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Waikato River is crossed, and a splendid view of King Dick is obtained. From here, the road becomes more interesting, and occasional patches of pretty bush are passed. Two miles from Atiamuri a road to Rotorua branches off to the right; but we kept on to the left, and after a further twenty miles, arrived at Tokoroa.

Some years ago the Matarawa Land Company bought a large acreage of this land, and by careful management transformed it from a useless wilderness to a highly fertile and productive area. This is now divided up into small farms, and dairy-farming is being carried on profitably in the district. Here we spent a pleasant afternoon, returning to Taupo in the evening.

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Another mile brought us to the Arateatea Cataracts, the largest and most beautiful in the Southern Hemisphere. The mighty Waikato River passes through a fissure cut through solid rock, so narrow that one could almost leap across. For some chains it roars along, over mighty rocks, under rocks, and between rocks, till in a mass of foam it escapes into the wide riverbed below.

From here to Rotorua is about fifty miles. The road is bad; bumpy, dusty, and uneven, and thus the journey is necessarily tedious. We lunched in the shade of a large plantation, and rested awhile before continuing on our journey. Before

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A SUNSHINE SNAPSHOT

Miss Margaret Duncan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Campbell Duncan, of Rotorua, whose engagement has been announced to Dr. Kenneth MacCormick, D.S.O., of Auckland.

ON our third day, we set out for Rotorua, fifty-six miles away. On this day we explored the wonders of the thermal regions, and the beauties of the Waikato River.

The first pretty spot is found just past Taupo, where the Waikato flows under the traffic bridge. On looking up-stream, towards Lake Taupo, a very pretty view is obtained. Then, after a mile of dusty road, one sees the Karapiti Blowhole, which is recognised as the greatest and most wonderful steam blow-hole in the world. This is some distance from the road, and as "Trespassers will be Prosecuted," we viewed it from a distance. Three miles bring us to the Huka Falls, which really pass description. The Waikato River rushes down a deep passage hewn from solid rock, and roars over a magnificent fall, in a mass of foam. Above the fall is a series of rapids, ending in the mighty, roaring cataract of the Huka Falls. The swing bridge which spans the rapids, above the falls is very interesting because of the multitude of names that are carved or written on its railings.

WAIRAKEI is reached in three miles, and here is the Geyser Valley, perhaps the most wonderful place in the world. There are over thirty distinct sights, including the world-famed Champagne Cauldron, the Prince of Wales Feathers Gey-

ser, and smaller geysers, and boiling mud pools too numerous to mention. reaching Rotorua the State Forests are passed, where a provident Government has planted thousands of acres of pines of various kinds.

Two miles before reaching Rotorua is Whakarewarewa, which is Rotorua's Wonderland. We did not stop, however, as most of the party had visited the town before.

Rotorua and its wonders need no description here. Its attractions must be seen before passing on. That may take whatever time can be spared on the tour.

ON our fourth day we went from Rotorua to Opotiki, a distance of ninety-eight miles. The first twenty-five miles are along the shores of Lakes Rotorua, Roto-iti, Rotoehu, and Roto-ma. The road is quite hilly in places, and chains are necessary in wet weather. The scenery is very beautiful, and the pretty lakes set among bush-clad hills form a very pleasing sight. About twenty-six miles out Roto-ma Hill is reached, and the climb is very pretty, through beautiful virgin bush. The descent is some three miles long, and the bush scenery with the plains below very fine. The Te Teko plains are then reached, and Te Teko township is found about forty-two miles from Rotorua. Fourteen miles from Te Teko is Whakatane, a small farm-

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