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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS: A BOTANICAL EXAMINATION OF THE HIGHER WAIMARINO DISTRICT

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REPORT.

The Waimarino district may perhaps be said to comprise all that extensive area of forest land and open plain that lies between the Wanganui River on the west and north, Ngauruhoe and Ruapehu volcanoes on the east, and the Karioi-Pipiriki Road on the south, and contains about eleven hundred square miles. This large area, ranging from a few hundred feet above sea-level to over four thousand, probably contains most of the plants represented in the central botanical province of New Zealand; so in my present observations I propose to deal only with that part lying above 1,000 ft. above sea-level, specimens of which are included in the scenic reserves along the North Island Main Trunk Railway; and I hope later on to deal with the low-lying area when reporting on the reserves that are to be cut out along the Wanganui River.

At the height of about 1,000 ft. above sea-level the plant association may be said to be that of the Rotorua plateau, rimu, matai, totara, and white-pine being present to such an extent that the forest might be termed a taxad forest; mire is also present to a lesser extent on the spurs. The soil is a light pumice, and in this the taxads seem to master other competitors in life's struggle. At Kakahi I was particularly struck by not only the number of taxads, but also by their unusual size. The greatest height so far given for the kahikatea (*Podocarpus dacrydioides*) is 150 ft., but I had one measured there which went 196 ft., and there were others that looked as tall.

The smaller trees of this taxad forest are tawa (Beilschmiedia tawa), hinau (Elaeocarpus dentatus), white maire (Olea lanceolata), rewarewa (Knightia excelsa), mahoe (Melicytus ramiflorus), horopito (Drimys axillaris), rangiora (Brachyglottis repanda), patete (Schefflera digitata), titoki (Alectryon excelsum), houhou (Panax arboreum), raurekau (Coprosma grandifolia), lancewood (Pseudopanax crassifolium), tawhero (Weinmannia sylvicola), and toro (Myrsine salicina). On the margins of the forest tarata (Pittosporum eugenioides), tawhiri (Pittosporum tenuifolium), makomako (Aristolia racemosa), houhere (Hoheria populnea), and fuchsia (Fuchsia excorticata) are the prevailing plants. Lianes are plentiful: Metrosideros hypericifolia is seen frequently quite clothing the trunks of tree-ferns and the

big trees; supplejacks (Rhipogonum scandens), lawyers (Rubus australis, Rubus cissoides, and Rubus schmideloides), Parsonsia heterophylla, Muehlenbeckia australis, Clematis indivisa, and Passiflora tetrandra are all seen scrambling over the lower shrubs or hanging in graceful festoons from the bigger trees.

Tree-ferns are well represented by the Wheki-ponga (Dicksonia fibrosa), punga (Cyathea dealbata), wheki (Dicksonia squarrosa), Hemitelia Smithii, and in a lesser degree by the mamaku (Cyathea medullaris). Among the smaller ferns are prominent the beautiful green lace of the Todea hymenophylloides; Lomaria discolor, L. lanceolata, L. capensis, and L. fluviatilis; the Polypodium Billardieri, P. pennigerum, P. grammitidis, and P. australe; Aspidium aculeatum var. vestitum, Aspidium aculeatum var. sylvaticum; Asplenium bulbi/erum, A. flaccidum, A. falcatum, and A. lucidum; and Hymenophyllum dilatatum, H. demissum, H. multifidum, H. scabrum, H. australe, and H. flabellata; some Todea superba are sometimes met with.

In scrub and fern openings the manuka (Leptospermum scoparium), mingi (Leucopogon fasciculatus), and Leucopogon Frazeri, tutu (Coriaria ruscifolia), houhou (Panax arboreum) karamu (Coprosma lucida), tawhiri (Pittosporum tenuifolium), Veronica salicifolia, Gaultheria rupestris and G. fagifolia, and Cordyline australis and C. Banksii form the chief trees and shrubs. At Kakahi the rather rare Teucridium parvifolium was found on a flat near the Whakapapa Stream. Along the stream, also, kowhai (Sophora tetraptera) and Olearia nitida are plentiful. The bracken fern (Pteris aquilina) abounds here in scrub country. Half-way between Kakahi and Owhango the parasitic shrub Loranthus micranthus in two places was found growing on the common totara, a fact, I believe, not previously noticed.

A noticeable absentee from this district is the kiekie (Freycinetia Banksii), so common elsewhere.

The foregoing association shows little change till in the vicinity of Raurimu, 900 ft. higher, and fourteen miles farther south. Here the mountain-cedar or pahautea, locally kaikawaka (Libocedrus Bidwillii) and manoao or silver-pine (Dacrydium Colensoi) appear in force among the conifers; there also come in rahutu (Myrtus pedunculata) and papauma (Griselinia littoralis); Pittosporum Colensoi has taken the place of Pittosporum tenuifolium; Fagus Solandri and Fagus fusca appear along streams; also Coprosma tenuifolia and horopito (Drimys axillaris and D. colorata) are some of the chief shrubs in the forest undergrowth. The tree-fern (Cyathea medullaris) and the supplejack (Rhipogonum scandens) have practically disappeared, as also have the rewarewa (Knightia excelsa) and titoki (Alectryon excelsum), or else they have become very rare. The mountain cabbage-tree (Cordyline indivisa) is now to be seen projecting its stately crown above the tops of Pittosporum Colensoi, Panax Colensoi, and other small trees that form the forest-margin. Mountain flax (Phormium Cookianum), is also a new accession to the flora. The soil in this locality is generally a light-brown volcanic loam.

As one ascends from Raurimu, rimu and matai, though still abundant, become much smaller in size. On the higher spurs near the Spiral short-barrelled totara (both the common and Hall's) and kaikawaka (Libocedrus Bidwillii) become very plentiful. On the Waimarino table-land a height of about 2,600 ft. above sea-level is reached. Here the forest differs largely from that at an altitude of Of the forest-trees, tawhero (Weinmannia racemosa) is predominant; there is an abundance of Griselinia littoralis, white and black maire (Olea lanceolata and O. Cunninghamii), toro (Myrsine salicina), and kaikawaka (Libocedrus Bidwillii); rimu (Dacrydium cupressinum) and matai (Podocarpus spicatus) are still plentiful, though rather stunted; the silver-pine (Dacrydium Colensoi) and the two totaras (rather dwarfed) are both present in fair quantity; Cordyline indivisa is common; Senecio Kirkii is seen perched in the forks of the biggest trees; the forest is fringed with a dense growth of Phyllocladus alpinus, Aristotelia fruticosa, Panax anomalum, Melicytus lanceolatus, korimoko (Veronica salicifolia), Panax Colensoi and P. simplex, Pittosporum Colensoi, and Coprosma foetidissima, C. cuneata. and C. parviflora. The short and almost trunkless tree-fern (Dicksonia lanata) is fairly plentiful; but Cyathea dealbata, Dicksonia squarrosa, Hemitelia Smithii, and Dicksonia fibrosa are present only in small numbers; and in places the beautiful Todea superba is the chief covering of the forest-floor, often giving to the scene the enchanting beauty of fairyland. The undershrubs within the forest are chiefly Drimys axillaris, Drimys colorata, Alseuosmia quercifolia, Coprosma tenuifolia, C. foetidissima, and C. grandifolia, and Myrtus pedunculata, and Fuchsia excorticata.

The bush lying to the west of the railway between Waimarino and Erua Stations carries some rather rare plants—viz., Aristotelia Colensoi; one specimen of Panax arboreum var. laetum was found. Panax simplex var. parvum; and Pittosporum rigidum (here a bushy-topped tree, 15 ft. high, and with mature leaves 1 in. long) was found growing in a clump of Olearia virgata scrub on the Waimarino Stream; close by the latter were several shrubs of Hymenanthera dentata var. angusti/olia, exhibiting, like the Pittosporum rigidum, extreme variation in the size and shape of the leaves; Olearia nitida var. capillaris is also found here; and in the bush the ferns Trichomanes reniforme and Lindsaya trichomanoides were seen; this was the only locality where I found this Lindsaya, but it probably grows on the lower slopes. The Hoheria populnea and Playianthus betulinus (lacebarks) are here only rarely seen; tawa is represented only by occasional small specimens; Podocarpus dacrydioides is rare, Cordyline australis has only a few (but big) specimens. The lianes Muehlenbeckia australis and Muehlenbeckia complexa, Rubus australis, Rubus cissoides, and Rubus schmideloides, Parsonsia hetero-

phylla, and Clematis indivisa are all plentiful.

THE WAIMARINO STEPPE.

Lying between Waimarino Station and Hauhungatahi Mountain, and trending generally in a north-easterly direction, is the Waimarino grass and shrub steppe, containing roughly some 150,000 acres of land. When viewed from Hauhungatahi this plain has the appearance of an extensive and irregular sandy desert lying spread out below the zone of forest that clothes the lower slopes of the mountain. Examined from its own surface, however, this apparent desert proves to be an extensive alternation of peaty bogs and narrow dry tongues of land. The bogs bear a vegetation composed



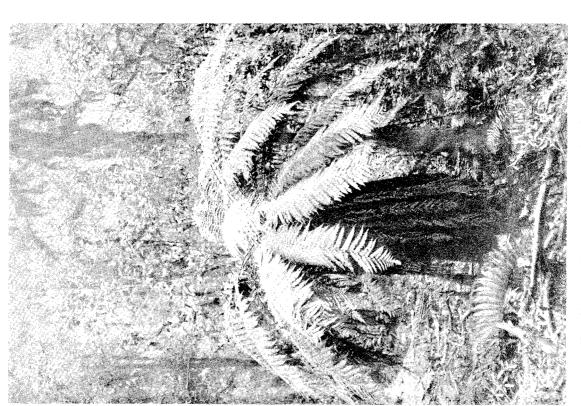
THE SLEXMER TREE-FERN (WHERT), (Dicksonia squarrosa). The bases of the old stipites adhere persistently to the trunk.



