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White Island (February 27). Condenser house
on left side of rookery.

[Photo by Bernard Sladden.]

*M*OST of us are prone to hold the penny of to-day so closely to our eyes that we fail to see the pounds of to-morrow. Now are adequate means being taken to conserve our forests and birds by the nation for the nation, or are these merely being largely exploited in various forms for the benefit of a few for to-day instead of for the people of to-morrow? We appeal to all to realise the necessity for adequate and skilful conservation in that patriotic and broad-minded spirit which alone can be successful. It is stated by some of the best informed that owing to the resulting evil effects to Man in forest depletion and bird destruction civilisation must fail and Man succumb in an eroded and insect infested land. Adequate realisation by the nation of the value of birds and forests to Man alone can turn the scale in his favour.