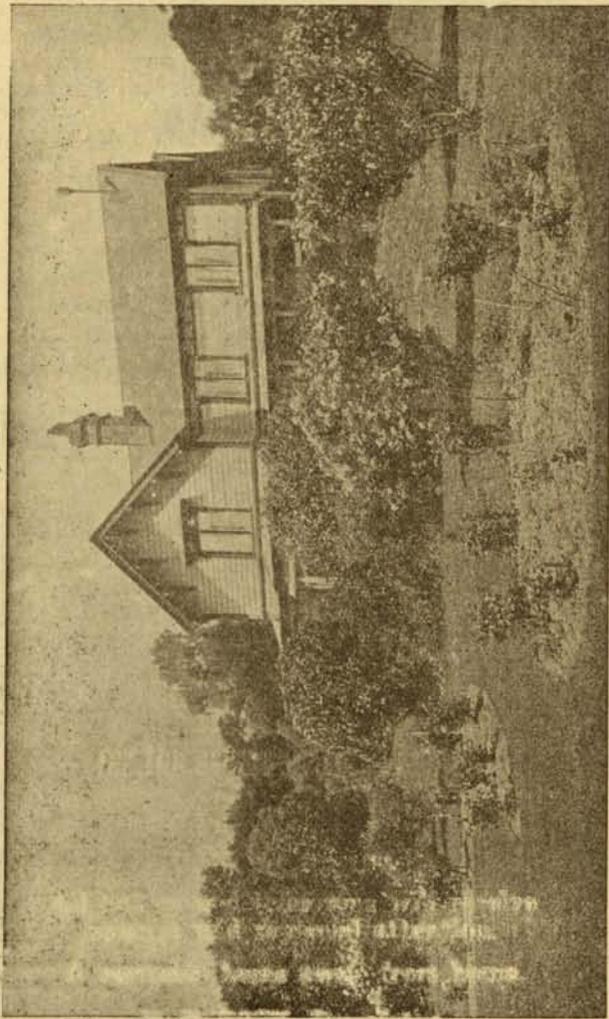
Long Walks.

Balguerie Valley and Mt. Berard.

The Balguerie Valley Road extends to the ocean on the other side of the Peninsula and about half way up the hill on the Akaroa side is a fine waterfall, little known to many. Cars can be driven up this road as far as Mr. J. E. Armstrong's house and just beyond this point by following the road to where the creek crosses it is the Waterfall, which can be reached by going up the creek bed. It is advisable to keep to right when leaving the road and then follow up the creek bed to the waterfall. There are some beautiful ferns and



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trees in the creek bed to be seen and the water-fall itself is well worth the climb. The best picnicking place is near the road. The walk up the Stoney Bay Road to the hill top is a splendid one, and on the other side of the hill it leads to Stoney Bay with Flea Bay on the right. Just over the Summit is a patch of native bush and a good camping place on the right. There is a good spring of water among the tussocks near the road. Down on the left is the Stoney Bay Valley and by following down the spur and into the bush in the creek bed crepe and other ferns of great variety, totara, beech and native pine trees are abundant. Only hardy walkers should attempt this walk as it means a big scramble out of the Valley again. A climb on to the summit of Mt. Berard can be made by approaching it from the Stoney Bay side. Mt. Berard is the big bluff on the right when approaching the Summit. The climb from Akaroa to the Summit takes about two and a half hours fairly steady walking and just over the summit in the bush is the best place for lunch.

Purple Peak and Long Bay Road.

The Purple Peak Road branches off to the left of Balguerrie Valley Road about half a mile from the town. This road goes over a bridge across the valley creek and up the hill to the right above Armstrong's private road. It is a rough track but commands many fine views of harbour and town. Purple Peak is on the left as you reach the Summit and is a great bluff of purple coloured rock rich in colour. From this summit Long Bay is seen on the ocean side and if the road is followed along the summit to the Long Bay saddle Akaroa can be reached by descending the Long Bay road. A good lunching place and water can be obtained on the summit and it is advisable to take lunch for such a walk.

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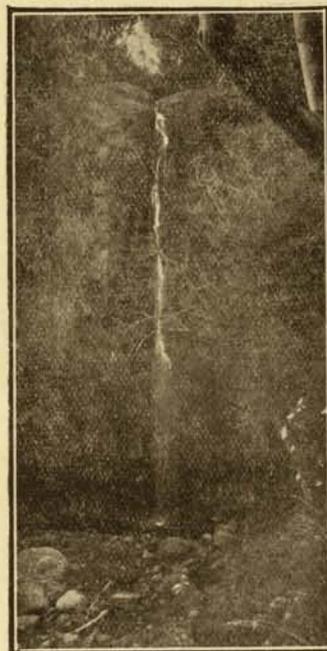
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Aylmer's Valley and Waterfall.

Aylmer's Valley leads to Newton's Waterfall, less than an hour's walk from the town. The



waterfall is just beyond the gate across the road on the right as you pass through the gate, a distance of some 150 yards or so. Visitors should proceed as far as the gate which crosses the road, and on going through take the track to the right and continue to the waterfall. The waterfall is in the side creek and not the main valley stream. The walk to the waterfall takes about three-quarters of an hour from the town and the road is along the valley stream which winds its way from the hills to the sea.

Mt. Brazenose (2575 feet).