GROUP OF MAMAKU TREE-FERNS (Cyathea medullaris). The trunk shows the scavs left by the old stipites.

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The There-fram Hemitelia Smithii, Showing the persistent habit of the dead rachides.



The Firmors Tree-fear (Dicksonia fibrose), Showing the persistent habit of the dead fronds.

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mainly of Carex, stunted Phormium, Craspedia uniflora, Epilobium, Drosera, Hypolaena, Carpha, and Celsmisia longifolia. The dry tongues are clothed principally with Danthonia Raoulii, Poa Caespitosa, Hierochloe redolens (sweet-scented holy grass, "Karetu" of the Maoris), manoao (Dracophyllum subulatum), spear-grass, Aciphylla squarrosa, Coprosma depressa, Uncinia rubra, hawkweed, and native dandelion (Microseris Forsteri), Celmisia longifolia and Celmisia glandulosa, Euphrasia cuneata, Viola Cunninghamii, Leucopogon Frazeri, Pimelea laevigata, Epacris alpina, Gaultheria antipoda, Wahlenbergia saxicola, Gleichenia dicarpa, Lomaria alpina, Lycopodium scariosum, Herpolirion novae-zelandiae and the orchids Thelymitra longifolia and Microtis porrifolia; there are also occasional poor specimens of tea-tree (Leptospermum scoparium), which here has a hard fight to maintain its place with other competitors.

The plants in this association are at all times of interest to the nature-lover; but in summer the bright blooms of the euphrasias, celmisias, native violets, orchids, native dandelion, the sparkling berries of the dwarf coprosma, the snowy or deep-red berries of the gaultheria, and the delicately blue-tinted flowers of the wahlenbergia cannot fail to claim the attention and admiration of all who pass over them.

This grass-steppe has once carried a dense growth of the small conifers Dacrydium Bidwillii, Dacrydium Colensoi, and Phyllocladus alpinus, as in many places their dead stems may be found beneath the surface of the more swampy parts. It seems probable that this growth has been destroyed by a shower of hot ashes from one of the craters of the Tongariro cones. The trees on the dry places would be consumed, while those growing in the swampy places would only be killed, and, afterwards falling, would sink into the soft wet ground and be preserved.

Along the small streams traversing this grassy plain are fringes or patches of scrub which consists principally of Olearia virgata, Coprosma propinqua, Aristotelia fruticosa, Carmichaelia flagelliformis, Veronica salicina, Panax Colensoi, Pittosporum Colensoi, Phyllocladus alpinus, Coriaria ruscifolia, Coriaria thymifolia, Myrsine divaricata, Gaultheria rupestris, and occasional plants of Fagus cliffortioides, Corokia cotoneaster, and one or two Pittosporum rigidum plants. The Pittosporum rigidum here grows to the abnormal height of 15 ft., and shows extreme variation in size and shape of its leaves. Being accustomed previously only to the dwarf form (perhaps 18 in. high) that grows on the eastern side of the volcanoes, it was with astonishment that I received Mr. Cheeseman's decision that the two plants are one and the same species. In this scrub fringe are an abundance of the ferns Aspidium aculeatum var. vestitum, Hypolepis tenuifolium, Lomaria alpina, Lomaria capensis, Lomaria fluviatilis, Gleichenia Cunninghamii, and Polypodium punctatum, with Phormium tenax and Arundo conspicua.

On that part of the plain intersected by the Mangahuia and Whakapapa Streams, at an elevation of about 2,800 ft., the mountain-beech (Fagus cliffortioides) predominates to such an extent that the forest here might be called a mountain-beech forest, the only conifers being Libocedrus Bidwillii and Phyllocladus alpinus, with an occasional Dacrydium Colensoi and Podocarpus Hallii. The other chief plants are broadleaf (Griselinia littoralis), tawhero (Weinmannia racemosa), pokaka (Elaeocarpus Hookerianus), Panax Colensoi, and Panax simplex. The undergrowth is principally Coprosma tenuifolia and C. foetidissima, Myrtus pedunculata, Aristotelia fruticosa, horopito (Drimys axillaris and Drimys colorata), Coprosma cuneata, Veronica salicifolia, Pittosporum Colensoi, Leucopogon fasciculatus, and Gaultheria antipoda, Gleichenia Cunninghamii, Lomaria discolor and L. capensis, and Cordyline indivisa are in abundance. This association of plants extends from the junction of the Mangahuia and Whakapapa-iti to the forest-limit up the slopes of Ruapehu.

There are numerous openings in the forest in this locality which carry the same plant covering as that above described for the grass-steppe. These openings have probably been caused by fires made by Maoris as they passed at different times from Taupo and Rotoaira to old settlements at Makaretu and Moturoa.

In the neighbourhood of Erua, which is about 2,600 ft. above sea-level, and along the lower slopes of the volcanic mountain Hauhungatahi the forest is composed principally of tawhero (Weinmannia racemosa), white maire (Olea lanceolata), black maire (Olea Cunninghamii), rimu (Dacrydium cupressinum), matai (Podocarpus spicatus), Podocarpus Hallii, kaikawaka (Libocedrus Bidwillii), broadleaf (Griselinia littoralis), miro (Podocarpus ferrugineus), toro (Myrsine salicina), Coprosma tenuifolia, C. foetidissima, and C. grandifolia, Fuchsia excorticata, horopito (Drimys colorata and D. axillaris), Dacrydium Colensoi, Myrtus pedunculata, papapa (Alseuosmia quercifolia), putaputaweta (Carpodetus serratus), houhou (Panax Colensoi), Panax simplex, Panax anomalum, lancewood (Pseudopanax crassifolium), karamu (Coprosma robusta), Aristotelia racemosa, Pittosporum Colensoi, Schefflera digitata, Coprosma cuneata, Coprosma parviflora, and Coprosma Colensoi. In this association, which is about a quarter of a mile wide and rises about 700 ft. above the plain, fern and moss life are abundant. Todea superba, Lomaria discolor, Lomaria Pattersoni, Lomaria lanceolata, Aspidium aculeatum var. vestium are the chief. On the trunks of the cedar (Libocedrus Bidwillii) the remarkable and beautiful fern Hymenophyllum Mallingii is abundant; and I may here remark I found it on both dead and living trees of the cedar, and on one occasion on the trunk of a Dacrydium intermedium.

From a height of about 3,200 ft. to about 3,800 ft. there are only occasional stunted rimu (Dacrydium cupressinum), Libocedrus Bidwillii having now become the most plentiful tree; tawhero (Weinmannia racemosa) is still present; Hall's totara (Dacrydium Colensoi and Dacrydium intermedium) are plentiful. The uppermost zone of forest is mostly Phyllocladus alpinus, Dacrydium intermedium, Dacrydium Colensoi, Dacrydium Bidwillii, Panax Colensoi, Panax simplex, Coprosma foetidissima, Coprosma cuneata, and Coprosma parviflora, and the grass Gahnia pauciflora.

Above the last-described association one comes to a mixed growth of subalpine shrubs, grasses, and herbs, principally Senecio Bidwillii, Olearia nummularitolia, Cassinia Vauvilliersii, Veronica laevis Veronica buxifolia, Veronica tetragona, Pimelea buxifolia, Panax Colensoi, Dracophyllum recurvum.

Dracophyllum subulatum, Gaultheria rupestris, Leucopogon Fraseri. Podocarpus nivalis, Dacrydium laxifolium, and Phyllocladus alpinus. There are also prominent the herbaceous plants Celmisia spectabilis, Celmisia longifolia, Celmisia incana, Celmisia glandulosa, Helichrysum bellidioides, Ourisia macrophylla, Ourisia Colensoi, Euphrasia cuneata, Gentiana bellidifolia, and Ranunculus nivicola: Poa Colensoi, Danthonia Raoulii, and Hierochloe redolens abound. Carpha alpina is also much in evidence. The foregoing plants extend up through the boggy slopes almost uniformly to two or three hundred feet from the rocky summit (about 5,000 ft.), where there are only a few gaultherias, celmisias, dracophyllums, Totara nivalis, Veronica tetragona, Coprosma depressa, Poa Colensoi, &c., with lichens and mosses, to represent the vegetable kingdom.

In the valley lying between Hauhungatahi and Ruapehu are large patches of mountain-beech forest, between which are boggy spaces carrying the shrubs, herbs, &c., that other similar localities

in the district carry.

