

THE TOURIST and TRAVELLER

PANAMA EXHIBITION.

The secretary of the New Zealand Executive of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition states that, "Enquiries are daily coming to hand from those interested and it is quite certain that the space required—more especially for wool, hemp, refrigerated meat, dairy produce, and fruit—will be very largely availed of. Of these products the Dominion is a very large producer, and it is only right and proper that there should be large displays in these lines. I have received many enquiries as to what the prospects are of being able to get accommodation in San Francisco during the term of the Exhibition. It may be stated that there are over 2000 hotels and accommodation houses within the municipal area, and that many others are available, within easy reach by railway, electric car, and ferry services. "It may be possible for the New Zealand commissioner at San Francisco to organise an accommodation bureau for the convenience of New Zealand visitors. Persons arriving from New Zealand could be met at the docks in cases where they travelled by the direct Wellington-San Francisco steamers. Those travelling by Vancouver could apply at the headquarters office, New Zealand pavilion, where lists of hotels and boardinghouses could be kept, showing where accommodation is available. This matter is receiving attention, and it may be possible to arrange something practical along these lines. "Another subject about which many enquiries have been made is the cost of the steamer fare from Wellington to San Francisco. The local office of the Union Steam Ship Company states that it is yet somewhat early to definitely announce what their concessions will be.

THE WONDERLAND BY THE GOLDEN GATE.

SCENIC BEAUTIES EN ROUTE.

The United States in 1915 will welcome millions of visitors, who will come from all quarters of the globe to see the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco. Thirty-five nations will participate officially in the exposition, and every civilised country in the world will be represented. The exposition itself promises to surpass every expectation. Already its palaces, symbolical courts and esplanades are nearing completion, and on February 20, 1915, it will be ready to receive the thousands of visitors from all parts of the globe. The site of the exposition besides the far-famed Golden Gate commands the broad sweep of San Francisco harbour, where the navies of the world may ride at anchor.

Many New Zealanders are already planning a trip to the wonderland on the Pacific slope and say a trip to the exposition will be one of alluring enchantment. Tourists will be able to see the scenic wonderlands of the American continent en route to and from the exposition. The American transcontinental railways will reduce their rates to one-half the usual fare and hotel proprietors have agreed to maintain normal prices. Many steamship lines from Europe will run direct through the Panama canal to San Francisco. Consequently the visitors to the Panama Exposition will enjoy the additional advantage of seeing America for the smallest expenditure possible.

Early comers may prefer the southern routes. Many will come from the older lands and meander by way of the West Indies to the Panama canal. Others will visit the historic battle fields of "Dixie Land," or linger among the orange groves of Southern California. Those who detour by way of New Orleans may witness its Mardi Gras high carnival in

March. Westward, along the frontier of Mexico, they will journey through the fascinating old mission towns with their imposing missions founded by the Spanish padres. All who sojourn in the South-west may stop over at the Grand Canyon of the Colorado and view with awe that indescribable chaos of chasms, which Joaquin Miller termed a "two-hundred-and-eighteen mile paint pot."

Several central routes cross the Rockies at elevations of two miles and more and descend to the Great Salt Lakes, continuing across the weird solitudes of the Great American Desert to the Sierra Nevada, 6240 feet up among its eastern sky peaks nestles the lovely Lake Tahoe, a turquoise oval 23 miles in length and

Glacier of the Selkirks, nearly forty miles in area, o'ertopped by ten thousand-foot Mount Sir Donald, can be seen, while Lake Louise and the Yosemite-like Yoho valley are some of the fascinating side trips of incomparable beauty.

From the valley of the Columbia to the valley of the Fraser, the unique North-west is full of charm and interest. Thriving cities look up to perpetual snowfields looming miles above vast forests full of game and bright with laughing water. For a thousand miles to the north-west scenic tours are taken on steamers, which thread the labyrinthine islands and fiords of the coast of British Columbia and Alaska. The tourist who contemplates making the trip to

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Sadler, of Sydney, are at present touring the Dominion. They were in Wellington last week, and after visiting the South Island will leave for Canada by the Niagara on July 3rd.

Mr. E. A. O. Craigie, of Timaru (son of Mr. Craigie, M.P.), who arrived in England about three months ago, is studying medicine at the Edinburgh University. At present he is in London.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne, of Christchurch, who recently arrived in England, intended going to Ireland and Scotland, and after that they will tour the Continent. They expect to be in Europe for twelve months.

For the want of vividness in such small things, the modern travel book still leaves a reader so unprepared that he finds the real country utterly different from any preconceived impression.

Mr. Parsons, of Rangiora, Canterbury, who had been on a short visit to Auckland, returned to Christchurch last week.

Dr. Walter Fox, of Christchurch, has been on a visit to Auckland. He proceeded to the North of the Island last week on an extended tour.

