



KERIKERI IN NORTHLAND

Kerikeri, on the Kerikeri Inlet of the Bay of Islands, is the district where farming on the British pattern was first introduced in this country and where the first plough was driven into New Zealand soil on a Church Missionary Society farm in 1820. The district fell behind in importance as other areas were developed agriculturally, but in 1929 scrub was cleared and extensive plantings of citrus fruits were made. Though some orchards have since been grassed for dairying, today 450 acres are devoted to oranges, lemons, grapefruit, and sub-tropical fruits, including tree tomatoes, passion fruit, and Chinese gooseberries.