monanthus (bladderwort), *Hypolæna laterifolia*, *Thelymitra* (blue-flowered orchid), *Euphrasia cuneata* (eyebright), *Herpolirion*. Many of these plants are indicative of wet, boggy soil, and the imported ling heather was abundant. It is hoped that subsequent visits to this spot will enable your committee to determine whether on this type of soil the imported heather is spreading in an aggressive manner likely to compete and occupy the place at present occupied by the indigenous vegetation, which contains some beautiful flowering-plants.

On the road to the Whakapapa and Haunted Whares your committee inspected many thriving patches of the introduced heather, but all were growing in somewhat damp, flat land. The track to Mount Ngauruhoe was next visited. Leaving the main road, the track led members to the summit of a small mountain, Pukeonaki (4,018 ft. above sea). On leaving the main road at a point 350 ft. above the National Park Railway-station, a few isolated mature plants of the ling heather were seen on the track, but the soil appeared much drier than where the heather was abundant round about the Haunted Whare and the Whakapapanui Stream (main road), and it was noticed that there were no young plants or seedlings. Few other heather-plants were seen until near the summit of Pukeonaki, and near here several mature plants were found, the product, according to Mr. Salt, of seed sown nine years previously. These were found to be well established in a primitive association of what might be called snowgrass-*Dracophyllum* heath which comprised the following plants: *Danthonia Raoulii* (snow-grass), *Dracophyllum recurvum*, *Celmisia spectabilis*, *Euphrasia cuneata*, *Gaultheria antipoda* (snowberry), *Coprosma depressa*, *Wahlenbergia saxicola* (bluebell), *Olearia nummularifolia*, *Veronica tetragona*, *V. Salicifolia*, *Dracophyllum Urvilleanum*, *Schœnus paucifiorus*, *Epacris alpina*, *Leucopogon Frazeri*. The only exotic other than this heather observed was the capeweed, *Hypochæris*. It will be interesting to visit Pukeonaki at future Board meetings and endeavour to form some opinion whether the introduced heather can compete at this much higher, drier, and colder habitat with the natural vegetation to the extent of damaging its physionomy. On the actual summit of Pukeonaki only one mature plant of the heather was observed. Mr. Salt took a number of photographs for record purposes. Your committee was much indebted to Major R. A. Wilson, D.S.O., for motoring members over the park.

ACCOUNTS.

TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK BOARD.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1927.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1st April, 1926	3,637	15	7
Government grants..	409	19	11
Miscellaneous receipts	16	12	0
Interest on Post Office Savings-bank deposit	93	5	9
Interest on Government debentures ..	31	4	8
Park fees	471	16	5
Sale of lithographs	11	2	6
	£4,671	16	10

Payments.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Road-construction—Bruce Road ..				866	12	9
Ohakune Track improvements ..				137	5	0
Expenditure on park buildings ..				364	3	8
Expenditure on park equipment ..				56	4	9
Telephone-line construction and purchase of telephones				5	0	10
Maintenance of telephone-line, &c. ..				35	12	10
Expenditure on surveys				139	19	11
Expenditure on tracks, drains, and bridges				71	0	10
Expenses of Board meetings.. ..				19	16	2
Miscellaneous expenditure				40	4	3
Maintenance of park buildings ..				6	12	7
Maintenance of park equipment ..				4	3	10
Horse-feed, shoeing, &c.				39	14	3
Fuel, oil, &c.				38	1	0
Travelling-expenses				19	8	5
Printing				33	11	9
Postages				12	5	9
Insurances				13	2	1
Ranger's salary				270	0	0
Purchase of maps				10	14	0
Progress-payment for copyright of handbook				83	0	0
Secretary's honorarium				25	0	0
Treasurer's honorarium				12	0	0
Advertising				14	13	0
Balance, 31st March, 1927—	£	s.	d.			
Cash in Bank of New Zealand	478	17	8			
Cash in transit, 31st March, 1927 ..	26	2	6			
Cash in Post Office Savings-bank ..	1,848	9	0			
				2,353	9	2
				£4,671	16	10