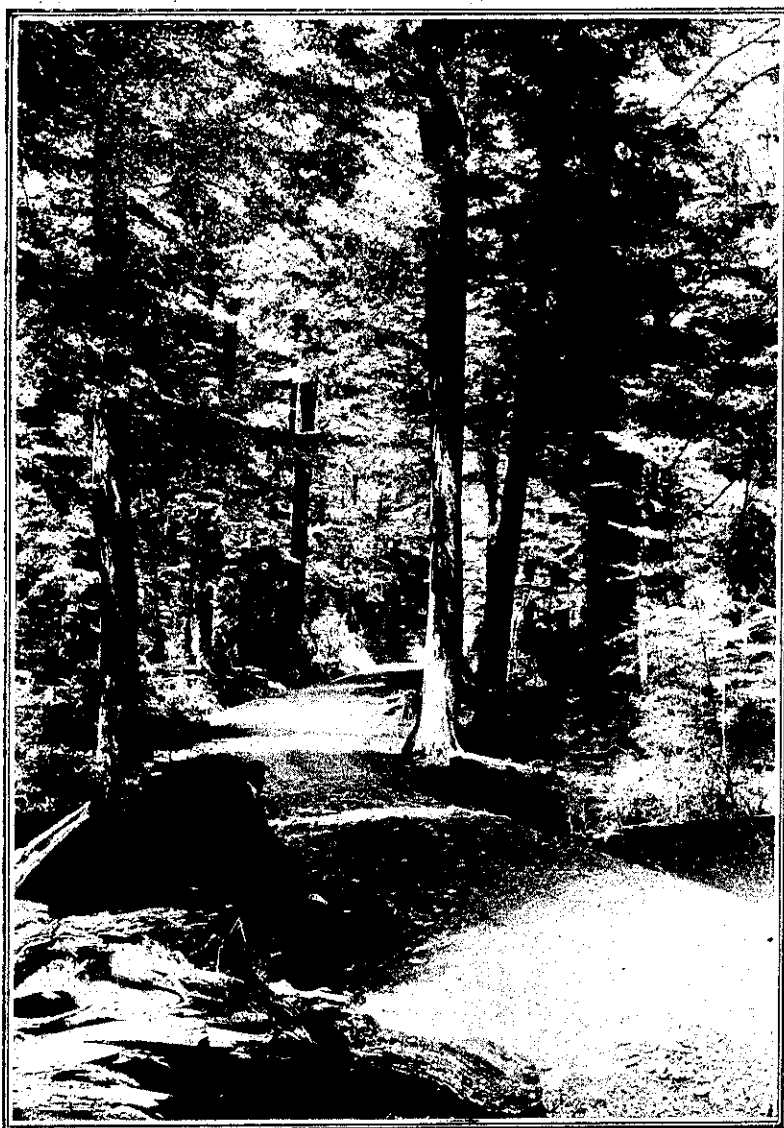
Mr. and Mrs. C. McMahon, well-known in connection with picture enterprises in Auckland, left by the Manuka on the 15th for a pleasure trip to Sydney.

Mr. J. W. Henderson, of Karori, Wellington, who is on a trip to the New Hebrides, has written to the Karori Borough Council, of which he is a member, relative to his travels through Santa Cruz, Tokopea, and the Saraton Islands. He asked that his leave from the Council be extended until after the first meeting in July. The request was granted by the Council.

Captain P. H. Hall Thompson, R.N., the newly-appointed Naval Adviser to the New Zealand Government, was due at Sydney by the Osterley last week. Mrs. Thompson and their three children and maid are following by the Ionic on September 18th. Captain Thompson will stay in Australia for some little time, at the request of the Minister for Defence (Hon. James Allen), to enquire into the Commonwealth methods of training for the Navy.

Mr. J. W. H. Scotland, the young New Zealand aviator, was the recipient of a presentation from Christchurch residents who wished to give some tangible recognition of his skill as an aviator. The presentation was made by Mr. E. C. Huie, editor of "The Sun," who wished Mr. Scotland every success in his new venture as the founder of the first aviation school in the Dominion.

"Heaven's Gate," a view of which appears in this issue, the entrance to the entrancing and fairy-like birch forest on the way to Diamond Lake, Otago, is famous as one of the most beautiful coach drives in the Dominion. The tourist disembarks at Glenorchy, at the head of Lake Wakatipu, and then is whirled by four-horse coach, under the shadow of the Humbolts, across the Dart and into the gates of Paradise. From there the track passes around the shores of Diamond Lake, under the shade and shine of the lacy foliage of the native birch, till suddenly the coach swings into the open, and the Cosmos Peaks, snow-capped and eternal, rise abruptly above the exquisite blue of the diamond-shaped mountain tarn, which is famous for its glory of colour and fine reflections, and is called Diamond Lake.



"HEAVEN'S GATE," the entrance to the beautiful birch forest on the road to Paradise, Diamond Lake, Otago.

larger than Maggiore and Como combined. On the western slopes of the Sierras are the Yosemite, General Grant and Sequoia National Parks, where are grouped in grand array the most stupendous steeps, the loftiest waterfalls and the most gigantic trees in the world. Fascinating side trips from the exposition are these mountain Meccas, while the nearer redwoods and coast-guarding peaks are almost equally picturesque.

The Northern and Canadian railway systems traverse regions of regal grandeur. From Halifax, Boston and New York all roads pass near Niagara Falls, first of the world's natural wonders. From Buffalo splendid steamships speed over the greatest lakes on this planet. Onward across the prairies high on the backbone of the continent lies the Yellowstone National Park, renowned for its geysers and the waterfalls thundering in the depths of its nature-tinted canyon. The Canadian Rockies are bound to be the bourne of legions of nature lovers, who will take time to "bide a wee" and let their spell sink into their souls. The Great

San Francisco's Exposition will realise the wealth of scenic marvels he may view en route. Nearly every one has dreamed of seeing these realms of wonderland at some future time. Never will there be better inducements to make the American tour than in 1915.

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. S. J. Nathan, of Auckland, left early this month with Mr. Buckleton for Paris, where both will act as Auckland delegates at the Congress of Chambers of Commerce. Later on they intend to tour Scotland and the Continent.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Clifford (brother and sister-in-law of Captain Clifford, of the Ruapehu), who have resided for many years in India, are leaving for a lengthy tour of New Zealand with their children, with the idea of eventually settling here. Captain Clifford, who has been ill, is progressing favourably, but is not coming out with the Ruapehu this trip.

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