The Aylmer's Valley Road also leads to Brazenose Peak, one of the finest walks of all. From the Valley road you branch off just beyond Mr. Newton's woolshed through the gate and up the hill until the track joins the Lighthouse road. The ordinary road to Brazenose is by way of the Lighthouse road. This branches off the Kaik road beyond the Akaroa Hospital and leads up the hill on the left. It is a stiff climb but the views obtained magnificent. Good water can be obtained on the Lighthouse road just beyond the foot of Braze-

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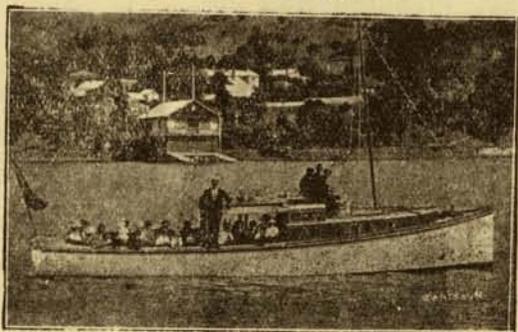
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nose and it is advisable to walk some distance along this road before making the final ascent rather than climbing straight up the hill. From the summit of Brazenose the Alps, Canterbury Plains, Kaikouras and the Ninety Mile Beach can be seen quite plainly on a clear day and Timaru has been seen from this point under ideal conditions. A splendid walk can be completed by proceeding along the Summit to the Stoney Bay road, fine views being obtained of the ocean, Flea Bay, Stoney Bay, Sleepy Cove and Pompey's Pillar, the most Eastern Point of the Peninsula. It is advisable to keep to the Summit until you get a view of the road leading down the hills to Akaroa. When you reach Mt. Berard turn down the hill and join the road on the Akaroa side. The Flea Bay bush is on the ocean side of this low saddle, a splendid patch of native trees including New Zealand cedars, staghorn moss and ferns are to be found here.

Walk to Akaroa Lighthouse.

Upon reaching the Summit a long range of the ocean is visible, and the Southern Alps stand out clearly on a bright day. Steamers passing north and south are also seen to advantage. After reaching the Summit it is a gentle slope down the long spur to the headland where the Lighthouse is perched. Great masses of rock can be viewed on the way. Down to the right is Dan Rogers Cliff, across the harbour entrance the South Head and across the Lighthouse Bay is The Looking Glass, a great hole in the headland with the sea showing through it. It is a long and steady rise from the Lighthouse to the summit again.

The Maori Kaik.

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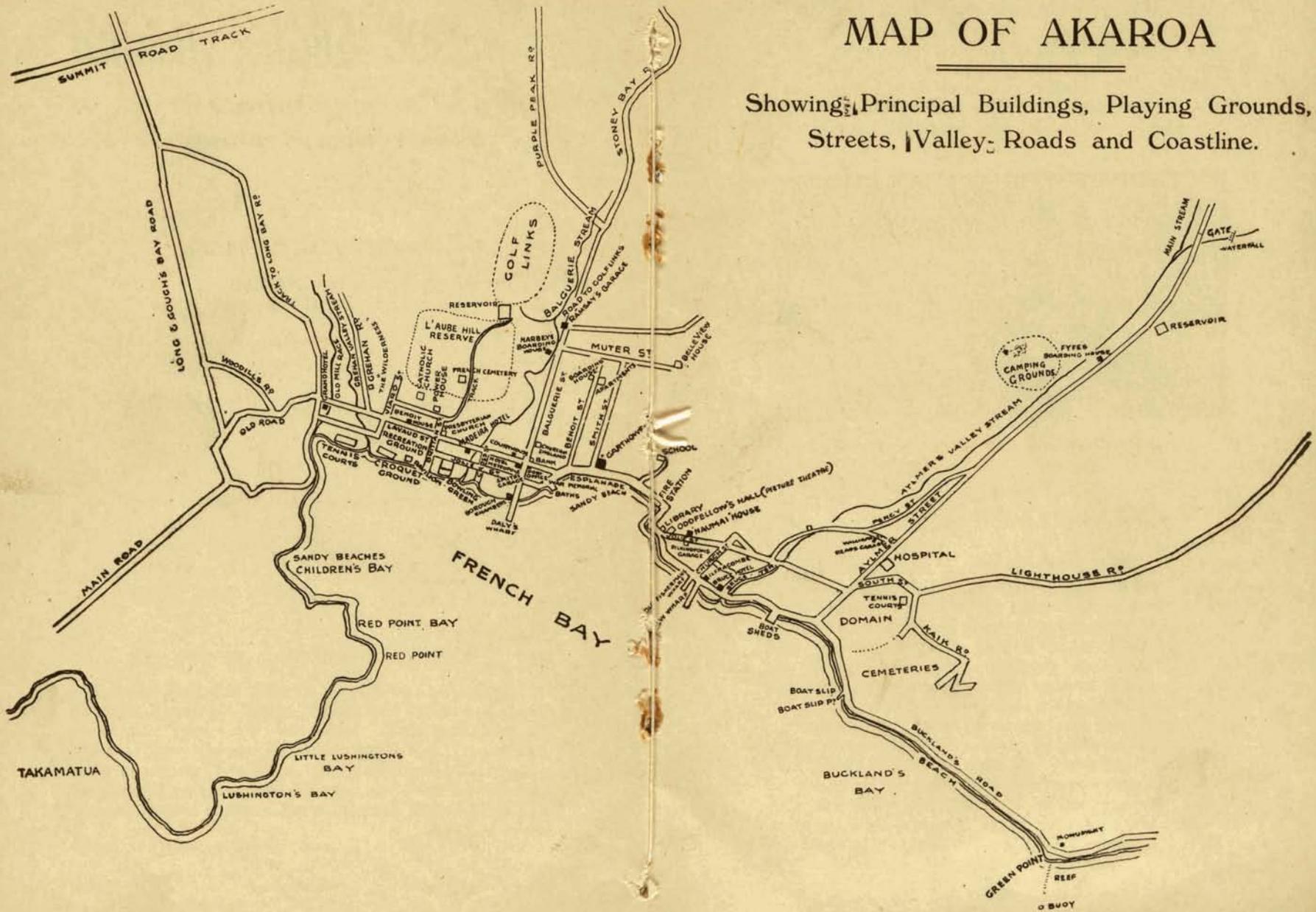
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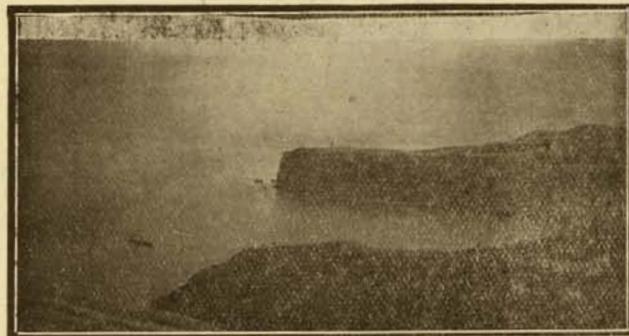
MAP OF AKAROA

Showing Principal Buildings, Playing Grounds, Streets, Valley Roads and Coastline.