Travelling from Erua in a southerly direction to Pokaka, the same approximate altitude of 2,600ft. is kept; and the predominating forest-trees are tawhero (Weinmannia racemosa), Olea lanceolata, Griselinia littoralis, Myrsine salicina, Panax arboreum, Carpodetus serratus, Elaeocarpus Hookerianus, Libocedrus Bidwillii, Dacrydium cupressinum, Podocarpus spicatus, Podocarpus ferrugineus, Podocarpus dacrydioides, and some Fagus Solandri; with the usual undergrowth of Coprosma tenuifolia, Coprosma grandifolia, and Coprosma foetidissima, Drimys axillaris, Drimys colorata, Myrtus pedunculata, with an abundance of the ferns Todea superba, Aspidium aculeatum var. vestitum, and Lomaria discolor. The giant astelia (Astelia nervosa), Enargea marginata, and Cordyline indivisa now form prominent features in the forest. The Cordyline indivisa (mountain cabbage-tree) almost takes possession of any neglected bush-clearing, and forms beautiful avenues along the roadsides. It is a shame that this queen of lilies should have a name that associates it with the kitchen-garden. Unfortunately, my best picture of it was spoiled. In the accompanying photo it is represented by only small specimens.

În this stretch of country lie the Makatote* and Manganui-a-te-ao Gorges, and, being some 300 ft. deep, they naturally carry plants that are not seen on the table-land above. For instance, Fagus cliffortioides is found on the gorge-sides, Cladium Sinclairii, Dracophyllum longifolium, Coriaria ruscifolia, Coriaria thymifolia, Gaultheria rupestris, Gaultheria antipoda, Lomaria vulcanica, Senecio latifolius, Olearia nitida, Arundo conspicua, Veronica catarractae, Ourisia macrophylla, Calceolaria repens, Carmichaelia flagelliformis, Leptospermum scoparium, Cyathodes acerosa, Raoulia tenuicaulis, Helichrysum bellidioides, and the subalpine plants Ranunculus insignis, Veronica Hookeriana, Gentiana bellidifolia, Celmisia spectabilis, Cassinia Vauvilliersii, and Senecio Bidwillii here and there make their appearance

on the river-beds.

Travelling due west from Pokaka Station, though the altitude remains about the same, the dominant Libocedrus gradually lessens, and at a distance of about three miles from the railway the forest approaches in constitution that growing at the 1,500 ft. level. The chief tree components are rimu (Dacrydium cupressinum), growing much more luxuriantly than in the last-described localities, matai (Podocarpus spicatus), miro (Podocarpus ferruginea), Weinmannia racemosa, Griselinia littoralis, Olea lanceolata, Myrsine salicina, Carpodetus serratus, Pennantia corymbosa, Panax arboreum, Pseudopanax crassifolium, Elaeocarpus Hookerianus, Olea Cunninghamii, Panax Edgerleyi, Elaeocarpus dentatus, Podocarpus dacrydioides, Coprosma Colensoi, Plagianthus betulinus, and Dacrydium Colensoi; the undergrowth is principally Aristotelia racemosa, Drimys colorata and D. axillaris, Fuchsia excorticata, Coprosma tenuifolia and C. grandifolia, Panax Colensoi, Myrtus pedunculata, Coprosma foetidissima, Melicytus ramiflorus and M. lanceolatus, Brachyglottis repanda, and Coprosma parviflora. are more plentiful, the chief being Dicksonia fibrosa and Hemitelia Smithii, with occasional Dicksonia squarrosa and Cyathea dealbata. Of small ferns, Todea superba, Lomaria discolor, Lomaria fluviatilis, Lomaria lanceolata, Lomaria Pattersoni, Lomaria capensis, Pteris incisa, P. scaberula, and P. aquilina. Hypolepis distans, Hypolepis tenuifolia, Asplenium falcatum, A. flaccidum, and A. bulbiforum, Aspidium aculeatum var. vestitum, Polypodium Billardieri, P. novae-zelandiae, and P. grammitidis, Hymenophyllum pulcherrimum, H. demissum, and H. rarum, are all plentiful. The lianes are Rubus australis, R. cissoides, and R. schmideloides, Muchlenbeckia australis and M. complexa, Parsonsia heterophylla and P. capillaris, Clematis indivisa, and Metrosideros hypericifolia; the Rhipogonum scandens is still noticeable by its The soil in this locality is still a light-brown volcanic loam.

Progressing from Pokaka, still at the same altitude, in a southerly direction to Horopito, one traverses between the Fagus and taxad zone; on the west the forest is composed mostly of rather stunted Dacrydium cupressinum (rimu), Podocarpus spicatus (matai), Podocarpus terruginca, Libocedrus Bidwillii (cedar), Podocarpus dacrydioides, and occasional Dacrydium Colensoi. Between the railway and the base of Ruapehu the forest-trees are mostly Fagus, Weinmannia racemosa, Griselinia littoralis, Panax arboreum, Elaeocarpus Hookerianus, with an occasional rimu, kaikawaka, totara, and matai. The chief shrubs and smaller trees are Myrtus pedunculata, young Fagus Solandri, Panax simplex and P. anomalum, Coprosma tenuifolia and C. foetidissima, Myrsine divaricata, Pseudopanax crassifol um, Leucopogon fasciculatus, Cyathodes acerosa, Coprosma robusta, C. propingua, C. Colensoi, C. cuneata, and C. parviflora. Astelia nervosa is plentiful on the mossy floor. In this locality I found growing on a rotten tree-trunk one or two very large specimens of the orchid Chiloglottis cornuta. At about three miles from the railway the Fagus Solandri gives place to the Fagus fusca and Fagus Menziesii, which continue to the outer zone of forest, where Fagus cliffortioides takes their place, and becomes the dominant tree.

Advancing from Horopito to Ohakune (which is 2,000 ft. high) the taxads again become more vigorous, and another more noticeable change is the occasional instrusion of wedges of rata (Metro-

^{* &}quot;Makatote" (which is locally mispronounced "Makkatote") is a contraction of the Maori "Manga katote"—manga meaning a branch of a river, and katote being the name of the tree-fern Hemitelia Smithii.



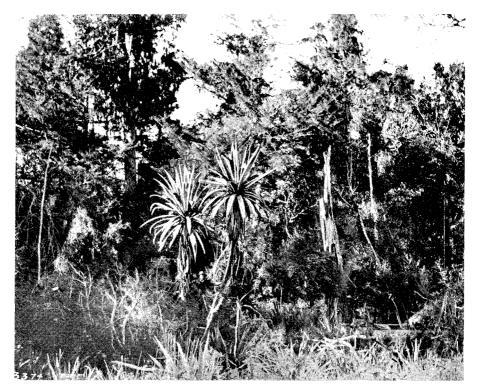
THE SILVER TREE-FERN (PONGA), (Cyathea dealbata). Showing the spreading habit of the fronds.

[C. T. Salmon, photo.



THE WAIMARINO "GRASS STEPPE," WITH Danthonia Raoulii.
Hauhungatahi and Ruapehu in background.
[Mr. Moore, photo.

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The Top (Cordyline indivisa) in Highland Forest. $[T.\ A.\ Johnston,\ photo.$



THE NEW ZEALAND CEDAR (PAHAUTEA), (Libocedrus Bidwillii), AT HOROPITO.

[T. A. Johnston, photo.

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sideros robusta). These wedges of rata, it may be remarked, occur on or in the vicinity of spurs formed by old flows of andesitic lava; and near Ohakune Station the rata abounds on the slopes between some small craters and the steep shell-limestone hill called Raetihi. In this locality, growing on an Olea lanceolata I found a solitary specimen of Pittosporum Kirkii, perched in the forks of the highest trees in this locality are frequently seen the epiphytic daisy shrub (Senecio Kirkii) which, when in full flower, looks like a mass of snow. The summits of the flat-topped hills Raetihi and Rongokoupa are clothed chiefly with Fuchsia excorticata, tawhero (Weinmannia racemosa) and broadleaf (Griselinia littoralis). Down the course of the Mangawhero River there is a considerable wedge of Fagus Solandri with some Fagus fusca and Fagus Menziesii.

Around Ohakune and towards the Raetihi Township rimu is the prevailing large tree; tawhero, matai, miro, black and white maire are also abundant; whilst white-pine (Podocarpus dacrydioides) is plentiful in the swampy parts. The accompanying undergrowth has several new accessions here: there is an increased quantity of Alseuosmia quercifolia; Melicytus ramiflorus is fairly plentiful; Gahnia xanthocarpa is common, also Hoheria populnea var. lanceolata, Pennantia corymbosa, Paratrophis heterophylla, and tawa (Beilschmiedia tawa). Here alone in the region under description I found a solitary plant of the parasite Tupeia antarctica growing on Olea lanceolata. The ferns Asplenium Hookerianum var. Colensoi and the orchid Adenochilus gracilis were also found in this locality. In the Ohakune locality, perhaps, a greater variation is to be expected, as the presence of several small craters proves that volcanic action has here been particularly great; and when the original plant covering was destroyed the new growth would be almost certain to contain some plants that were not formerly there. These craters are features of considerable geological interest. They are not merely the small craters that are often formed when lava from a big volcano flows over a swampy piece of land, and the gas generated by the combustion of the underlying organic matter explodes, and forms a crateral hollow. The same convulsion which produced Ruapehu may have produced these craters; but that they are otherwise unconnected with Ruapehu is, I think, proved by the existence between them and Ruapehu of the Raetihi hill, which is composed of unaltered shell-limestone rock.

