



FIRST VISIT TO AUCKLAND—T.S.S. MAKURA TAKES UP THE RUNNING IN THE NEW VANCOUVER SERVICE.

The Union Co.'s magnificent liner Makura, the most modern and best equipped vessel south of the line, arrived in Auckland from Sydney on Friday, and took her departure for Fiji, Honolulu, and Vancouver the same day. The appearance of the Makura created a great deal of interest, both among shipping people and others, her Blue Lines and general equipment and appearance being universally commented upon. She is the embodiment of all the latest improvements that science can devise for the comfort and safety of the traveller. Her four decks, sheered high above the wharf, and she over-lapped the top of either end. (1) A bow view of the Makura alongside the Queen-street wharf. (2) Taking in coal for the voyage. (3) Officers alongside the big mail structure. (4) Part of the crowd which watched the vessel's departure. (5) Another picture showing the liner alongside the wharf.