

Cook river on a raft they did not travel inland. The Fox Glacier feeds the Fox river tributary of the Cook river, but was beyond the ken of Brunner.

Following the tour, a letter was headed *Some Small News by 'Finningan'*: 'Dear Joe' thus: 'I have discovered a great secret, and that is the no less wonderful one that the Prime Minister of New Zealand is here... I went to the Police Camp and there I learned that a 'fox' had been caught at last. But he is here on the sly.... It is rumoured that next time the Premier comes this way he will visit the people of Westland... The Premier has been down Okarito way drawing Mount Cook, but where he is going to draw it to, is not known yet...'<sup>26</sup>

On 20 March Fox was at the Kanieri, and the following day at Stafford. On 22 March he delivered a lecture in the Town Hall for the benefit of the Hokitika Academy; his subject 'Travels in the East'<sup>26</sup> was through Egypt to Jerusalem. The following evening he lectured about the 'Liquor Traffic' and his plea for 'Total Abstinence' has this result: 'The applause was prolonged for a very considerable time'.<sup>27</sup>

The final relevant newspaper report was that 'The Hon W. Fox, his secretary, and Mrs Fox were passengers by the coach to Christchurch yesterday morning'.<sup>28</sup>

Fox had survived his trials by words and water; his audiences had survived his words and his plea for temperance. This visit may not have caused any ripple in New Zealand political history or converted West Coasters to an aversion to talk or beer, or a combination of both, but Fox the artist had bequeathed to posterity some paintings of merit and some topographical puzzlement. John Pascoe

The Library is indebted to Miss M. V. Mueller of Auckland for permission to reproduce the painting of the Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers.

The *Wilkie Loan Collection* of Fox paintings at the Alexander Turnbull Library is of great interest to students of Westland. After the death of Lady Fox, Sir William was tended by his god-daughter, Annie Campbell. She was the mother of J. C. Wilkie, and inherited most of the Fox paintings. Mr Wilkie has lent this collection to the Library. In the Westland and Nelson Provincial context they are dated 1872 and include: WL 66 'On Inangahua River — Christy's Landing': two pack-horses, 3 barrels, a case of food and a man with his load.

WL 70 'Fr Joseph Glacier from Five Mile. 20 miles': miners at work in the goldfields, a wheel, a flume, and good view of the glacier.

WL 71 Unnamed. The glacier could be the Fox and the mountains could be Douglas Peak and Mount Haast.

WL 72 'Mount Cook and Francis Joseph Glacier'. [Actually the Fox Glacier; see note at foot].

WL 73 'View from Mt Mueller looking towards Mt Cook'. Mount Cook is surely hidden in this view.