From Ohakune to Rangataua there is practically no change from the last-described association of plants; but beyond Rangataua to the end of the forest on the Karioi Plains the beeches have descended in full strength; here, however, the black-beech (Fagus Solandri) is subordinate to Fagus Jusca and Fagus Menziesii. Taxads are represented only by occasional rimu (Dacrydium cupressinum) and matai (Podocarpus spicatus). There is here little variation in the undergrowth; the beautiful lace-fern is not so plentiful, Lomaria discolor, Lomaria Pattersoni, and Aspidium aculeatum var. vestitum sharing between themselves the ascendency. Coprosma rotundifolia and Coprosma rhamnoides are common, and there is a greater prevalence of the divaricating shrubs Myrsine divaricata, Panax anomalum, Elaeocarpus Hookerianus, and Aristotelia fruticosa; the beautiful Cordyline indivisa is here, also, abundant. This beech forest continues uninterrupted for eight miles towards Ruapehu, giving out only on the appearance of Phyllocladus alpinus and Fagus cliffortioides. There is this, however, to be noticed: that on the lowest elevation Fagus Solandri predominates, on the next higher Fagus Jusca, and then Fagus Menziesii, till the Fagus cliffortioides is reached at an altitude of about 3,600 ft.

Why these plants should be found in the associations that they are found in can only be conjectured. As far as I have experienced, and from what I am informed by those who have a longer experience than I of the areas described, the climatic conditions all over are fairly similar. There is a heavy winter and spring rainfall over all the district; frosts in winter are severe; snow falls often; and winds are, I believe, far less frequent here than in any other part of the Dominion: I have now spent in this district two summers and one spring, which are the windiest seasons in other parts of New Zealand, whilst here the usual condition has been one of comparative atmospheric tranquillity. That there should be a marked difference between the vegetation on the spurs and foothills of Ruapehu and that on a plateau 1,000 ft. lower is easily comprehended; for in these cases, in addition to the marked difference in climate, there is also a great difference in soil-condition. On the slopes of Ruapehu the soil consists mostly of small particles of rock chemically little altered; whereas on the plains the soil is generally a fine volcanic loam, which (though originally of the same composition as the other) has been more easily altered by the action of air and water, as the particles were finer.

The wedges of beech that penetrate the taxad forest may be the result of a volcanic discharge of hot sand or lapilli which have destroyed the original plant covering; the beech having succeeded as being the most suited to withstand the resulting exposed situation, and the (as yet) imperfect soil.

A notable feature, perhaps, of the district described is the number of plants with polymorphic characteristics. The photographs show specimens of the white hinau (Elaeocarpus Hookerianus), lancewood (Pseudopanax crassiplium), Panax arboreum, and Panax anomalum. Before obtaining its mature leaves, the white hinau bears three other forms of leaf; sometimes all four forms are found together on young plants; but as a rule the leaves and habit of growth (very divaricating) of the young plant differ so much from the adult that many people, when told that the two plants are one and the same species, would be incredulous. Few, also, would recognise the very close relationship that there is between Panax arboreum, with its large, glossy, digitate leaves and open habit of growth, and the Panax anomalum, close-set, and with minute, lustreless leaves. I have already referred to the remarkable difference there is in appearance and habit of different specimens of Pittosporum rigidum. The lancewood is a tree so peculiar that most people have their attention attracted to it whenever they are in the bush; but a complete stranger, seeing the young and the old tree for the first time, would find it difficult to believe they were identical in species.

A tree that is very plentiful in Waimarino forests is the tawhero, towai, or kamahi (Weinmannia racemosa); in fact, in many parts it is the dominant tree. It starts its life as a seedling in another tree that is decaying, and very often on a tree-fern. As it grows it sends down several aerial roots, which

in the end kill the tree-fern, and, afterwards coalescing, serve as an ordinary tree-trunk. From irregular coalition the trunks have frequently quite a network appearance. The epiphytic habit is also very common with the *Panax* genus; and *Panax Edgerleyi* and *Panax arboreum* are frequently seen growing high up on the trunks of tree-ferns, which will eventually be killed by the treacherous embraces of the aerial roots of the *Panax*.

Another very plentiful plant in the bush is the red horopito (*Drimys colorata*), the bright-red leaves of which serve as compensation for the general absence of coloured flowers.

It is remarkable how plants that are the most assertive in the lower plains give way to others in this table-land. The manuka (Leptospermum scoparium) and bracken (Pteris aquilina), appear only as weakly specimens of their kind. Tree-ferns are far less plentiful than in lower districts, the two that are most seen being Dicksonia fibrosa and Hemitelia Smithii, both of which have their stems protected by a thick coating of fibre. Cythea medullaris disappears at an altitude of about 1,100 ft.

THE FOREST ECONOMICALLY CONSIDERED.

The Waimarino Forest probably carries in its timber the most valuable crop it will ever produce. In several localities rimu and matai are so plentiful that they are the chief forest-trees. The Maori owners of the land in some instances get as much as £8 an acre solely for the timber-rights. The bush worked by one sawmill in the Kakahi locality I was told was yielding 40,000 sup. ft. of rimu, totara, and matai to the acre. The bush in the Ohakune locality in several places yields over 20,000 sup. ft. of rimu, matai, and white-pine to the acre.

The kaikawaka, or mountain-cedar (*Libocedrus Bidwillii*) is very plentiful in the Waimarino district. The mills do not yet convert it, but when its value is known there should be a strong demand for it, for it is quite equal to Australian cedar.

Maire is very abundant, but, as steel is now so much used for the purposes for which it is valuable, the commercial value of it is doubtful. It is the strongest wood in the world, and it is also very durable.

The red-beech (Fagus Jusca) is admitted to be durable and strong, but it has many defects which make it unsuitable for building purposes. It will soon, however, become of value for fencing purposes; and, Powellised, it may be of value for railway-sleepers; it is fairly tough and should hold the rails well

THE WAIMARINO GRASS-STEPPE.

The altitude of the Waimarino plain or grass-steppe is 2,600 ft. above sea-level. The winters are severe; and the soil is of a poor pumiceous nature. The land, therefore, will never be of value for farming purposes; consequently, I think it would be a most suitable locality to reforest. Round the borders of the steppe trees of varied nature flourish, so there should be no difficulty in finding trees of commercial value to re-cover what (practically considered) is now almost a useless waste. Many portions of the plain are, indeed, boggy; but there is a good fall, and draining would be a matter of no difficulty.

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EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS USED.

N. = Northern botanical province of New Zealand. C = Central botanical province of New Zealand. S. = Southern botanical province of New Zealand. Ch. = Chatham Islands province. Sub. = New Zealand subantarctic islands province. Ker. = Kermadee Islands province. End. = Endemic. Aus. = Australia and Tasmania. S.A. = South American and subantarctic. Pol. = Polynesia. Mal. = Malay and South Asian. Cos. = Generally distributed in tropical or temperate lands.

Natural Order and Species.		1		Distribution.			
		Maori Name.	English Name.	Beyond New Zealand, or Endemic.	Within New Zealand.	In the Waimarino Forest.	
RANUNCULACEAE. Clematis indivisa Ranunculus insignis	••	Puawhananga 	Clematis Mountain-butter-	End End	N. C. S. C. S	Forest. Bed of Maungaturuturu River.	
nivicola		••	eup	End	C	Hauhungatahi and riverbeds.	
hirtus	• •	Maruru	Common N.Z. buttercup	Aus	Ch.	Grass-steppe.	
——— rivularis Magnoliaceae.	••	Waoriki	Marsh-buttereup	End	Ch.	By streams and swamps.	
Drimys axillaris	• •	Horopito	Pepper-tree Pepper-tree	End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	Lower forest. Forest; abundant.	



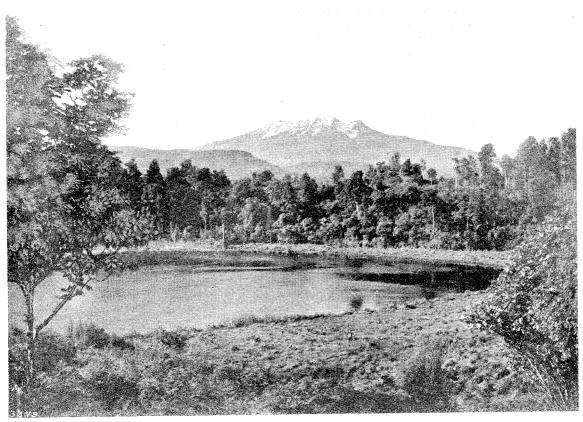
The Crape-fern (Todea superba), forming the Forest-floor.

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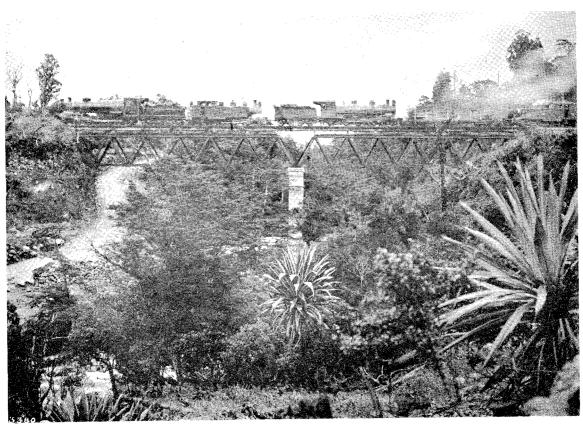
The Crafe-fern ($Todea\ superba$).

