

Come to "Scurry
New Zealand"



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Dear Uncle Sandy and Family,
How absolutely thrilling!

Imagine really winning all that money
on a Premium Bond!. Of course I
will tell you all about your proposed
visit to New Zealand, after all I work
in a Tourist Agent's Office, so I
should know. I shall also send you,
under separate covers, some of our
booklets, which will help you to choose
exactly where you want to go and
what you want to see.

Naturally I think that you
should come to New Zealand, especially
if you wish to bring your mother with
you, as over here there are so many
places of interest where she could
spend the day, while you and the
children are off further afield.

Now, why come to New Zealand?
(I shall give you the details as to
travel later on in my letter) There are



Oriental Bay. Wellington.

so many reasons that it is hard to choose, but I think that perhaps the greatest attraction of our country is its beauty. There is sunshine all the year round but you are wise in choosing the summer months to go on holiday as you can really depend on good weather then. One thing that you all will be glad to leave behind will be the dirty smog and dirt of London which New Zealand is free from.

Wherever you are in New Zealand the sea and the mountains are never far away. There are holiday areas in the high mountains, the forests, the remote fiords, mountain lakes and glaciers and the hot springs region.

I will mention a few places where you may like to visit, that's if you decide to come to New Zealand of course.

There is Oriental Bay in Wellington. It is within a few minutes of the centre of the city. It is a popular bathing beach and a favoured residential area.



St. Clair, Dunedin.



The Blue Lakes. Tasman Valley.

If you are keen on surfing you could visit Dunedin. It is located on the seaward side of the Otago Peninsula. The beach is called St. Clair Beach, actually it is 3 miles south of Dunedin but that's not far really. The great sea rollers which sweep in from the South Pacific provides excellent surfing.

I am mentioning all these places as I know if you do decide on New Zealand for your holidays you would want to see it properly, not just stay in one place.

Another beautiful place to spend the day at, is high above Tasman Valley and Mount Cook Hermitage on a shoulder of Mount Sepastopol where there are small tarns of clear snow water known as the Blue Lakes.

It is an easy climb from the Hermitage to these lakes, which would give you an unaparalleled view of the great peaks of the Southern Alps and Tasman Glacier.

I know you are all very keen on yachting so you will be pleased to



Yachting on Waitemata Harbour, Auckland.



Paradise Valley, Rotorua.

know that WAITEMATA HARBOUR in Auckland is a beautiful place for yachting. In fact it has been named the "Yachtsmen's Paradise". Every weekend if you visited it you would see hundreds of white sails skinning across the water of the harbour. The aristocrats of the water, the "A" class keelers, such as the "Matic" seen here, are always admired as they race past the smaller craft. No doubt, you will be more familiar with these names than I am. If you wished, you would be able to hire a yacht.

Do you fish? If so you can visit Paradise Valley Rotorua. It is known the world over for its thermal wonders, another attraction is its many crystal clear springs which provide ideal conditions for rainbow trout. The fish grow in size and quantity in this perfect environment to such an degree that they form a major attraction. The numerous pools here crowded with fish, would I know delight the children. While you are in Rotorua you may also like to take



Māori Girls, Rotorua.

the children to see the model village at Whakarewarewa where on ceremonial occasions the Maori girls dress in their native costumes which are made chiefly from the leaves of the New Zealand flax, plaited and dyed.

I will enclose some pictures of these places and some which I have not mentioned as even if you don't decide to come they are worth seeing.

how far the travelling you will require the necessary documents i.e.:- passports, visas (where necessary) health certificates, medical cards etc.

If I were you I would have the children vaccinated for smallpox. It is advised but it is not compulsory. You will have to tell me when you wish to sail out and how long you wish to remain here. I will give you a list of the sailings and then if you notify me to tell me if you would prefer to travel by Tourist Class or First Class. First class is the more expensive but you may prefer it. You can either take a single ticket or a

return.

most people travel by passenger ships of the New Zealand Shipping Company, Shaw Savill or Orient Line, but you may rather the cargo/passenger ships like the Post Line. I will leave that to you to decide on.

