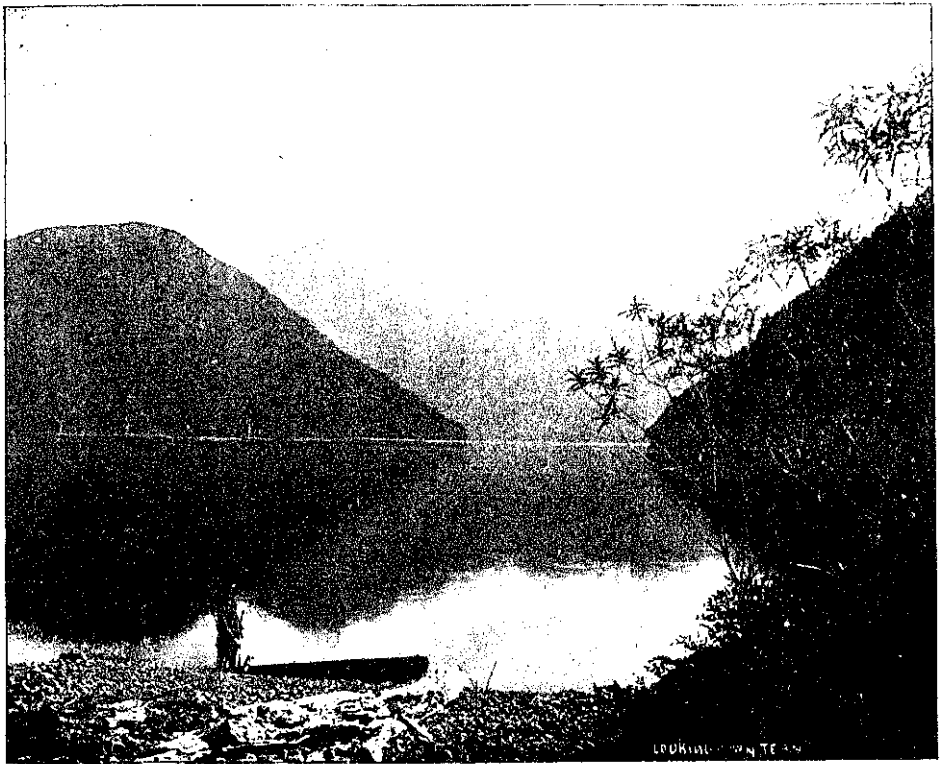


the Alpine flora. It is worthy of note that these two gentlemen expressed the opinion, after having done both the North and South Islands of New Zealand, that nothing they afterwards saw approached Te Anau and Manapouri for beauty.

Our return voyage was uneventful, save that we put into an extremely pretty bay, and landed a lady and gentleman, with their three children, at a sheep station, situated in a remote spot truly, but amid

indeed, is the view of the "Horseshoe Bend," as seen from the road. The River Waiau, which flows from Te Anau into Manapouri, takes a wonderful bend, and makes a perfect horseshoe, hence the name.

The hotel commands a glorious view of Lake Manapouri. It is situated upon a terrace, and surrounded by native bush. Below you lies the lake, with many promontories and interesting points, backed by



LOOKING DOWN TE ANAU.

the most beautiful surroundings imaginable.

The gathering darkness added a sense of mystery to the scene, as we landed cold and tired, but thoroughly satisfied, only wishing we could go over it all again next day.

Much more might be said about Te Anau, but my space is exhausted, and I want to tell you something of Lake Manapouri. The drive connecting the two lakes is not very interesting until you approach Manapouri. Here the country looks more inhabitable, and there are patches of native bush. Very fine,

the very remarkable and picturesque range of mountains known as the Cathedral Peaks.

Our first excursion on Lake Manapouri was indeed a treat. It was a perfect day, and the scenery is more varied than at Te Anau. The bush-clad mountains are more gigantic, and the outcrops of beautiful white marble lead one to believe that one day this substance will be no mean asset in the colony's finances.

The bush is very dense and impenetrable,