

Left: Mt. Campbell—a choice from four  
Right: Mt. Ramsay—this is the best one  
of three

Misery saying to five other mountains similarly named, "Sir! you are no relation of mine."

It is reasonable not to grudge the North Island some of its prototypes in the South, or vice versa. And the Mount Holdsworth of the Wairarapa should not throw snowflakes at Mount Holdsworth behind Lake Hawea. In the Southern Alps even the same districts sometimes have peaks of the same name, and some names are repeated more than twice. My own dilemma once bore this out. On December 28, 1930, I was one of the first men on the top of Mount Kensington on the Mathias Divide—a beautiful peak marred by a prosaic name. On December 28, 1935, I was again first on Mount Kensington, also a "hitherto virgin," a still more beautiful peak, in Westland above the Poerua river.

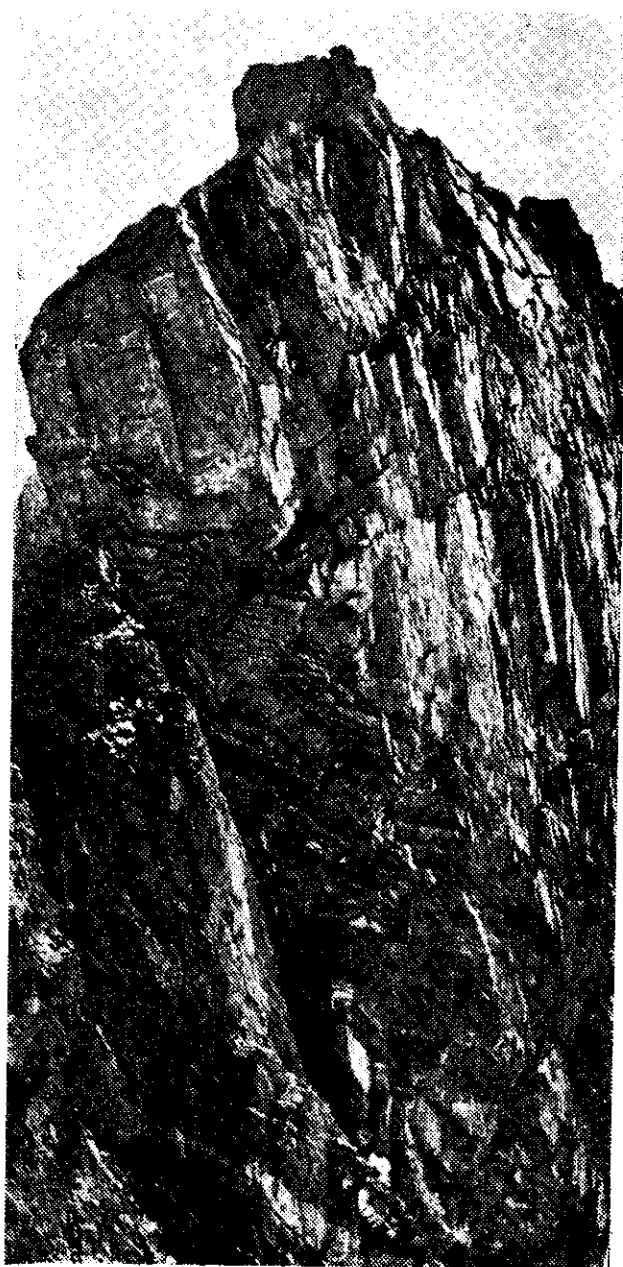
### Take a Census

Discussing these names, I ask readers to assume that the list is by no means exhaustive. Some of you know Mount Alexander, above the Taramakau valley, below Otira. Do you realise there are Mount Alexanders mapped near Caswell Sound, above the valleys of rivers as widely separated as the Awatera, Hurunui, Buller, and Clarence? Mount Alfred is in Southland, in Westland (the Arawata), and in Otago (Lake Wakatipu). If you have climbed Mount Campbell in the Waimakariri, what about climbing the other Mounts Campbell near Motueka, Mararoa, and Haast. You could get variety on the grass of Mount Evans on Banks Peninsula, the forest of Mount Evans near Takaka, or the ice and rock of Mount Evans beyond the Rakaia headwaters. Mount Forbes could lead you to Resolution Island, Doubtful Sound, or up the Rangitata river. Mitre Peak could give you a view of the Clarence valley, the Kaikoura ranges or Milford Sound, according to which of the three you chose for a holiday. Mueller Peak could take you up the Wanganui river in Westland, or further south, up the Callery, or further north, up the Maruia. Mount Murray is a vantage point of the Rakaia valley, Doubtful Sound, or Lake Sumner—according to whim or travel facilities. Pinnacle soars in five alpine regions, and Mount Ramsay in three. Mount Ross has five valleys from which to pick, Mount Stewart four, and Sebastopol and Mount Walter three.

### Alpine Twins

And the pairs of alpine summits bearing the same name reads like pages of *Who's Who*: Barron, Ben More, Carrington, Edison, Ferguson, Fox, Franklin, French, Haast, Harper, Marion, Moffatt, Newton, Owen, Rosa, Stokes, Temple, Thomas, Travers, Tyndall, Ward, Whitcombe, and Williams to name a few.

A policy of reconstruction of this mess should rest on careful research. The compilation of a list of all names, checked for repetition and confusion, could confirm those names well established and change those having no claims to originality. Accurate descriptive names or suitable Maori ones would be preferable. If the Board achieves this, all power to it; its prestige would be comparable to some of the majestic peaks whose names it decides.



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