About two weeks before you sail you will receive embarkation instructions telling you when to be on board and also a supply of baggage labels.

When I receive an offer of accommodation from the shipping company I have contacted, and you accept it, I will have to receive from you a deposit of 20% to send to the company to confirm the booking. You are then supplied with a deposit ticket and when the balance of the passage is got about three weeks before the sailing date you are issued with the actual sailing ticket. The children will travel half fare as they are over 3 years and under 12.

I hope this information

will help you to decide whether you would like to come to New Zealand for your holidays. I'll be looking forward to seeing you all soon. Please don't hesitate in writing to ask for further information.

With best wishes from
Heather.



Waikato River. Wairakei N. Z.



Paradise Springs Trout Pool. Rotorua.



Kaikoura Mountains, South Island.



Milford Sound. Lake District & Queenstown.



Mt. Brun. 10,421 Feet. Southern Alps N. Z.



Marlborough Sounds. Marlborough N. Z.



Chateau Tongariro. National Park. N. Z.



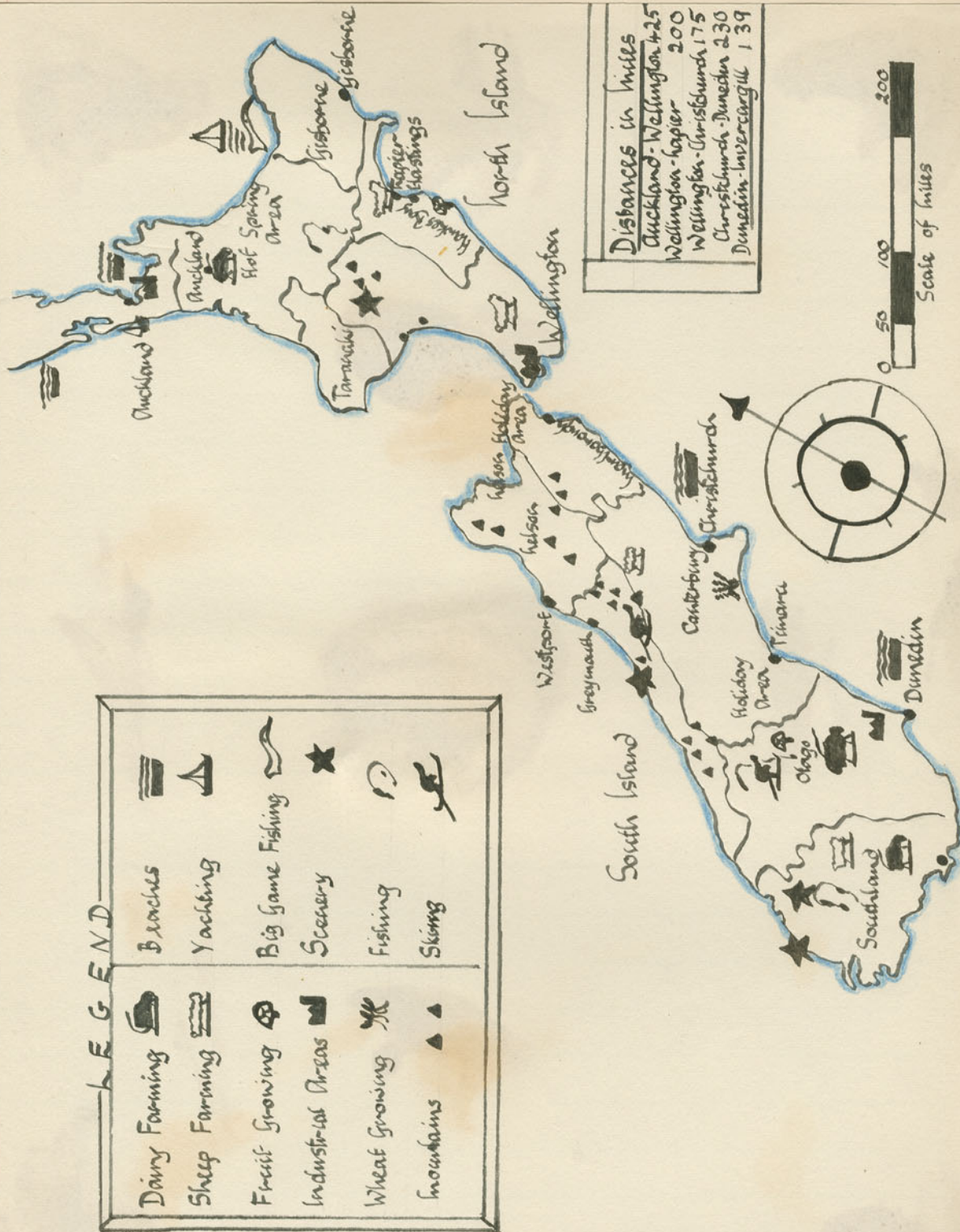
Bayley's Beach. Northland. N. Z.



