



FIG. 7.—Rock from which the Franz Josef Glacier had receded in process of colonization by plants. The dark patches are a moss which forms a seed-bed; the small "island" of plants consists of the tree-tute (*Coriaria arborea*)—the tallest—and in front of this the southern-rata (*Metrosideros lucida*), and at the base the thong-fern (*Asplenium flaccidum*).

[Photo, L. Cochrane.]



FIG. 8.—Head of Franz Josef Glacier as seen from the R. S. Low Rocks on the Baird Range. The ice-capped peak on the Divide towards the centre on the right is Mount Tasman.

[Photo, E. Teichmann.]