 $[C.\ T.\ Salmon,\ photo.$



THE MARGIN OF A TAXAB FOREST AT RANGATAGA CRATER-LAKE. Rumpehu in background, and midway between Raetihi Hill, a limestone bluff.

Mr. Lilley, photo.



FAGUS FOREST IN GORGE OF THE MANGANUI-A-TE Ao.

Cordyline indivisa in foreground.

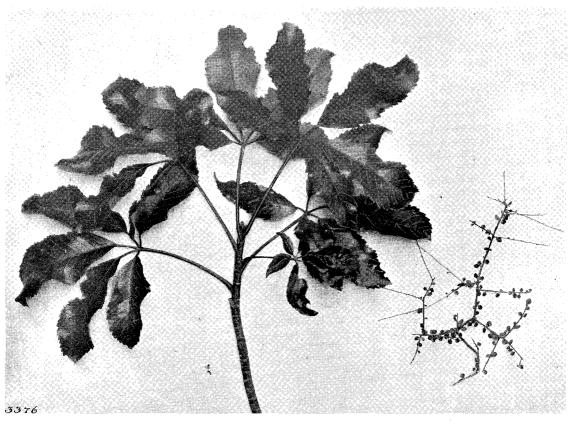
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CRUCIFERAE. Cardamine hirsuta			Hairy bitter-	Cos. temp.	N. C. S. Ch. Sub.	Forest, near streams.	
VIOLARIEA E. Viola filicaulis ——————————————————————————————————		••	Common N.Z.	End Aus	N. C. S. C. S	Forest. Swampy places.	
Melicytus ramiflorus		Mahoe	wiolet Whitewood	Pol., Nor- folk Island.	N. C. S.	Lower forest.	
——— lanceolatus Hymenanthera dentata v angustifolia	ar.			End Aus	N. C. S. C. S	Higher forest. By stream in scrub.	
PITTOSPOREAE. Pittosporum tenuifolium		Kohuhu or tawhiri	••	End	N. C. S.	Lower forest and scrub.	
—— Colensoi —— rigidum				End End	C. S C. S	Forest and scrub. 15 ft. high; by stream in Waimarino grass-steppe.	
Kirkii	••	Tarata	Lemon-wood	End End End	N. C N. C. S.	Higher forest. Forest. Lower forest-margin and	
MALVACEAE. Plagianthus betulinus		Manatu	Lacebark	End	N. C. S.	in scrub. Forest-margin to 2,500 ft.	
Hoheria populnea var. lance			Lacebark	End	Ch. N. C. S.	Forest-margin to 2,200 ft.	
TILIACEAE.		1					
Aristotelia racemosa Colensoi fiuticosa	 		Wineberry	End End End	N. C. S. C. S N. C. S.	Forest, common. Forest-margin. Margins of higher forests	
Elaeocarpus Hookerianus ———— dentatus		Pokaka Hinau		End End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	and scrub. General in forests. Forest to 2,400 ft.	
GERANIACEAE. Geranium microphyllum	••	• •	S m a l l -leaved cranesbill	End	N. C. S. Sub.	Grass-steppe.	
Oxalis corniculata var. ciliife	era		••	••	N. C. S. Ker.	Forest-opening.	
RUTACEAE. Melicope simplex		• •		End	N. C. S.	Forest; common.	
OLACINEAE. Pennantia corymbosa		Kaikomako	•	End	N. C. S.	Forest; common.	
Coriarie ruscifolia		Tutu tupakihi	••	S. A	N. C. S. Ch.	Forest by streams and in open country.	
——— thymifolia		Tutupapa	••	S. A	C. S	By streams in high forest and open country.	
LEGUMINOSAE. Carmichaelia flagelliformis		Taunoka	N.Z. broom	End	N. C. S.	Grass-steppe and by lower streams.	
Sophora tetraptera ROSACEAE.	• •	Kowhai	N.Z. laburnum	S. A	N. C. S. Ch.	By streams at margin of lower forest.	
D 1 - 1 1	• •	Tataramoa	Bush-lawyer	End	N. C. S.	Forest and scrub at lower levels.	
1 1111		• •	Bush-lawyer Bush-lawyer	End End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	Forest on Hauhungatahi, &c.	
	• •	Piripiri	N.Z. burr	End	N. C. S.	Grass-steppe and bush-roads.	
——— sanguisorbae	• •	Piripiri	N.Z. burr	Aus., Tris- tan da Cunha	N. C. S. Ch. Sub.	Forest.	
microphylla var. d pressa	.e-	••	• •	End	C. S	Grass-steppe.	
Saxifrageae. Weinmannia racemosa	.:	Kamahi, towai, tawhero	••	End	N. C. S.	Forest, and by streams in open.	
			Alpine sundew Spoon - leaved	Aus	C. S N. C. S.	Hauhungatahi bogs. Bogs near Erua.	
binata			sundew	Aus	N. C. S.	Bogs near Erua.	

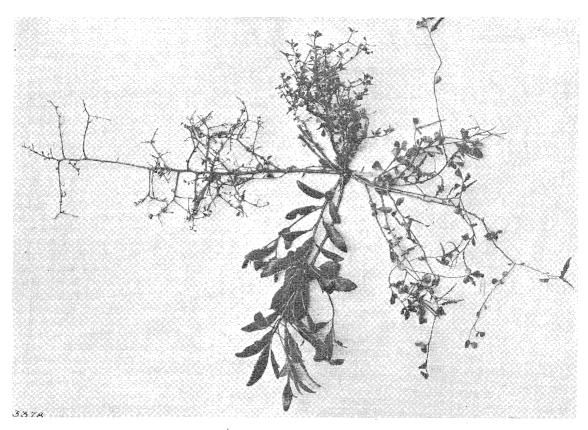
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HALORAGEAE.					•	
Haloragis depressa	,		Aus	N. C. S. N. C. S.	Bog near Pokaka. Common on wet banks.	
unnera monoica	••	• • • •	· •	Ch.	Common on wer panks.	
Myrtaceae. eptospermum scoparium	 Manuka, kahi-	Tea-tree	Aus. , ,	N. C. S.	Margin of forest, and by	
	katoa Manuka	White tea-tree		N. C. S.	streams in open. In open and by river-	
letrosideros hypericifolia		Rata	End	N. C. S.	banks in forest. On trunks of forest-trees	
Colensoi		Rata	End	N. C	and tree-ferns. At Ohakune, on forest-	
seandens	Aka	Rata	End	N. C	trees and tree-ferns. Near Ohakune, on forest-	
robusta [yrtus pedunculata	Rata		End End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	trees and tree-ferns. Forest, but local. Forest.	
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Onagrarieæ.		Tamas stancing 1	Do d	NOS	In had of aulaban atnoom	
pilobium nummularifolium var. pedunculare — pallidiflorum		Long - stemmed willow-herb	End Aus	N. C. S. Sub. N. C. S.	In bed of sulphur-stream, Horopito. Swamp in Pokaka Forest.	
junceum var macro-		Tall willow-herb	Aus	Ch. N. C. S.	Plentiful in scorched forest	
phyllum pubens	%		Aus	N. C. S.	at Pokaka. Forest near Pokaka.	
—— insulare			End	Ch. N. C. S.	On roads through forest.	
glabellum		Glossy - leaved	End.	Ch. N. C. S.	Beds of rivers in high	
uchsia excorticata	Kotukutuku	willow-herb Fuchsia	End	N. C. S.	country. In all forest	
Passifloreae. assiflora tetrandra	Kohia	••	End	N. C	In bush near Kakahi.	
Umbelliferae.	Taramea kuri- kuri	Spear-grass	End	c. s	Grass-steppe.	
igusticum aromaticum	Kuii	•	End	c. s	Hauhungatahi, Mangaturuturu Stream, &c.	
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ARALIACEAE.	Haumakaroa	••	End	N. C. S. Sub.	Common in forest.	
simplex var. parvum	Raukawa	Lemon-wood	End. \dots End. \dots	C. S	Forest near Ohakune. Common in forest.	
Edgerleyi	Wauwaupaku	Shrubby panax	End End.	N. C. S. C. S.		
phyllum	•	••	** 1	N. C	Highest forest.	
	Houhou	Ivy-tree	End End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	Forest, and sub-scrub. Forest.	
var. laetum			End.	Ker. N. C.	Forest west of Erna.	
chefflera digitata	Patete Horoeka, hoho-	Lancewood	End End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	Forest; common. Forest; common.	
	eka		inc.	217 0. 0.	2 02000, 0071210111	
CORNACEAE. orokia cotoneaster riselinia littoralis	Papauma	Broadleaf	End End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	By stream near Erua. Common in forest.	
CAPRIFOLIACEAE.						
lseuosmia quercifolia	Рарара	N.Z. honey- suckle	End	N. C	Common in forest.	
RUBIACEAE. oprosma grandifolia	Raurekau ka- nono	••	End	N. C	Common in forest.	
lucida ···	Karamu	Yellow-wood	End End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	Forest and scrub. Forest and scrub.	
robusta Cunninghamii	Karamu Mingimingi	••	End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	By streams and forest- margin.	
tenuifolia	••	Soft-leaved co- prosma	End	N. C	Forest.	
rotundifolia		Round - leaved	End	N. C. S.	Forest.	
tenuicaulis		•••	End End	N. C N. C. S. C. (N.	Kaitieke forest. Edge of forests. Edge of forests.	
var. divaricata		.**	End	and S.?)	radge of forests,	



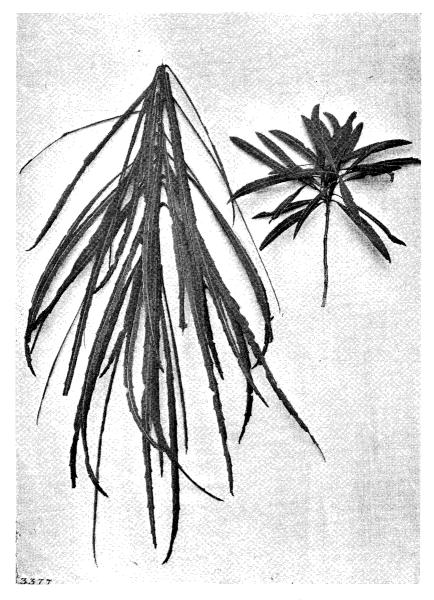
Houhou ($Panax \ arboreum$); and $P. \ anomalum$.