MAP OF AKAROA

Wesleyan Minister. Several Maori families live in this old Maori Settlement. Take the road from Jolie Street and continue past the Hospital. This road is a very easy grade, and being fairly high, some of the most beautiful views of the Harbour and its surroundings are visible and will be long remembered by those who make the journey.



Entrance Akaroa Harbour—South Head.

Nikau Palm Gully.

This road leads to Nikau Palm Gully. To visit the Gully it is first necessary to obtain Mr Porter's permission. There is no road but merely sheep tracks and if this walk is attempted it is advisable to keep well up the hill side. The entrance to the gully is also difficult and can only be obtained by climbing down among the trees well up the Akaroa side of the gully just under the cliff and it is a good scramble to get down this rocky slope. This is said to be the most southerly point where Nikau palms are growing. The walk to Nikau palm gully is a strenuous one and takes several hours, but the view of the harbour makes it an admirable one. There is a fine waterfall at the head of the gully.

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The walk to Lushington's Bay is through Children's Bay and up over the headland, keeping well up through Messrs Williams and Leete's property and dropping down into Lushington's Bay. Water can be procured here, but it is advisable to boil it, and the small stream round the rocks where it comes over on to the beach is the best water. Little Lushington's lies to the right beyond Lushington's Bay with Takamatua further on. In both Bays there is a good beach for bathing. Red Point Bay lies to the left of the Spur on the way to Lushington's.



Low Tide.

Handy Bathing Beaches.

The most popular bathing beaches near Akaroa are in Children's Bay at the north end of the town, where the beach slopes down gradually for a long distance and it is perfectly safe for children. There are two distinct beaches and room for many bathers. Bathing can also be obtained in the Bay below the Domain and in Buckland's Bay; but there are only small patches of sand in each of these Bays.



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There are many camping places close to Akaroa, but campers should always obtain property owners' permission to camp on their grounds. There are many good flat sections in the valleys near the creeks.

The Canterbury Automobile Association's camping ground is situated in Balguerie Street, about half a mile from Post Office.

Games.

Games available for visitors are as follows:—

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Akaroa Recreation Ground Tennis Courts, situated on the waterfront behind the Grand Hotel. There are three splendid new courts, all asphalt.

Akaroa Croquet Courts, three courts available next to the Pavilion on Recreation Ground.

Akaroa Bowling Green, near the Recreation Ground in Jolie Street.

Visitors wishing to participate in any of the games will be particularly welcome.

NOTE.—Visitors should enquire from hotel and boardinghouse-keepers as to particulars regarding keys of courts and where available.

Launch Trips.

The launches run regular trips outside the harbour to Akaroa Lighthouse in Damon's Bay, passing the great Dan Rogers' Rock and the Long Boat, a small rock island off the North Head. To

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| Christchurch dep. | 7.25 | 8.5 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 4.45 | | | |
| Little River arr. | 8.34 | 9.14 | 3.9 | 5.9 | 5.54 | | | |
| Akaroa arr. | 10.0 | 10.40 | 4.35 | 6.35 | 7.20 | | | |

These trains take passengers only for Main South Road Crossing (Hornby) and stations beyond Lincoln and for Akaroa.

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| Akaroa dep. | 7.5 | 7.45 | 1.40 | 3.55 | 4.35 | | | |
| Little River dep. | 8.40 | 9.20 | 3.15 | 5.20 | 6.1 | | | |
| Christchurch arr. | 9.47 | 10.27 | 4.22 | 6.27 | 7.8 | | | |

After leaving Lincoln these trains stop only to set down except that at Main South Road Crossing (Hornby) stops will be made to pick up passengers.

Through tickets to Akaroa (by rail and motor) may be purchased at any officered Railway Station in the South Island.

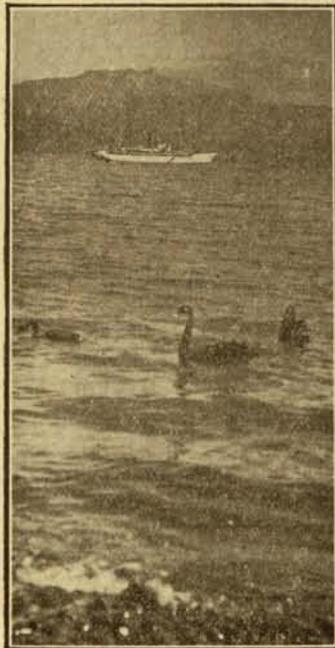
J. Read Jnr., motor proprietor, Akaroa will issue through tickets from Akaroa by motor and rail to any South Island officered station.

The Railway Department is not responsible for the running of the motor-cars between Akaroa and Little River.

the south is Scenery Nook, where there are many coloured volcanic rock terraces with a peculiarly shaped stratum coming down across the small bay like a side scene on a stage.

Ideal Picnic Spots.

Akaroa Harbour has long been recognised as one of safe anchorages and deep water and had there been an outlet from the Plains it would now be an important seaport. However, such was not to be. Its many fine beaches and Bays provide a wonderful field for those fond of boating and during the summer months the launches run trips to the many favourite picnic resorts. A picnic party has plenty of choice but perhaps the more popular trips are



Wainui, where there is an especially fine beach, Tikao Bay and French Farm, all on the western side of the Harbour. There are many others, though, where sheltered beaches and warm sunny spots can be found. For instance, there is the trip to Duvauchelle and historic Onawe Peninsula, where Te Rauparaha massacred the Ngai Tahu tribe. The old fortifications are still to be seen there in the form of earth works or trenches where the Ngai Tahus made their last stand. Other Bays

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which can be reached by launch are Takamatua, Robinson's Bay, the Maori Kaik, Kaiwarra, Mat White's Bay, beyond the Caves and Lucas Bay near the South Head of the Harbour.

