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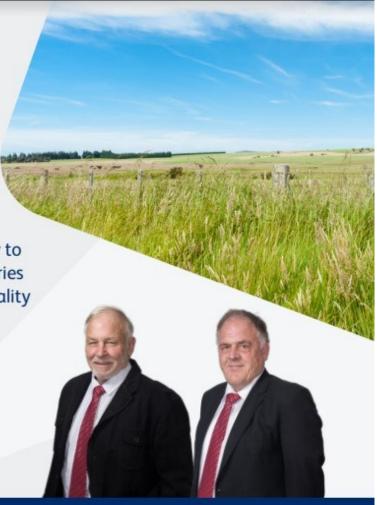
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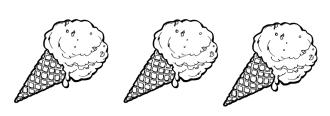


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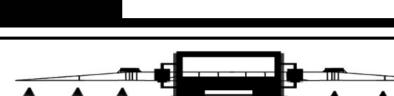


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### History of a Great River Part 1

(Edited from The Otematata Chronicle; Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 1965. Initially published in Te Ao Hou, The Maori Magazine Sept 1965.)

The author of this article, Nick Karaitiana, has had some connection with Otematata. From 1963 until 1965, his son Rick, his wife and family, lived in the village where Rick was a car-penter with the Ministry of Works



#### **Route to the West Coast**

The Waitaki River derives its name from the Maori words wai (water) and taki (a sounding or weeping). The words Waitaki and Waitangi have the same meaning, for the South Island Maoris did not use the nasal sound Ng, but replace it, usu-ally with the sound Ki, so that for example tangata became ta-kata, and Rangiora became Ra-kiora.

The route up the river was frequently travelled by Maori parties on their way to the West Coast in search of the coveted pounamu (greenstone). Usually, they crossed to the north of the river close to where Duntroon stands today, later crossing back to the south side at the mouth of the Otematata River.

#### Fed by Seven Lakes

Serving for much of its length as the boundary between Can-terbury and Otago, the river has its source in the Tekapo and Pukaki Rivers which are fed by the seven lakes: Lakes Tekapo, Pukaki, Ohou, Te Ka-paururu, Te Oteote, Otauwhiti and Whakapapa.

The northernmost of these great lakes is Takapo its cor-rect name is Takapotiri. My Arai-te-Uru relatives told me that Takapotiri was the son of Tane-Mahuta, the forest god, and was the tutelary deity of the kaka, kakapo, kea and tarepo birds. I believe the parliament decided the Takapo was the cor-rect spelling, but as we all know, the general public continues to call it Tekapo.

Opposite Takapo is Lake Pu-kaki, a word which means "a great swelling or choking in-a throat". This name refers to the time when the water comes rushing down in the flood sea-son, and there isn't room to con-tain it. (The word pukaki can also mean a source, as of a river.)

Ohou is a lake slightly to the southwest of Pukaki. It is now called Lake Ohau, but according to my people, this is incorrect. However, though I have heard the name Ohou mentioned by the elders, no one seems to know much about it. Possibly the name comes from one of the tribes who were the first to arrive here that is Ngapuhi te Aitanga. Te Rapuwai, Waitaha Hotumamoe, and later on the Tahupotiki or Ngai Tahu.

These are two places named Ruataniwha or "dragon pit": one is close to Lake Ohou, and the other is by the junction of the Ohou and Waitaki Rivers. The taniwha is the counterpart of the English dragon.

Jack



#### The Throne of Patuki

Benmore itself, the great mountain some miles away from the dam, is known to the Maori as Te Taumata o Patuki. The word "Taumata" usually means "summit": in this case, the expression can be translated as "the Throne of Patuki". I have been told by the elders that Pa-tuki was a chief whose strong-hold was Raupuke Island in Foveaux Strait. He was the grandfather of the important chief Tuhawaiki, known to the Pakeha whaler's as Bloody

Behind Lake Ohou are the mountains now known as the Ben Ohau Range. Their old name was Maukatua, or "the foremost range of mountains" (the word mauka is the South Island equivalent of maunga). Alongside them, at the headwaters of Lake Ohou and between the Dobson and Hopkins Valleys, is a smaller range of mountains formerly known as Te Taremauka a te Atua, though a more recent Maori word for them is Maumau. Te Taremauka a te Atua means "the raised-up mountains of the god".

#### **Many Names Recorded**

The Hopkins River was for-merly Otao or "driftwood", and the Huxley River was Tairau, which means "a stake or peg". Broderick Pass, which was very much in use in the old days, was formerly known as Te Tarahaka, an expression meaning "a thief who steals without qualms or care for the thoughts of others". Te Waimaturaka or Waimatau, "the waters of knowledge", are on the northern side near Lake Ohou.

At the junction of the Takapo and Pukaki Rivers was Te Rau-ru, an ancient Maori kaika or kainga, the site of which has long since disappeared. Te Rauru is the name of a certain method which the Maori used for plaiting flax with seven strands.

Among the many other names in this district are Mt. Tuahinu, called after an alpine shrub, and Mt. Totara, called after the alpine Totara tree. Mt. Manahuei's name means "the supernatural flowering of greyness on the bullrushes". Fox Peaks, east of Lake Takapo, where formerly Otupaka, where a very heated quarrel took place. Southeast of Lake Takapo is Te Whare-rangi or Te Whareraki, "the heavenly home".



Aorangi or Mount Cook I should like to leave this area for a moment to go across to Aorangi or Mt. Cook. I have often heard over our radio station that this was called by Maori the "cloud piercer", but my grandmother told me that in this case, the word is of ancient Arai-te-Uru origin.

When the canoe Arai-te-Uru was off 'the east coast of the South Island, she struck a rock near Shag Point (many people say that this rock is the prow of the canoe), Now the ariki of this canoe was named Kiri-kiri Katata. As the canoe was sinking, he swam ashore with his mokopuna (grandson) Ao-rangi. When they reached the shore, the old chief had his grandson on his shoulders. They waited for the rest of the party to come ashore, and as they ap-proached their chief, the boy cried out, "See, I am the highest person in this land!"

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