The large leaves are those of the houhou (Panax arboreum); the small specimen is Panax anomalum, showing its minute leaves and divaricating habit.



Heterophylly: Four Different Leaves which may be found at one time on the Pokaka $(El \& ocarpus\ Hookerianus).$

The largest are the adult form.



Heterophylly: Lancewood ($Pseudopanax\ crassifolium$). The long are the juvenile and the short the adult leaves.

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Rubiaceae—continued.	į					
Coprosma parviflora .	• •		End	N. C. S. Sub.	Common in high forests.	
acerosa var. brunnea propinqua	Tatarahake Mingimingi		End End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	Grass-steppe. Forest, and by streams in	
foetidissima	. Hupiro, karamu	Stinkwood	End	N. C. S.	scrub country. Common in higher forests	
Colensoi			End	Sub, N. C. S.	Forest.	
cuneata	1 .		TD. 4	C. S. Sub.	In highest forests. Waimarino Plain and	
——— depressa	•		End	C. S	Waimarino Plain and Hauhungatahi.	
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Compositae. Lagenophora petiolata .		N.Z. daisy	End	N. C. S.	Abundant everywhere.	
Olearia nitida		Daisy-tree	End.	C. S	Common by streams.	
var. capillaris.		•••	End.	C	On bank of Waimarino Stream near forest.	
——— Cunninghamii	. Heketara	••	End	N. C	Lower forests. Hauhungatahi and Mau-	
					ngaturuturu Stream.	
—— virgata	•	••	End	C. S	Common by streams in open country.	
Celmisia incana			End.	N. C. S.	Hauhungatahi.	
spectabilis	•	Cotton-plant	End	C. S N. C. S.	Hauhungatahi. Grass-steppe, &c.	
longifolia	i-		End.	0. 6.	Grass-steppe and bog.	
folia var. gracilent	1	ļ	End	N. C. S.	Grass-steppe.	
glandulosa		Bog-celmisia	End	C. S	Bogs and wet ground.	
	•	••	End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	Banks of streams. Common on edge of bush	
——— iuteo-andum .	•	••		Ker. Sub.	and plains.	
	•	Mountain-daisy	End	N. C. S. Ch.	In river-beds. Hauhungatahi and river-	
Helichrysum bellidioides .	•	mountain-daisy		Sub.	beds.	
			End	C. S. Ch. C. S. Sub.	Waimarino Plains. Hauhungatahi and river-	
	Pukapuka	Rangiora	End	N. C	beds. Lower forest.	
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77' 1''		•••	End	N. C. S. N. C.	In gorges. Ohakune, Kaitieke, and	
TO 1 11111			End.	c. s	Hauhungatahi. Hauhungatahi.	
n mr			Aus	C. S	Grass-steppe.	
STYLIDEAE.		-		~ ~		
Oreostylidium subulatum .	•	• • •	End	C. S	Grass-steppe.	
COMPANULACEAE.			IDm 3	Maa	Noon atno	
TTT 1.1 1	:	• •	End Aus	N. C. S. N. C. S.	Near streams. Karioi Plains, near forest.	
3 3 .		TD1 1 11		Ch. C. S	O	
	•	Bluebell	End.	U. D	Grass-steppe.	
ERICACEAE. Gaultheria antipoda .	. Tumingi	Snowberry	End	N. C. S.	In scrub and by rivers.	
——— antipoda var. fluviatil		Show berry	End	N. C. S.	Near streams.	
var. depress	٠.	Snowberry	Aus End	C. S C. S	Grass-steppe near forests. Bed of highland streams	
perplexa	•		End	0. 6	and edge of forest.	
		• •	End End	N. C. S. C. S. C. S	Hauhungatahi, &c. Landslip in forest near	
rupestris var. lanceola	va .				Erua.	
fagifolia			End	C	Whakapapa River banks. Cliffs on Whakapapa	
EPACRIDEAE.					River.	
Pentachondra pumila .			Aus	N. C. S.	Grass-steppe.	
Cyathodes acerosa			Aus End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	Forest on highlands. Steppe.	
	•		1	Sub.		
-		1	End	N. C. S.	Forest and scrub.	
Leucopogon fasciculatus .	, ,	••	1 . 1	NCG	(trass-stenne and comb	
-			Aus End	N. C. S. C. S		
Leucopogon fasciculatus Epacris alpina		••	Aus End	C. S	Hauhungatahi and steppes.	
Leucopogon fasciculatus		Grass-tree	Aus		Hauhungatahi and	

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Myrsineae.	Toro		End	N. C	Forest.	
Myrsine salicina Urvillei divaricata	Mapau, tipau	Red-birch	End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	In bush near Kakahi. Forest and margin.	
OLEACEAE. Olea Cunninghamii —————————————————————————————————	Maire raunui Maire	Black maire White maire	Aus	N. C N. C	Forest.	
APOCYNACEAE. Parsonsia heterophylla ——— capsularis	Kaiku Akakiore (?)	••	End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	Forest. Forest.	
LOGANACEAE. Geniostoma ligustrifolium	Hangehange		End	N. C	Kakahi forest.	
GENTIANEAE. Gentiana Griesbachii		Small N.Z.	End	C. S	Near Mangawhero River, Ohakune.	
— bellidifolia		Common N.Z. gentian	End	C. S	Grass-steppe, Hauhunga- tahi, &c.	
Boragineae. Myosotis Forsteri		•••	End	N. C. S.	Kaitieke Forest.	
SCROPHULARINEAE. Calceolaria repens Veronica salicifolia	Koromiko		End	C. S N. C. S.	Kaitieke Bush, and gorges. Forest-margins.	
laevis	is : 	••	End End End	C. S C.	Hauhungatahi, &c. Hauhungatahi, &c. Hauhungatahi and river-	
——————————————————————————————————————		••	End	N. C. S. C	beds. River-banks. Mangaturuturu River bed.	
Ourisia macrophylla Colensoi		••	End	C. S	Hauhungatahi and river- beds in highlands. Bogs in highlands.	
Euphrasia cuneata		••	End	C. S	Grass-steppe.	
Rhabdothamnus Solandri VERBENACEAE.	Waioatua	••	End	N. C	In bush at Kakahi.	
Tencridium parvifolium POLYGONACEAE.	· · ·	••	End	N. C. S.	Banks of Whakapapa near Kakahi.	
Muchlenbeckia australis ——————————————————————————————————	Pohuehue		Pol End Aus., Pol.	N. C. S. N. C. S. C. S	Ohakune Forest. Forests generally Grass-steppe.	
LAURINEAE. Beilschmiedia tawa	Tawa	••	End	N. C. S.	Lower forest.	
PROTEACEAE. Knightia excelsa	Rewarewa	Honeysuckle	End	N. C	Lower forests.	
THYMELAEACEAE. Pimelea buxifolia		••	End	N. C	Grass-steppe and Hau- hungatahi.	
——————————————————————————————————————	••		End End	N. C. S. N. C	Grass-steppe, and scrub. Hauhungatahi.	
LOBANTHACEAE. Loranthus micranthus tetrapetalus	•••	Scarlet mistle-	End End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	Forest at Kakahi. Ohakune beech forest and Whakapapa beech forest.	
Colensoi flavidus	••	toe Scarlet mistletoe Yellow mistletoe	End End	C. S C. S	Karioi beech forest. Beech forests at Ohakune,	
	Pirita	Green mistletoe	End	N. C. S.	&c. On maire in taxad forest, Ohakune.	
Urtica ferox	Turepo Ongaonga	Milk-tree Tree-nettle	End End Aus	N. C. S. N. C. S. N. C. S.	Lower forests. Near Ohakune. Kaitieke Forest.	
CUPULIFERAE.		07 1 3	To a	N C C	TT'b Co	
Fagus Menziesii —— fusca —— Solandri —— cliffortioides	Tawhai Tawhai raunui Tawhai rauriki Tawhai rauriki	Silver-beech Red-beech Black-beech Mountain-beech	End End End	N. C. S. N. C. S. C. S	Higher forest. Higher forest. Higher forest. Highest forest.	