Great Variety of Fishing.

A fleet of oil launches are engaged in the fishing industry at Akaroa, and regular supplies are sent to the Christchurch market. Red cod and herrings can be caught off the wharves, and almost anywhere that a boat can be tied up to kelp or an anchor dropped. The handiest places are at Red Point, Lushington's Bay, Green's Point and down towards the Kaik. Net fishing is available in the kelp beds along the shores of the harbour, where butterfish and moki are caught in abundance. Towards the heads blue cod, trumpeter and several other varieties are available. Rock oysters and mussels are also plentiful on the rocks. Crayfish are caught in crayfish pots towards the entrance of the harbour, while flounders can be dragged for on any of the sandy beaches, and herrings caught at creek entrances. The fishing grounds beyond Akaroa Harbour are a valuable asset, and here the fishermen operate all through the year. The proper banks are some distance out, and fish are very plentiful in the summer months. Barracouta are found in shoals off the Peninsula and provide exciting sport as they grab voraciously at the piece of painted wood with hooks attached. Splendid brill, large flounders, soles and hake are obtained in the trawl off the heads. Net fish are very plentiful along the sea coast outside the harbour, and fine specimens of moki and butterfish

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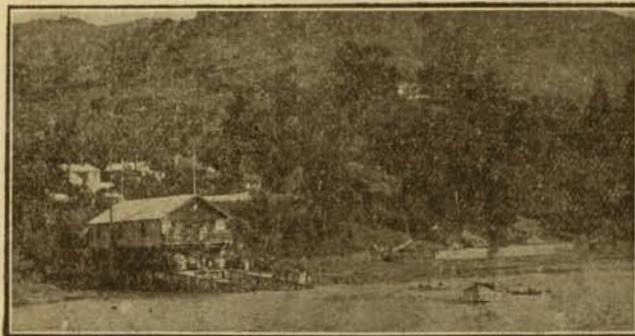
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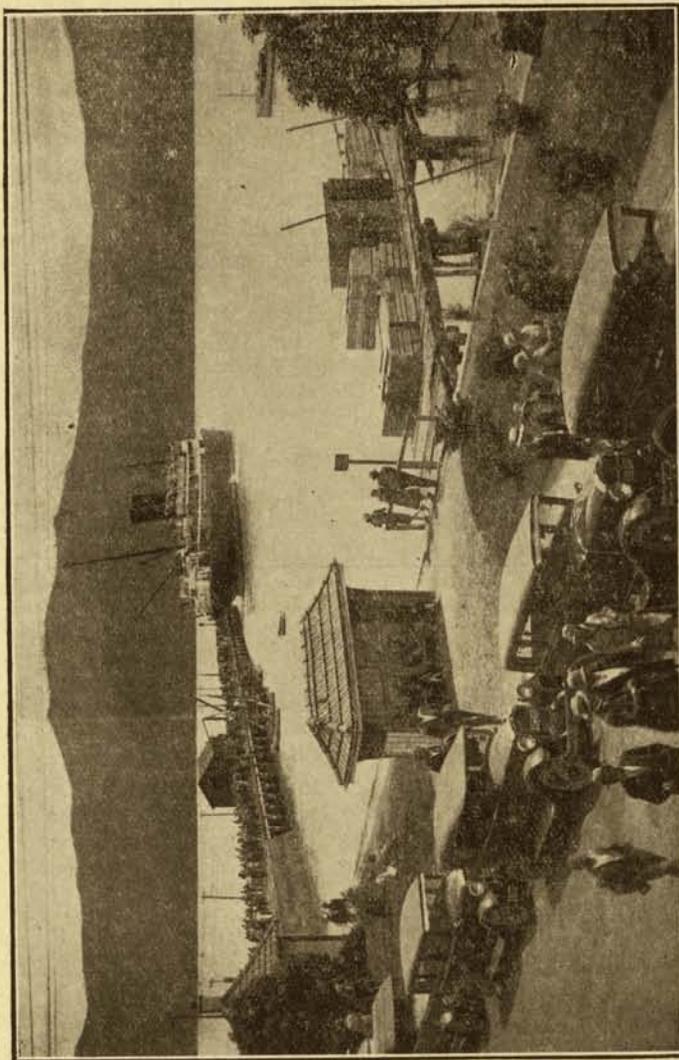
are found here. Kingfish and snapper are fairly plentiful, and there are, besides, silver trumpeter, kawhai and elephant fish. The fishermen operating off the Akaroa Heads frequently catch blue and shovel-nosed sharks, as well as the well-known mako shark, which has attracted so many of the world's keenest fishermen to Russell, Bay of Islands. An outing in one of the large launches outside Akaroa Heads is one of the finest day's sport one could wish for, and the abundant fishing has attracted many to Akaroa.



Akaroa Boating Club's Boat House.

A Yachtsman's Paradise.

A multitude of trips with picturesque bays to visit makes Akaroa a yachtsmen's paradise. The harbour is practically land-locked and provides a safe passage for both yachting and launching. Yachts have a fine sailing range, and first class yachts can sail right round Banks Peninsula in the summer time, and can go beyond the Harbour both north and south of the Akaroa Heads. Without doubt the safety of the Harbour and quicker transport in reaching the place will eventually result in Akaroa becoming a favourite week-end resort for yachtsmen.



S.S. Maori at Akaroa, Regatta Day, 1930.

Akaroa Harbour.

Ideal For Aquatic Sports.

