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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS : REPORT ON A BOTANICAL SURVEY OF THE TONGA- RIRO NATIONAL PARK.

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SIR,—

Department of Lands, Wellington, 22nd June, 1908.

I have the honour to submit herewith the report on a botanical survey of the Tongariro National Park which has been carried out by Dr. Cockayne under your instructions.

Although the park was created by Act of Parliament in 1894, it is only recently that much interest has been manifested therein; and in consequence of your directions to have the scenic, botanic, and other features of the region thoroughly inspected and reported on, so that it might be known how far they were suitable for protection and development, Mr. E. Phillips Turner (Inspector of Scenic Reserves) has executed a complete topographical survey showing the natural features of the park, whilst Dr. Cockayne has furnished an elaborate report on its flora. A joint report has also been handed in by these gentlemen containing their recommendations for the extension and development of the park.