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The Rata (Metrosideros robusta).

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CONIFERAE. Libocedrus Bidwillii	:	Pahautea, kai- kawaka	Mountain-cedar	End	N. C. S.	Higher forests.	
Podocarpus totara		Totara	Totara	End	N. C. S.	Lower forests. Higher forests.	
——— Hallii		Totara	Mountain-totara Creeping totara	End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	Hauhungatahi.	
ferrugineus		Miro, toromiro	Black-pine	End	N. C. S.	Common in forest.	
spicatus		Matai	Black-pine	End End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	Common in forest.	
——— daerydioides Daerydium biforme	• •	Kahikatea	White-pine Yellow-pine	End	C. S	Hauhungatahi Forest.	
——— Bidwillii				End	N. C. S.	Base and on Hauhunga-	
		Rimu	Red-pine	End	N. C. S.	tahi. Common in forest.	
——— cupressinum ——— intermedium		Rimu	*	End	N. C. S.	Hauhungatahi.	
——— Colensoi		Manoao	Silver-pine	End	N. C. S.	Common in higher forest.	
Phyllociadus alpinus	• •	Toatoa	••	End	N. C. S.	Common in highlands fringing forest.	
Orchideae.¶		·				4 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -	
Earina mucronata			••	End	N. S. C.	Taxad forests.	
				End	Ch. N. C. S.	Lower forests.	
Spiranthes australis	• •	::	• •	Aus	N. C	Bog near Erua.	
Thelymitra longifolia		Makaika	••	Aus	N. C. S.	Grass-steppe.	
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				End	Ch. Sub. N. C. S.	Grass-steppe and bogs.	
——— uniflora Microtis porrifolia	• • •		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Aus	N. C. S.	Grass-steppe and bogs. Grass-steppe.	
miorous pormone	••			İ.	Ker.		
Prasophyllum Colensoi	٠	••	••	End	N. C. S. Sub.	Grass-steppe.	
Pterostylis Banksii		••	Hooded orchid	End	N. C. S. Ch.	Edge of forests.	
——— graminea Chiloglottis cornuta		.,	••	End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	Edge of forests. Forest between railway	
Adenochilus gracilis			••	End	Ch. Sub. C. S	and Ruapehu, 2,700 ft. Between Ohakune and	
Corysanthes triloba			••	End	N. C. S.	Ruapehu in beech forest. In gorges on banks.	
—— macrantha	• •			End	N. C. S.	In gorges on banks.	
IRIDEAE.					Ch. Sub.	Marie Barrelle	
Libertia pulchella	• •	••		Aus	N. C. S.	Forest, damp places.	
LILIACEAE. Rhipogonum scandens		Kareao	Supplejack	End	N. C. S.	In forest below 2,000 ft.	
. 3					Ch.		
Enargea marginata Cordyline Banksii	• •	Puwatawata Tikapu wha-	••	S.A End	N. C. S. N. C	Forest. Makatote and other gorges	
australis	•	naki Ti, ti-kauka, ti- rahau	Cabbage-tree,	End	N. C. S.	Common below 2,000 ft.	
——— indivisa	••	Toi	Mountain cab- bage-tree	End	N. C. S.	Forest openings in high-lands.	
Astelia Cunninghamii ——— nervosa	• • •	Puwharawhara 	Bush-flax	End	N. C N. C. S.	On forest-trees. Common in damp forests.	
Dianella intermedia		Turutu	Blueberry	Pol., Nor- folk Island	N. C. S.	Bush gorges.	
Phormium tenax	••	Harakeke	N.Z. flax	N or f o l k Island	N. C. S. Ch. Sub.	In the lower open country.	
Cookianum		Wharariki	Mountain-flax	Norfolk Island	N. C. S.	In the higher open country	
Artropodium candidum Herpolirion novae-zelandia	e	Rengarenga	• •	End Aus	N. C. S. C. S	Kaitieke and Erua Bush. Wet places in grass-steppe.	
Juncaceae. Juncus vaginatus	••			Aus	N. C	Swampy forest opening, Pokaka.	
——— effusus		Wiwi	Rush	Cos	N. C. S.	Swampy forest openings, Pokaka, &c.	
bufonius				Cos	N. C. S.	Common in swamp.	
——— planifolius		••		Aus., S.A.	N. C. S.	Common in swamps. Swamp in forest, Erua.	
Luzula campestris	• •	•	••	End (?)	N. C. S.	Swamp in forest, Erus.	
Thypha angustifolia		Raupo	Buirush	Cos	N. C. S.	In swamps.	
NAIADACEAE. Potamogeton natans		••	•••	Cos., temp.	N. C. S.	Stagnant water.	

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Restiaceae.§ Hypolaena lateriflora		••		Aus	N. C. S. Ch.	Bogs in steppe.
Cyperaceae. Carpha alpina				Aus.	N. C. S.	Common in highland bog
Cladium Sinclairii			.,	End.	Sub. N. C	On sides of gorges.
Gahuia pauciflora	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	••	Cutting-grass	End. Lord Howe Island	N. C	Hauhungatahi Forest. Bush at Erua and Oha
Uncinia caespitosa			••	End	N. C. S.	Forest on Hauhunga-
——— australis			••	End	N. C. S. Ch.	tahi, &c. T Forest on Hauhunga tahi, &c.
——— riparia			••	End End	N. C. S. C. S	Forest near Erua. Grass-steppe.
	• •	•••	••	End	N. C. S. Sub.	Boggy ground near Po
——— dipsacea	••	••	••	End	C. S	Boggy ground near Po
dissita	••	•••	••	End	N. C. S.	Boggy ground near Po kaka.
GRAMINEAE. Microlaena avenacea Hierochloe redolens	••	Karetu	Bush oat-grass Holy grass	End Aus., S.A.	N. C. S. N. C. S. Ch. Sub.	Forest near Erua. Grass-steppe, &c.
——— Fraseri Deyeuxia Forsteri			Toothed bent grass	Aus Aus Norfolk Island	C. S N. C. S. Ch.	Grass-steppe. Edge of bush at Erua.
Danthonia Raoulii			Red - tussock, snowgrass	End	C. S	Grass-steppe.
semiannularis var. s folia	eti-		Desert oat-grass	End	C. S	Grass-steppe
Arundo conspicua	• •	Toetoe	N.Z. reed	End	N. C. S. Ch.	Up to 2,600 ft.
Poa anceps	••	TH.	Nodding plumed poa	End.	N. C	By stream in grass-steppe
——— caespitosa ——— Colensoi	•••	Wi	Tussock Blue-tussock	Aus End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	Grass-steppe. Grass-steppe, Hauhunga tahi.
——— Kirkii Agropyrum scabrum	• • •		Blue-grass	End Aus	C. S N. C. S.	Grass-steppe. Grass-steppe.
Fилсеs. Hymenophyllum rarum			Filmy fern	Cos	N. C. S. Sub. Ch.	Forest, on rocks or trees.
——— australe	• •		Filmy fern	Ind., Mal., Aus.		Bush at Kakahi.
atrovirens			Filmy fern	Aus	N. C. S. N. C. S.	Hauhuugatahi Forest. Common in forests on trees
——— pulcherrimum ——— dilatatum			Filmy fern Filmy fern	Aus., Mal., Pol.	N. C. S. Ch. Sub.	Common in forests on trees
demissum	••		Filmy fern	Mal., Pol.	N. C. S. Ker. Ch.	Forest.
scabrum			Filmy fern	End	Sub. N. C. S. Ch.	Forest, on trees.
——— flabellatum		••	Filmy fern	Aus., Pol.	N. C. S. Ch. Sub.	Forest, on trees.
——— Malingii ——— multifidum			Silver filmy fern Filmy fern	End Aus., Pol.,	N. C. S. N. C. S.	On mountain-cedar trees. Forest, or shaded banks.
bivalve			Filmy fern	Mal. End	Ch. Sub. N. C. S. Ch.	Forest, on ground or trees
Trichomanes reniforme		Raurenga	Kidney-fern	End	N. C. S.	In forest; rare.
——— humile	• •			Mal., Pol.	N. C	In forest, on wet rocks of banks.
venosum				Aus	N. C. S. Ch.	In forest, on tree-ferns.
Cyathea dealbata	••	Ponga	Silver tree-fern	Mal., Pol.	N. C. S. Ch.	Forests of lowlands.
——— medullaris	• •	Korau, mamaku		Aus., Pol.	N. C. S. Ch.	In lowland forest.
Hemitelia Smithii	••	Whaki	Soft-leaved tree- fern Slender tree-fern	End	N. C. S. Sub. N. C. S.	Forest to 2,000 ft.
Dicksonia squarrosa	• .•	Whekiponga	Fibrous-stemmed		Ch. N. C. S.	Forest to 2,600 ft.
fibrosa	••		tree-fern Woolly tree-fern		Ch. N. C	Forest to 2,700 ft.
lanata	• •	•••	MOOTIN OLGG-TELIT	mu	**** 0	± 01000 00 2,400 10.

