

THE TOURIST and TRAVELLER

EXHIBITION NOTES.

In the year 1915, on the shores of the Golden Gate, will take place one of the world's wonders—the Panama Exposition. Passengers on ships entering San Francisco Harbour now behold the frames of the huge exhibition palaces, which are grouped about vast interior courts, and present, from afar, a glorious group. The buildings are the loftiest exhibition structures ever erected, rising to heights of one hundred and ninety, two hundred and seventy, three hundred and fifty, and four hundred and thirty feet. The grouping gives the effect of a vast Oriental city, with its great towers, domes and minarets. The grounds lie parallel with the harbour on the north for almost three miles. On the south, east and west they are surrounded by towering hills of varying contours.

The New Zealander who, in 1915, strolls through the Wonder City by the Golden Gate and loiters adown the shady paths admiring the tree ferns will not be lonesome, for the tree ferns (pungas) above his head will be compatriots, natives of his own fair land. Over twelve months ago a large arm of seedsmen in Dunedin forwarded two consignments of tree ferns and hundreds of thousands of rare trees, palms and shrubs from every portion of the world are being brought to the site of the Panama-Pacific International Exhibition at San Francisco, where the nations will celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal. The grounds surrounding the huge exhibit palaces will be transformed into a semi-paradise by the lavish use of ornamental shrubs and flowers. Vast banks of flowers will be kept always in bloom. Upon the grounds will be banana plants from Central America, tree ferns from Australia, rare tulips from Holland, and thousands of rhododendrons from England.

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. Arthur Jaske was a passenger on his return journey to Suva by the Union Company's boat, the Marama, which sailed last week for the Islands.

Mr. H. P. Caughey and Mr. Caughey, Junior, have booked passages for Sydney by the Riverina, which leaves Auckland on the 2nd of March.

Mr. G. H. Buckeridge, chairman of directors of the Farmers' Co-operative Association of Eltham, left Auckland last week on a pleasure trip to America and the Old Country.

Mr. Kenneth Watkins, the well-known Auckland artist, accompanied by Mrs. Watkins, have been spending a holiday at Waikaremoana.

Colonel and Mr. J. J. Twigg, tourists from America, who have been engaged on a tour of New Zealand, left Auckland last week by the steamship Marama on their return home.

Mr. J. Mills, well known in Melbourne motoring circles, accompanied by Mrs. Mills, arrived in Auckland by the Riverina and motored through to Rotorua during last week.

Amongst the passengers who sailed from Auckland by the Victoria last week were Messrs. H. Moxham, Dann and Short, medical delegates to the recent Congress.

Mr. G. H. Reid, of Pago Pago, Samoa, is at present touring New Zealand, and left Auckland last week for the well-known beauty spots of the Dominion.

Dr. King, of Symonds Street, Auckland, who has been seriously ill as the result of an accident, has left for a recuperative trip to the Hot Lakes district.

Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, of Onahunga, left on the 18th inst. by the Navua for a tour round the South Sea Islands before they proceed to Sydney to board the White Star liner which sails during the following month.

The Misses Van Staveren, daughters of the Wellington Rabbi, have left for Sydney, en route for England. They will join their sisters in London, and expect to be away from New Zealand for a year.

Mr. J. H. Howell, Director of the Christchurch Technical College, will leave for America, Great Britain, and Europe by the Makura, which sails from Auckland on March 13th for Vancouver.

Mr. Joel Phillips, a well-known Sydney resident, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Phillips, left Auckland last week for Rotorua. They proceed thence, via the Wanganui River, to Wellington.

The well-known artist of Wanganui, Mr. T. L. Drummond, accompanied by his wife and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Drummond and the Misses Birlington, left New Zealand last week by the Union Company's liner to connect with the P. and O. steamer for a pleasure trip to the Old World.

The South Canterbury Acclimatization Society has decided to recommend a shooting season of two months this year—May and June—and that the game to be shot should be grey and paradise duck, black and white swan, geese, and teal. In respect to deer, the society recommends that the "bag" in South Canterbury should be limited to two heads.

His Excellency Lord Liverpool has taken Mr. Palairet's fishing hut at the mouth of the Rakala River, Canterbury, and intends to spend a few days fishing there at a suitable opportunity.

The Emperor of Austria, who some years ago sent eight chamois to the New Zealand Government, has now further presented one buck and two does. The animals left Fiume just before Christmas in the steamer Thural for New Zealand via Sydney.

"The country is wonderful, weird, and fascinating in its natural features. The Tourist Bureau is a welcome in itself," were the remarks of a tourist from Brisbane who called recently at the Wellington Government Tourist Bureau.

Mr. Sydney Jebb, a well-known English angler, and Mrs. Jebb, who have been spending some time at Russell, in the Bay of Islands, were in Auckland last week and left by the Main Trunk for Wellington.