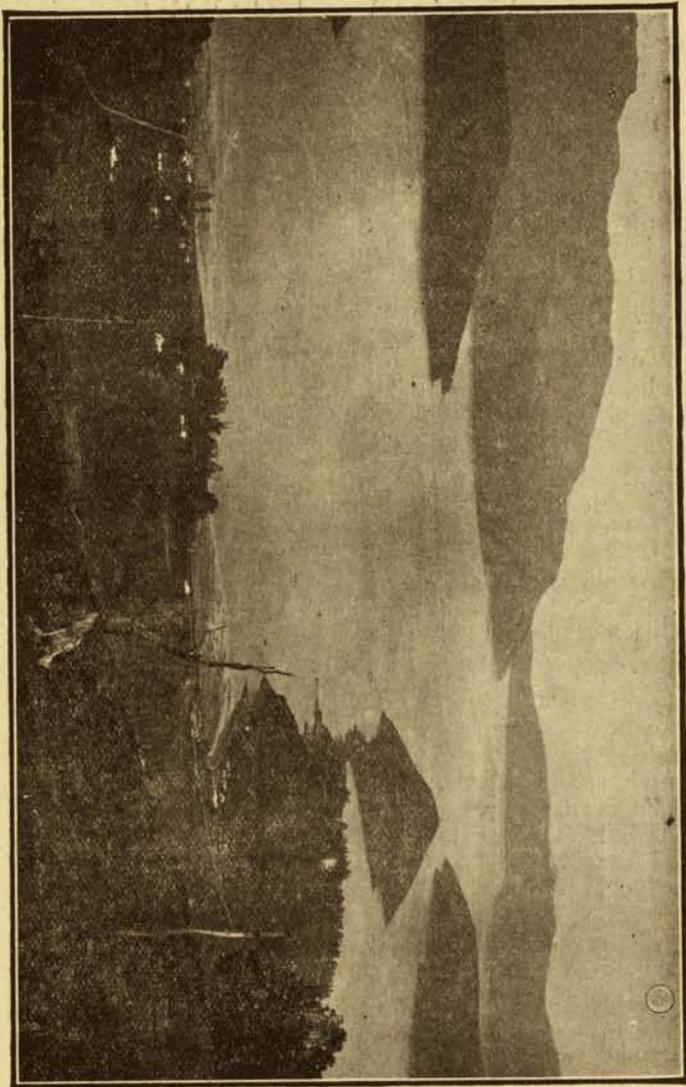
There is every possibility that as the years go by Akaroa Harbour will be recognised as a sheet of water most suitable for all aquatic sports. In February, 1929, the Sanders Cup contest was sailed on the Harbour and visiting yachtsmen were loud in their praise of this splendid sheet of water. Courses of any length can be obtained, and except for sudden Southerly "busters" are well sheltered by the surrounding hills.

The Canterbury Outboard Motor Boat Championships are also to be held in a few weeks after this publication. (Easter Saturday and Monday, 1930). The Canterbury Outboard Motor Boat Club selected Akaroa after considering all the courses in Canterbury and came to the conclusion that in Akaroa only could they get a sheltered stretch of water and the length of course they required, viz., a 30 mile course.

The Akaroa Regatta is held annually on New Year's Day when our men from all over Canterbury compete and an excellent course is obtainable. In 1910 the local rowing champion George Welch, who won the Amateur Championship of New Zealand several times, rowed Dick Arnst for the World's Championship Title. He also rowed Fogwell for the Australasian Championship in 1909 and won it. The course rowed for both races was from beyond the Kaik to Children's Bay, a distance of three miles.

On New Year's Day, 1930, s.s. Maori resumed the popular marine excursion between Lyttelton and Akaroa the first since pre-war days. Between 1300 and 1400 made the excursion and on the opposite page is a photo of the "Maori" just leaving the Akaroa wharf.

View of Akaroa Harbour, showing Onawe Peninsula.



Motor Runs.

Motorists can take their cars over any of the principal roads leading to the bays both in the watershed of the harbour and on the outside coast of the Peninsula. Many magnificent scenes can be obtained on these trips of the surrounding hills, bays and ocean. From the summit of the hills you can see the Plains, Pegasus Bay and the Kaikouras to the North, and the Ninety Mile Beach and the Southern Alps to the West and South. When the Summit Road from the Port Hills to the Hill Top is completed it will make one of the finest motor runs in the world, but it must be remembered that there is the Summit Road from the Hill Top Hotel to the Long Bay Saddle already available. All the main Peninsula roads are good surface roads and perfectly safe to motorists provided the brakes are in good working order, and the driver remembers that in some places the hills are steeper than they look.

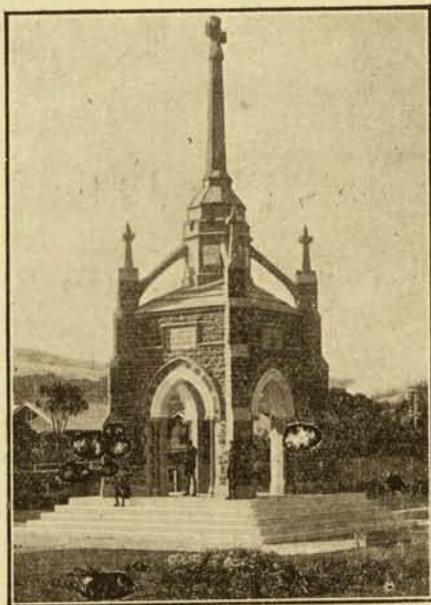
Akaroa's Early History.

A Locality Exuding Romance.

In most people there is a love of romance. The liking for a tale from the storied past may be more deeply hidden in some, but to one and all a locality with an interesting past makes a strong appeal. No locality in New Zealand has a more romantic history than Akaroa and the Bays. A recent visitor, who is keenly interested in the early history of New Zealand, declared that Akaroa "exuded romance" and it is true that there have been strange and fearful happenings in this locality. It would be an impossibility to give here a complete history of the changes wrought by time in this delectable spot. All that can be done is to

Amusements.

Pictures are shown at the Oddfellows' Hall every Tuesday and Saturday evenings where all the latest programmes are screened. Other entertainments and dances are held throughout the holiday season.