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FILICES—continued. Davallia novae-zelandiae			End	N. C. S.	Taxad forest throughout.	
Lindsaya linearis	•••	••	Aus., Pol.	N. C. S. Ch.	In swamp near Erua.	
Adiantum affine	••	Common maiden-	Aus., Pol. Aus., Ker.	N. C. S. N. C. S.	In Kaitieke Forest. On cliffs and river-banks.	
Hypolepis tenuifolia		hair 	Aus., Pol., Mal.	N. C. S. Ch.	By streams in scrub; bush roads.	
——— distans	••		End	N. C. S. Ch.	Sides of bush roads.	
Pellea rotundifolia	 Panannha	Bracken	Aus., Nor- folk Island Aus., S.A.	N. C. S. N. C. S.	In bush near Kakahi.	
Pteris aquilina var. esculenta ———————————————————————————————————	Rauaruhe,	Bracken	End.	Ch. Sub. N. C. S.	Common to 2,000 ft.; in scrub. Bush roads; landslips.	
—— macilenta			End	Ch. N. C	Bush near Erua.	
—— incisa	••	••	Cos. trop., Aus.	N. C. S. Ch. Sub.	By bush roads and streams.	
Lomaria Patersoni var. elongata discolor	Petipeti		Aus., Pol., Mal., S. Asia, Aus., Nor-	N. C. S. Sub. N. C. S.	Common in highland bush. Common in forest through.	
vulcanica		••	folk Island Aus., Pol.,	Ch. Sub. N. C. S.	out. Gorges and cliffs and river-	
lanceolata	* - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -		Mal. Aus., Pol.	N. C. S.	banks. Common in forest.	
——— alpina	: 	••	Aus., S.A.	Ch. N. C. S. Ch. Sub.	Grass-steppe and upper forest.	
capensis	Piupiu	••	Aus., Mal., Pol., S.A., S. Africa,	N. C. S. Ch. Ker. Sub.	Throughout.	
var. minor	••		Trop. Am.		Hauhungatahi and Po-	
	 Kiwikiwi		End Aus	N. C. S. N. C. S.	kaka. Hauhungatahi by rill. Common in taxad forest.	
—— membranacea Asplenium falcatum	Petako	Drooping spleen- wort	End Aus., Pol., E. Africa,	Ch. Sub. N. C. S. N. C. S. Ch.	In forest. In lower taxad forest.	
lucidum	••	Shining spleen-	Asia Aus	N. C. S.	In lower forest.	
var. anomodum	••	wort	End	C	Limestone Cliff, Raetihi Hill, 2,800 ft., at Oha- kune.	
——— Hookerianum v a r. Colensoi			End	N. C. S.	Raetihi Hill, at Ohakune.	
—— bulbiferum	Maku	Common spleen- wort	Aus., N. India, Penang	N. C. S. Sub.	In forest throughout.	
——— var. tripinnatum	••			••	Raetihi Hill, near Oha- kune.	
flaceidum	Rakautauri	Pendent spleen- wort	Aus., S. Africa	N. C. S. Ch. Sub.	In forest throughout.	
Aspidium aculeatum var. vestitum var. sylvaticum	••	Prickly shield- fern	Aus., S.A.	N. C. S. Ch. Sub.	In forest throughout, and by streams in scrub. Forest near Ohakune.	
Nephrodium glabellum Polypodium punctatum			Aus., Pol., Aus., Pol., S.A., Asia, African	N. C. S. N. C. S.	Forest near Karioi Village. Forest near Ohakune.	
pennigerum		• • 4,	islands Pol	N. C. S. Ch.	Bush throughout.	
australe			Aus., S.A., Tristan da Cunha	N. C. S. Sub.	Bush throughout.	
	••		Aus	N. C. S.	Bush on Hauhungatahi. Bush throughout	
serpens	!	••	Aus., Nor- folk Island	Ch. Sub. N. C. S. Ch. Ker.	Forest-margins, on trees.	
——— Billardieri		••	Aus., Pol.	N. C. S. Ch. Ker.	Forest throughout.	
—— novae-zelandiae Gleichenia dicarpa		Bog umbrella- fern	End. Aus., Pol., Mal.	Sub. N. C N. C. S. Ch.	Higher forest. Common in bogs.	

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FILICES—continued. Gleichenia dicarpa var. alpina ————————————————————————————————————	Tapuwae-kotuku	Bush umbrella-	End	N. C. S. N. C. S.	On Hauhungatahi. In forest and by streams.	
Todea hymenophylloides	Heruheru	Single erape-fern	End	N. C. S.	In taxad forest through-	
	Heruheru	Prince of Wales's feather, double crape- fern	••	N. C. S.	out. In higher forests; common.	
Botrychium ternatum var. dissectum		Parsley-fern	Cos	N. C. S. N. C. S.	In manuka serub, Kakahi. Edge of bush, Kakahi.	
Lycopodiaceae. Lycopodium Billardieri	Whiri-o-Rakau-	Hanging club-	••	Ker. N. C. S.	On trees in forest throughout.	
——— fastigiatum		Alpine club- moss	Aus	N. C. S. Ch. Sub.	Grass-steppe, Hauhunga- tahi.	
scariosum		Creeping club- moss	Aus	N. C. S. Ch. Sub.	Sunny banks in Kaitieke Bush.	
volubile	Waewaekoukou		Pol., New Cal., Aus., Mal.	N. C. S. Ch.	Edge of forest.	
Tmesipteris tannensis			Aus., Pol.	N. C. S. Ch. Sub.	Epiphytic on tree-ferns in Kaitieke Forest.	

I have throughout adopted the nomenclature and arrangement as given in Mr. Cheeseman's Manual, as that book is likely to remain for some years the chief book of reference.

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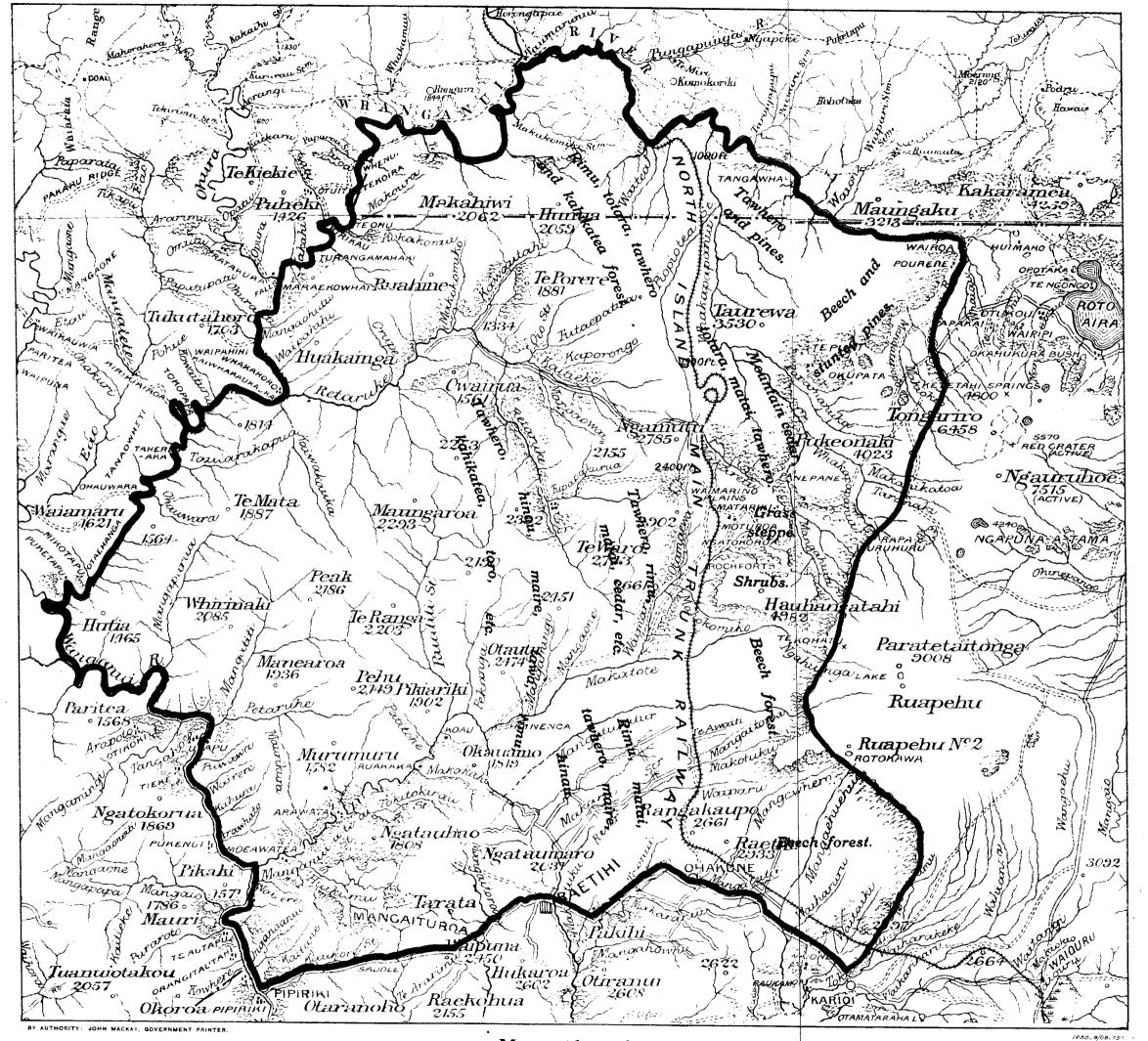
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