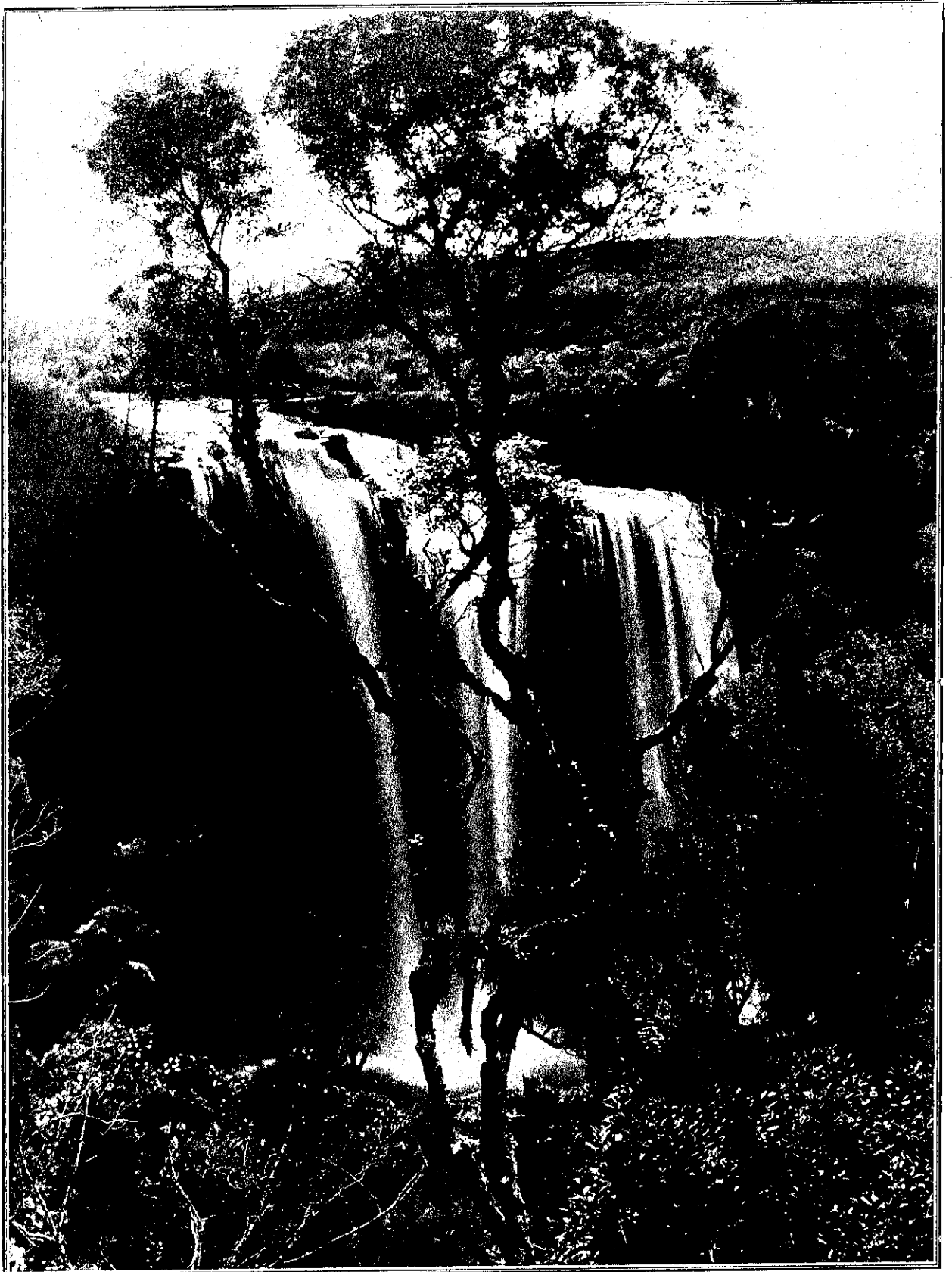
Mr. W. L. Waylor, a visitor from England, who booked through Cox Agency, left Auckland last week for a trip down the Wanganui River to Wellington. He proceeds from that city to the Milford Sound track. After traversing that wonderful walk he intends to spend some time in private exploration of the Sounds district.

Mrs. Mona Harrison, a well-known Ashburton, Canterbury, resident, and Miss O. Harrison, are at present in London. Since leaving New Zealand Mrs. and Miss Harrison have visited Palestine, Egypt, Italy, Paris, Germany, Scotland, Ireland, and the Isle of Man.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, visitors to New Zealand from Sydney, who have been staying in Auckland, left last week for a trip, arranged by Messrs. Cook and Sons, to the Waitomo Caves and down the Wanganui River to Wellington to catch the Ulimaroa for New South Wales.

The Premier of New South Wales (Mr. W. A. Holman), accompanied by Mrs. Holman, left Auckland last week for Wellington, and travelled via the Wanganui River. After spending a couple of days in Christchurch, Holman and his party will leave Wellington for Sydney on February 20.

The Huddart-Parker steamship Victoria, which sailed from Auckland at the beginning of last week, presented a busy appearance upon departure. Ten of the medical visitors to the Congress were returning to Sydney by the vessel, and with 193 passengers aboard, friends and relatives, the Hobson Wharf presented a more than usual animated appearance.



THE UNKNOWN NORTH—One of New Zealand's most beautiful and little known waterfalls, situated at Whangarei.