Banks Peninsula War Memorial, Akaroa.

give a summary of the chief happenings from the days when the Maori chieftain awaited the vengeance sought by the dread atua for neglect of homage, when whaling vessels of every nationality sought refuge in the harbour from their arduous work throwing off all restraint in wild carousals, when a party of enterprising French pioneers came to claim a new colony and found themselves forestalled, down by gradual development to the present day when the virgin bush has almost disappeared and every modern convenience is to be had including electricity, telephonic communication and wireless even in the most distant part of Banks Peninsula. In less than a century development has been rapid indeed. The story of the development of the Peninsula can be divided into four sections: Maori History, Whaling Days, Sawmilling Days and the day of the Pastoralist and grazier. The story of the French Settlement in Akaroa comes at the end of the Whaling section and can be treated separately.

Whaling Days.

Akaroa's historic interest lies in the fact that in the early years of the 19th century it became the rendezvous of whalers who mostly had their headquarters in Sydney and who found a safe anchorage in the Harbour at all times. The coast at that time and for half a century afterwards provided a valuable fishing ground for whalers, the catches being tried down on board the whalers or at shore fishing stations. Ships of all nationalities took part in the whaling industry the best known in later days being Geo. Hempleman, who had a shore fishery in Peraki Bay and the French Captain L'Anglois both of whom laid claim to having bought Banks Peninsula from the Maoris.

Have You Motored to Akaroa ?

Have You Wondered Why so Many do and do so Often ?

The run is now one of the finest and the road one of the best. You will be surprised how easy the Hills are to travel.

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Contrary to the idea held by some people the Road to Akaroa is now a good one. The run from Little River is about 18 miles. This constitutes the most pleasing and indeed the best part of the trip. Any driver can now travel these hills safely. The road has a very good surface and there is room for two cars at any part of the road. Indeed whenever a motor run is contemplated no more pleasant trip could be undertaken than the trip to Akaroa.

Where British Possession was Proclaimed

In 1835, Captain L'Anglois, while engaged in a whaling cruise, put into the Akaroa Harbour and the beauty of the spot seemed to grip him completely. He determined to acquire the Peninsula for "La Belle France" and in 1838 agreed to purchase the whole Peninsula from the Maoris for the sum of £240 and certain articles. The sum of £6 was paid down and Captain L'Anglois returned to France where he ceded his rights to the land to a Company styling itself the Nanto-Bordelaise Company which consisted of two mercantile houses at Nantz, two at Bordeaux and two Parisian gentlemen. Captain L'Anglois retained a fifth interest in the Company's transactions. An old war vessel Comte de Paris was fitted out to carry emigrants and the frigate L'Aube was granted to the Company to protect the rights of the settlers. The French had in their minds the acquisition of the South Island, New Zealand not being declared a British Colony till 1841. When after an arduous and fatiguing voyage the French reached Akaroa it was to see the Union Jack floating in the breeze on what is now known as Green's Point and where the memorial now stands.

It has been stated by some of the modern authorities on New Zealand history that the story of the French plan to form a colony on Banks Peninsula and acquire the South Island is a pure myth. In and about the Peninsula the story has never been doubted and when the late H. C. Jacobson collected his first materials for "Tales of Banks Peninsula," about the year 1881, there were many of the original emigrants still alive and they all had the same story voicing the disappointment of the French when they found the Union Jack floating on the hillside overlooking Akaroa Harbour. It transpired that the L'Aube put into Auckland on the way down the coast where the ship's company was most hospitably entertained by Captain Hobson, the British Resident. Some indiscreet remarks were dropped about their plans

of colonisation at Akaroa and the result was that Captain Hobson sent the British Britomart post haste to forestall the Frenchmen and proclaim the sovereignty of the British. Captain Stanley, who was in command of the Britomart, received the secret instructions from Captain Hobson. These secret instructions were not available for publication till 1910, and reveal the anxiety of Captain Hobson to forestall the French and acquire the South Island for the British. A court was held by Messrs Murphy and Robinson, Magistrates, the British Flag hoisted and the National Anthem was sung on this historic spot. On June 14th, 1898, His Excellency the Governor, Lord Ranfurly, performed the ceremony of unveiling the memorial at Green's Point, where on August 11th, 1840, the British Flag was hoisted to denote the assertion of the Queen's Sovereignty over the Southern part of New Zealand.

The New Zealand Official Year Book gives the principal event in the acquiring of New Zealand as a British possession:—

1840, February 6th.—Treaty of Waitangi signed.

1840, May 21st.—Date of Proclamation of sovereignty over the Islands of New Zealand.

1840, June 17th.—The Queen's sovereignty over the South Island formally proclaimed at Cloudy Bay, by Major Bunbury, H.M. 80th Regiment, and Captain Nias, R.N.

1840, August 11th.—The British flag hoisted at Akaroa by Captain Stanley, R.N., and British authority exercised for the first time in the South Island by the holding of a Court.

The French frigate L'Aube arrived there on August 13th, and the vessel, Comte de Paris, with fifty-seven immigrants, on August 16th, in order to establish a French colony.

1840 September 18th.—The British flag hoisted at Auckland. The Lieutenant-Governor's residence established there.

The Green's Point memorial site has now been acquired by the New Zealand Government and will be preserved as a public reserve.



On Wainui Beach.

French Colonisation.

