

bush at river-sides on both banks should be preserved; open fern country behind. There is a group of kahikatea-trees on left bank on low ground at river-side. In upper part of reach, light bush and kahikatea-trees on slope on right bank. Onepoto Rapid, No. 30: Good bush on right bank, and fringe of light bush on left bank at river. Kohatupiko Rapid, No. 29: Good bush on right bank on lower slope near river, and open fern land on left bank. This character continues up to the next rapid. Auhauaroa Rapids, Nos. 28 and 27: The bush on right bank ends; open fern country both sides; a few kahikatea-trees in upper part at river-side on right bank. Omaka Rapid, No. 26: Here and in reach above, open fern land both sides of river. The fringe of light bush near river-side should be preserved in parts on the left bank. On the higher hills and slopes above the left bank near this rapid, the clumps of bush should if possible be preserved, the larger trees standing out in bold masses, and this is a feature well seen coming down the river. There is considerable area of flat open land between the foot of these hills and the river just below Omaka Rapid. In the reach above Omaka, open land both banks, with a fringe of light bush in parts on left bank. Kaka Rapid, No. 25: Here there are some kowhai-trees on the high slope on right bank just above rapid should be preserved, as also some light bush and kowhai-trees on country on left bank, and some light bush and trees near river on right bank. Horoporoaki Rapid, No. 24, Open fern hills on right bank; and a clump of kahikatea-trees with light bush on right bank just above rapid should be preserved, as also some light bush and kowhai-trees on a steep face on left bank. Inland there is open fern lands both sides of river. These clumps of kahikatea mentioned before here and there should all be preserved. At Titakataka Rapid, No. 23, good light bush at river on left bank, and the same on right bank, with kahikatea-trees. Inland there is open fern country both sides. The margin of light bush on right bank continues upward and ends at the next rapid. Just above No. 23 no bush on left bank. Hikamutu Rapid, No. 22: Near this a road-line comes out on left bank. This is the Hikamutu Road. Some margin of light bush on left bank and at a large stream on left bank here should be preserved. This continues some way up. The right bank is open land. In the reach above, open fern country on right bank, with a fine strip of light bush and kowhai-trees on left bank narrowing to river-margin at top of the reach. Raparua Rapid, No. 20: Open fern country both sides of river. In the reach above, a clump of kahikatea-trees with some light bush at river on right bank, and above this on a steep face on right bank there are kowhai-trees, the country on left bank being open. Pataaia Rapid, No. 19: Open country inland, but light bush with kowhai-trees on high slope near river on right bank. These kowhai-trees in all places where they occur should be specially preserved. The left bank here is open country. In the reach above, open fern land continues both sides of river. Wairere Rapid, No. 18: Open country both sides. Tauteti Rapid, No. 16: Generally open country both sides. There is a clump of light bush near river on left bank at rapid, which should be preserved; also some light bush at river-side in short reach above on left bank. Towhenua Rapid, No. 14: The open country continues both sides. On the high face on right bank above rapid some bush and fine kowhai-trees, and this continues on right bank in reach above. This should be preserved. The country on left bank is open. Whakatorino Rapid, No. 13: Open country on left bank, and some light bush near river on right bank, with open country behind. This light bush ends at the next rapid above. Pokaka Rapid, No. 12: Open country both sides of river. Kokirae Rapid, No. 11: The open fern country continues on both sides. In the reach above on the right bank some kahikatea-trees with some light bush, and above this on same bank some good light bush near the river should be preserved. Paehou Rapid, No. 10: Good light bush and kowhai-trees near river on right bank, and this ends at next rapid. Pokongaruru Rapid, No. 9: Open fern country both banks, and this continues in reach above. In the upper part of this reach a high face on right bank, with some light bush and kowhai-trees. A less proportion of this occurs also on the left bank near here. On the left bank a large open flat extends to the foot of the open hilly country. At Tunakotikoti Rapids, 8 and 7, the open country on both sides extends upwards. Just above, on the right bank, some kahikatea-trees with light bush near river should be preserved. A road-line joins the river here on the left bank. This is the Tunakotikoti Road. Te Miro Rapid, No. 6: Some kahikatea-trees on right bank should be preserved, and also some kowhai-trees on left bank at a high face. Turangahoru Rapid, No. 5: Some kowhai-trees on left bank near river; open country both sides continues above. On a high face on right bank above Pungahuru Rapid, No. 3, there are some light bush and kowhai-trees which should be preserved; these end at rapid No. 2. And just above, on low land on right bank near river, there are some kahikatea-trees and light bush, with open hilly fern country behind. Ngahuinga Rapid, No. 1: At junction of the Ongarue River, which joins on the right bank. Some good light bush on right bank near river at junction, and this extends some way up the right bank of the Ongarue River.

144 miles: Taumarunui.—The landing for Taumarunui is a short way up the Ongarue River, and on its left bank.

General Summary.

Having now given detailed notes along both sides of the river-course from Raorikia, the commencement of the River Trust district, to Taumarunui, a distance of about 130 miles, the following general observations are submitted:—

Wanganui to Pipiriki.—This is the most accessible and generally visited portion of the river. Starting from Raorikia and going upwards it will be observed from the notes given that there are still many places with native bush yet remaining on the river-banks and on visible slopes between this and Pipiriki, and that this adjunct to the scenery here is by no means yet gone. It is therefore all the more important that the scenery-preservation of this part of the river should be given immediate attention to, as more occupation of the land here is yearly taking place.