

New Lake at Rotorua.

ROTORUA, December 22.

A new lake has been discovered in the district by Mr Darcy Irvine, who has been surveying a block of land here. The land surrounding the lake was mostly subsided, and a large number of trees are submerged. There are two streams leading from the lake, which find an outlet in one of the earthquake fissures.

Although the discovery has just been made there is reason to believe the lake was formed when Waimangu was formed.

The particulars available at present describe the lake as being of great size, so much so that it is not possible to gauge its dimensions without measurement by surveys, and it appears to have a considerable depth. It seems to have been formed a very considerable time ago by a subsidence in the land over a large area, and there are partially submerged forests of rimu, rata and tawa visible in the water, their tops protruding out of the body of the lake. The depth also appears great, but there were no means at the time of the discovery of finding out the average or the greatest depth at any part.

The lake is fed by a bush stream, which has its origin far away in the bush in probably some spring, and the outflow comes from a break in the eastern side of the depression. It comes out in a considerable volume, only to disappear into a volcanic fissure, thence flowing underground in an unknown channel, and never again emerging within visible distance of the lake.

The lake, which is about fourteen miles from Rotorua, is to be surveyed

as soon as possible.

The newly-found lake, though a large sheet of water, does not seem to be known to the local natives at all. It is in the centre of the Mangarewa-Kahewa block, recently purchased by the Government from the natives for settlement, and it was in the course of his survey of the land that Mr D'Arcy Irvine, Government surveyor in the Rotorua district, discovered the lake. It is close by the famous Mangarewa Gorge on the road from Tauranga to Rotorua.

The Navy League.

MR H. F. WYATT'S VISIT.

An enthusiastic meeting of the resuscitated Auckland branch of the Navy League was held last week to give a welcome to the envoy from the parent League in England. There was a good attendance of members. Mr Wyatt is on a world-wide mission as a special commissioner of the Navy League, and has nearly completed the circle of the globe. He began in Canada, and worked across to the East and Australia, whence he has come to New Zealand. It is his intention to address meetings here, and afterwards he will go South, visiting the four main cities, and probably Wanganui.

Mr W. J. Napier (chairman of the local branch) extended to Mr Wyatt a very hearty welcome to the shores of New Zealand. Mr Wyatt's reputation as an orator and an organiser had preceded him, had already reached the colony, and he would find himself heart-

ily welcomed in every part of the colony. There was every reason to feel that his mission in Auckland would be successful, for the soil here was rich, though undeveloped, the harbour itself was an Admiralty station, and it was one of the most important seaports in the colonies. He assured Mr Wyatt that he would have the hearty and enthusiastic support of the League members.

Mr Wyatt, returning thanks, said that he was glad to be in New Zealand, because he had heard so much of its patriotism, and he hoped his mission amongst them would result in reviving the interest in the local League and establishing other Leagues in the different cities, and also to lead people to see the supreme necessity there was for their taking an active interest in the Navy, which interest could be most readily exerted through the Navy League. He explained that the League was a non-party organisation, including the most progressive men in England, and its recommendations to Parliament were always the result of scientific and expert investigation, and were always seriously considered by Parliament as coming from a responsible body. He added that his mission in Australia had been very satisfactory, and he had secured the support of the leading politicians of all shades of opinion, besides enlisting the great bulk of the citizens' sympathies. The Leagues in Australia were adopting with the objects of the League the role of conservers of the naval interests of Australia and the Australian youth, and in such matters as the securing of adequate training ships for the colonies, so as to avoid the necessity of sending the boys Home at the early age of 12½ years for naval training.

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