

further, the way becomes more difficult, and progress is slow. Still the reward of the arduous climb is the magnificent view the traveller gets. The top is reached, and the lakes lay three thousand feet below on a great plateau, varied in colour and magnificence. In front lies Lake Tarawera, emerald green; to the north Okataina and Okareka, behind them again Rotorua Lake, all a dusky green than Tarawera. To the south lies Rerewhakaitu, a pretty blue lake glistening in the snow. South-

side, was also very distinct, steaming away on its own. The weather was beautifully clear, and the country many miles away seemed quite near. Several drifts of snow lay on the mountain top, and the party indulged in a snow fight by way of recreation. The descent was accomplished in much shorter time. A portion of the mountain side is composed of very fine scoria, and has a very steep grade. By taking big jumps, or even by sliding down, that portion of the descent was speedily effected.



LAKE ROTOMAHANA, FROM MOUNT TARAWERA, SHOWING GREAT INCREASE IN LAKE.

Cross denotes site of Pink Terraces.

east lies Rotomahana, and in the far distance Lake Okaro. The thermal activity on the shores of Lake Rotomahana was carefully noted, and the locality taken. It coincided with the locations made on the level of the lake.

A splendid view was obtained from the top of Mount Tarawera. Ruapehu stood out prominently in its mantle of snow, and Tongariro smoked vigorously near by. The Ruahine Ranges, also snow-clad, were distinctly seen. White Island, on the other

There are a large number of pigs on Tarawera, and as food was scarce, a good bag was soon obtained. Thirty-five were captured during the trip. One of the illustrations shows the result of a few hours' hunt.

Since the return of the party to Rotorna, the result of this trip has been fully discussed by the old guides and those who knew the district before the eruption, and the general opinion is that the verdict returned by the explorers is a correct one, that the terraces are only buried.