

where the narrow neck joins the hills. Just below where the road from Upokongaro on left bank comes down to the river there is a bit of native bush on the slopes on right bank, and at Pungarehu a small patch of native bush on right bank.

22 Miles: Parikino.—There is a good piece of bush on right bank with fern-trees about opposite the old schoolhouse, and just above Whakaruawaka Rapid, No. 231. Aokura Rapid, No. 229: There is a bit of native bush on left bank between this and Upokopoito Rapid, No. 228, and this extends along to top of Upokopoito Rapid. About half a mile of bush on left bank above this rapid has been recently burned off. Tauterata Rapid, No. 227: There is some native bush on right bank. The recently burned bush on left bank extends above this rapid, and there is some more recently burned bush on the right bank in the reach above.

29 Miles: Atene.—Above this at Umutapi Rapid, No. 222, good native bush, with fern-trees on both banks. The bush near Umutapi Rapid is well worth preserving. In the reach above this good bush on both sides of the river, extending to Ngapurua Rapid, No. 221. This is worth preserving, and is mixed with fern-trees, also a fine bit of bush just above at a stream on right bank, and above this the native bush both sides extends up as far as Te Ahuahu Rapid, No. 220, and some way above it. Otumaire Rapid, No. 219: Good bush on right bank. Along the fine reach above this some bush on right bank, and several clumps of fern-trees on both banks. The bush on right bank ends at Te Punga Rapid, No. 218.

36 Miles: Koriniti.—At the rapid above Koriniti some good bush on the slopes on right bank; bush burned off recently on left bank, and a little higher up some bush on both sides. Ruapirau Rapid, No. 213: Here good bush on the right bank for some way below and above the rapid. A clump of fern-trees on the point below the stream on left bank, and some light bush on right bank at a stream a short way above rapid. Matahiwi Rapid, No. 212: Here a road-line on left bank goes into the Ohotu Block. Karatia: A bit of good bush on right bank at top of the rapid above Karatia. At Kawana a small bit of good bush above Pestal's on the left bank in the reach, and some light bush at river-side on right bank, and some good bush on left bank further up, at a stream. Kaiwaka Rapid, No. 210: Good bush worth preserving on both banks begins here and goes some distance up-river, with fern-trees and kowhai-trees; and a very good bit of bush with fern-trees on left bank opposite the top of rapid. In the reach above this the good bush continues on right bank, and some light bush on left bank with mixture of fern-trees. The good bush on right bank ends at a large stream with stone point at river.

45 Miles: Ranana.—Above this at Haumoana Rapid, No. 206, some good light bush with fern-trees on left bank, and this extends a good way above this rapid and is very fine here, there being a large number of fern-trees mixed with it on the slopes. This is worth preserving. Kanaeroa Rapid, No. 205: At a steep slope above this on right bank there is a good bit of bush with fern-trees and kowhai-trees. Kukupai Rapid, No. 204: Here scrub and old clearings on left bank with some good patches of fern-trees and kowhai-trees here and there near the river. It may be noted that these and similar patches of light bush elsewhere, though of little extent, add much to the beauty of the river-banks. The yellow kowhai-trees, especially when in blossom about October, are very fine.

49 Miles: Hiruharama.—Some very fine light bush with kowhai-trees and fern-trees on a cliff-face on right bank opposite here, and this continues some way up. There are also some patches at the immediate river-margin on the left bank. Above this, after passing several old clearings on both sides, there is bush on the right bank and the mission clearings on the left bank. After passing this mission clearing, going up, there is good bush on both banks of river right up to a short way below Pipiriki, and this is a fine bit of scenery. In a great portion of this latter part the slopes are so steep at the river that the bush is not likely to be destroyed, but there is a risk, as has been seen where the burning of the mission clearings on left bank extended down to the river-side. Near Te Puha Rapid, No. 200, there is a fine clump of fern-trees just above a stream on the right bank.

55 Miles: Pipiriki.—Going upwards above the upper of the two Paparoa Rapids, No. 196, in a fine reach there is good bush on left bank on upper slopes, and some old clearings on right bank on lower slopes. Te Autemutu Rapid, No. 195: Here there are fern-trees and light bush on left bank. The reach above this is a fine long reach with old clearings, but a good deal of ornamental light bush, fern-trees, and kowhai-trees on the lower slopes both sides of the river. The preservation of these is very important, the clearings being chiefly above the lower marginal slopes along the whole of this reach; and this applies in general to many other places. Autapu Rapid, No. 194: Above this a good reach and same character of banks continues. The "Caves" and "Bridge-site" are above this rapid. Aratira Rapid, No. 193: From here upwards good bush on both banks with steep slopes. The bush in this part is very fine. The so-called "Drop Scene" is here. Mangaio Rapid, No. 191: Here a large stream on right bank; good bush continues both sides, and at Lower Ngaporo Rapid, No. 190, and Upper Ngaporo Rapid, No. 189. There is a very fine stretch of bush both sides of river in the reach below the junction of the Manganui-o-te-ao River.

62 Miles: The Manganui-o-te-ao River joins on left bank. Then above a good reach with very fine bush both sides of river. Arawhata Rapid, No. 186: Near this a road-line goes in on left bank to the River Trust Endowment Block; then a fine long reach with papa faces both sides of river and good bush on the hill-slopes above. Puahue Rapid, No. 185: Just below this rapid there is a fine bluff on right bank, and the bush here is very good. Omaika Rapid, No. 184: The heavy bush on both sides of river ends just above this and several old clearings occur (Raumanui, Tieke), and in the reach here old clearings both sides of river, with some light bush and fern-trees near river-margins, which add much to the scenery.

69 Miles: Parinui.—Kainga on right bank. Here old clearings continue on both sides, with patches of shrubs and fern-trees near river-banks. Otaiko Rapid, No. 180: Still old clearings both sides, with some good patches of light bush near river. In the reach above this rapid the