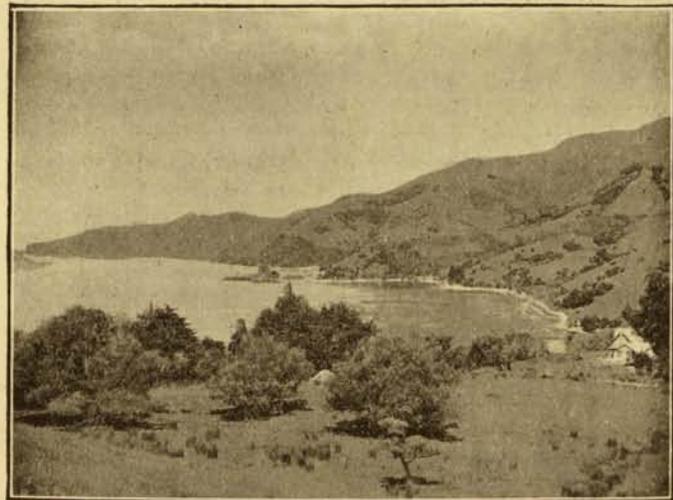
When the French discovered their dreams of Colonisation were frustrated they took the matter in the most philosophical spirit, and though at first Akaroa was divided into the French and English sections, the two peoples have lived together in the greatest harmony and are now merged one into the other with no dividing ideas. There is no doubt about the purchase of Banks Peninsula by the French as the title deeds of the earlier properties as at Holmes Bay show. The following extract from "Tales of Banks Peninsula" shows the genuineness of the French purchase of this Peninsula. "Among the stores brought were six long 24 pounders, which, upon Captain Stanley's remonstrating with Commodore Lavaud, were not allowed to be landed. Mr Robinson, who came from the Bay of Islands in another vessel, was left there as magistrate, and from the 'Gazette' we learn that the Commodore was particularly hospitable, and offered to send his carpenter on shore to build a house for Mr Robinson, and insisted upon that gentleman living on board the L'Aube during her stay in the waters of the Peninsula, which offer, of course, was gratefully accepted until the completion of the magisterial residence. On the 19th the immigrants landed in 'a sheltered, well-chosen part of the bay, where they could not interfere with any one,' and commenced, with the characteristic industry of the French workman, to erect houses and cultivate land, and so successful was

one of the cultivators that the 'Constitutionnel' of the following year, commenting on the progress of the Colony, stated that one of the colonists, who had planted himself a league from Akaroa had, with the aid of his wife, from two acres and a half of land, cleared in five months 1500f. by the sale of vegetables. The English inhabitants of the Peninsula, at the time of the landing of the French immigrants, amounted to 84 adults and their children, so from this source the 1500f. would probably partially come. At the end of the year the immigrants had not procured any stock, but were living on preserved and salt meats, with what vegetables they could get from their small gardens, while the commodore of the L'Aube had commenced building a store for them to protect their property from the weather. It must be remembered that the frigate stayed at Akaroa for a lengthy period, and the commodore thereby arrogated to himself the domination of the settlement, but avowed most distinctly to Captain Hobson that he 'disclaimed any national intrusion on the part of his Government, but he supported the claims of the company as private individuals, asserting this to be the only 'bona fide' purchase of that district which had been made from the Natives.' It was at this time (November, 1841) that the Governor made the proposal that the company should be given similar terms to the New Zealand Company, and put in possession of a block of land, in proportion to their outlay of capital, in the extreme northern district of the North Island 'in the district of Kataia, where there is a good harbour, with an abundance of fine land with an undulating surface, well adapted for vineyards.' This proposal was not adopted, and early in the following year (1842) Monsieur Mailleres arrived in England to make arrangements with the Government, with a view to the settlement of the claim and the company's title; when the 'Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners' found that an expenditure by the company of £11,685 had been incurred, including, of course, the subsidy obtained from Louis

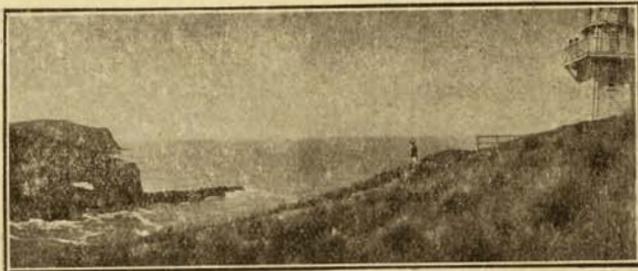
Philippe. In 1845 Lord Stanley authorised an award should be given to the company of 30,000 acres, their claim not having been brought before the Commissioners appointed to inquire into land claims.

"This paper and narrative cannot be better concluded than by quoting a paragraph from Mr Mackay, in his second volume on Southern Native affairs:—"The New Zealand Company purchased the claims of the Nantes-Bordelaise Company, and, in virtue of other subsequent arrangements, whatever lands the New Zealand Company possessed have reverted to the Crown; but through all these proceedings the original question as to what extent the Native title has been extinguished by the French Company has never been decided."

"After the cession of the territory to the New Zealand Company, the French Government offered to take the emigrants free of charge to Tahiti, and give them the same amount of property as they possessed in New Zealand, but they all declined the offer."



A View of Wainui.



"The Looking Glass," Akaroa Light House.

Maori History.

Banks Peninsula was occupied by the Maoris about 1500 A.D., the first tribe taking possession being the Waitaha tribe who came to New Zealand from Hawaiki in the canoe Arawa. They probably drove out the Morioris; but there is not space to go into this question. The Waitaha tribe multiplied exceedingly on the Peninsula, and then were conquered by the Ngatimamoe tribe who were in turn despoiled by the Ngai Tahu about 200 years ago and this tribe remained the dominant one up to the time of the arrival of the white people. The Ngatimamoe were driven south and the two tribes lived in relations more or less friendly, varied by quarrels and raids which were always occurring between the Maori tribes. Life was pleasant enough among the Ngai Tahu tribe where time was taken up in the preparing and storing of food, making mats and clothing, reciting tales of past glories of the tribe, marriage, the rearing of children and all the other occupations which go to making up the sum total called life.

An Arcadian Existence.

Many people make the error of thinking the Maori was always fighting and eating his enemy.

It is true that adventurous spirits sought diversion in raids upon other tribes and often returned victorious with much spoil; but these raids did not interfere with the peaceful occupations of the rest of the tribe. It would be as absurd to state that because Drake and his fellow adventurers sought quarrel on the high seas with the Spanish that all England spent its time fighting the Spaniard. Clothed with dense forests in which black and white pines predominated, the upper hills were little explored by the Maoris who were frightened to go off the beaten tracks. There were many tales of fierce atua who dwelt in these sections of impenetrable bush and the wise Maori kept out of their way. The bush was alive with birds pigeon, caw-caw, wekas, tuis, makos, saddle backs, paradise duck, wild duck and other varieties now extinct. The early white pioneers give wonderful accounts of the bird life which is now nearly extinct. The pigeon and caw caw make excellent eating and proved invaluable to the early settlers who often had to live on them for months at a time. The Maoris used to capture wekas, pigeons, caw caws, paradise and wild ducks in large numbers and preserve them in fat for use in the winter. They also cultivated kumeras (sweet potatoes) and lived on fern root, flax tree bark and karaka berries.