Mount Egmont. Taranaki. N. Z.



The Fountain. Napier. N. Z.



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to
New Zealand.

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RANGITIKI

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Panama to New Zealand "		528	270	231	213	183	174	171	168	165	162	40	396	202	185	180	175	174	171	168	163	162	25	25	

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Return Tickets are available for twelve months from date of departure on the initial journey to the date of embarkation for the return voyage.
 Reduced rates in the First Class between the United Kingdom and New Zealand are applied to sailings outwards from the 1st February to 30th June and homewards from 1st August to 31st December. There are no reduced rates in the Tourist Class.
 *Applicable to Rangitiki only.
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Homeward Sailings 1959-61

		Sail New Zealand	Due Panama	Due Curacao	Due Southampton	
1959	RANGITANE	26 June	13 July	16 July	27 July	1959
	RANGITATA	16 July	3 Aug.	6 Aug.	18 Aug.	
	* RUAHINE	26 Aug.	11 Sept.	14 Sept.	25 Sept.	
	* RANGITIKI	18 Sept.	6 Oct.	9 Oct.	21 Oct.	
	* RANGITOTO	23 Oct.	9 Nov.	12 Nov.	23 Nov.	
	* RANGITANE	20 Nov.	7 Dec.	10 Dec.	21 Dec.	
1960	* RANGITATA	11 Dec.	29 Dec.	1 Jan.	13 Jan.	
	RUAHINE	13 Jan.	29 Jan.	1 Feb.	12 Feb.	
	RANGITIKI	5 Feb.	23 Feb.	26 Feb.	9 Mar.	
	RANGITOTO	11 Mar.	28 Mar.	31 Mar.	11 Apr.	
	RANGITANE	8 Apr.	25 Apr.	28 Apr.	9 May	
	RANGITATA	29 Apr.	17 May	20 May	1 June	
1961	RUAHINE	1 June	17 June	20 June	1 July	
	RANGITIKI	24 June	12 July	15 July	27 July	
	RANGITOTO	29 July	15 Aug.	18 Aug.	29 Aug.	
	* RANGITANE	26 Aug.	12 Sept.	15 Sept.	26 Sept.	
	* RANGITATA	16 Sept.	4 Oct.	7 Oct.	19 Oct.	
	* RUAHINE	19 Oct.	4 Nov.	7 Nov.	18 Nov.	
1961	* RANGITIKI	11 Nov.	29 Nov.	2 Dec.	14 Dec.	
	* RANGITOTO	16 Dec.	2 Jan.	5 Jan.	16 Jan.	
	RANGITANE	13 Jan.	30 Jan.	2 Feb.	13 Feb.	
	RANGITATA	3 Feb.	21 Feb.	24 Feb.	8 Mar.	
	RUAHINE	7 Mar.	23 Mar.	26 Mar.	6 Apr.	
	RANGITIKI	31 Mar.	18 Apr.	21 Apr.	3 May	
1961	RANGITOTO	5 May	22 May	25 May	5 June	
	RANGITANE	2 June	19 June	22 June	3 July	

* Sailings for which reduced rates apply

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