The Kai Huanga Feud.

Apparently the Ngai Tahu tribe entered upon its most exciting time some years before the white people arrived. After years of comparative peace a terrible feud broke out, called the Kai Huanga (eat relation), which speaks for itself. The whole trouble arose through the wife of a minor chieftain wearing a dog skin mat of Te Mai Hara Nui, the Upoko Ariki, or Head Chieftain of the Tribe. Everything the Ariki wore was held sacred, and this act of Muritaha, wife of Potahi, was looked upon as a terrible sacrilege. Some of Te Mai Hara Nui's

relatives avenged the insult, not by killing Muri-taha, but by killing a poor servant woman in the family. Her death was avenged by her masters and so it went on brother's hand being raised to kill brother and some frightfully cruel deeds being perpetrated. It is not unlikely that the feud owed a great deal of its bitterness to the fact that the Upoko Ariki of the tribe Te Mai Hara Nui was of a very cruel vindictive character, an unusual circumstance with the great Maori Arikis. This man was feared by the whole tribe and his visits dreaded, as all the food and stores upon which his shadow rested were tapu and he himself was of a very avaricious character. In those days a pass had been found to the West Coast and thence were brought large quantities of greenstone to be sold for mats and potted mutton birds to the Maoris in the North and South. Te Mai Hara Nui was a good business man and himself superintended the culture of flax bushes and no doubt he was acquiring to himself the greater portion of the wealth of the tribe.

Murder of Te Pehi.

In addition to the shameful Kai Huangā feud, Te Mai Hara Nui was destined to figure in the supreme tragedy which befel his tribe. Te Pehi, a great Northern chief and a cousin of Te Rauparaha, paid a visit to Kaiapoi where dwelt a section of the Ngai Tahu and there was killed by a chieftain Tangata Ta Hara during a fight in which the Northern Maoris were overpowered by the Southerners. The cause of this massacre of Te Pehi and his followers will always remain a mystery. There are a number of versions given, the most probable one being that the Kaiapoi Maoris distrusting Te Pehi and his men got in the first blow. Te Pehi had travelled to England and was the pride of his tribe. His cousin Te Rauparaha determined to avenge his death fitly, and in his stronghold at Kapiti Island, thought out a scheme whereby his purpose could be served. His

vengeance was obtained in a manner reflecting little credit upon the pakeha, for he was able to bribe Captain Stewart of the brig Elizabeth by promise of a cargo of flax to take him and his warriors to Akaroa Harbour for the purpose of kidnapping Te Mai Hara Nui. Captain Stewart anchored off Wainui and sent messages for Te Mai Hara Nui, only to find he was away at Little River superintending the dispatch of a cargo of flax. He had to wait eight days before Te Mai Hara Nui returned and came on board the boat accompanied by his wife Te Oka and his daughter Nga Roi Mata. He was immediately taken down below and Te Rauparaha and his warriors seized him. Te Rauparaha also captured and killed all the chiefs at Takapuneke where Te Mai Hara Nui lived, over one hundred persons being killed. Te Mai Hara Nui was carried up to Kapiti where he was tied to a Kahikatea (white pine) log and pulled up by a chain and dropped till death supervened, besides being subjected to other hideous tortures. On the way up to Kapiti he managed to kill his daughter Nga Moi Rata (appropriately called "The Tears"). It may be wondered why Te Rauparaha did not seek out Te Pehi's murderer, Tangata Ta Hara, but that was not the Maori's way. His noble cousin being killed by a member of the Ngai Tahu tribe nothing but the death of the great Ariki of that tribe would be sufficient atonement.

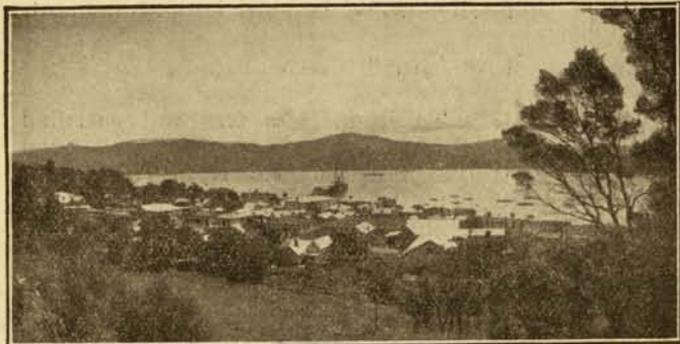
The Onawe Massacre.

Unfortunately Te Rauparaha was not satisfied with this fearful act of vengeance, but continued to make continual raids on the Ngai Tahu tribe until becoming converted to Christianity he forsook pillage and murder. It was on the Onawe Peninsula near Duvauchelle that the Ngai Tahu tribe made the greatest stand against Te Rauparaha and here can be still seen traces of the earth ramparts used which are considered by some authorities to have been designed by European assistance. Te Rauparaha landed near where the

old Shadbolt homestead was built (now occupied by Mr T. Wakelin) and thence he set out with his warriors in their canoes and surrounded the peninsula from the sea side. Treachery from within also helped the Northern warrior and soon the Ngai Tahu were driven to fly for their lives, many being killed, captured and eaten. The cannibalism of the Maori is always a matter of surprise to those who realize what a fine race they were. The lack of carnivorous food was the chief cause of this repugnant act which was apparently only practised in warfare. While stressing the evil qualities of Te Mai Hara Nai it is necessary to bear in mind that they were unusual in the great Arikis, and must be commented upon in this leader of the Ngai Tahu tribe as he was destined to be the hero of some of the most remarkable happenings of the Ngai Tahu tribe.

How To Get To Onawe,

Onawe Peninsula can be reached from Duvau-chelle, after taking the launch trip there, by walking from the wharf. The fortifications which are in a splendid state of preservation to this day, are to be found not far from the isthmus. Water is found on the eastern side, where there is a spring about half a mile from the road.



The Harbour from Stanley Park.

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