



THE ICE CAVES.

*(Source of the Whangaeahu River.)*

ment IX, August 4). As the climb had been made without the permission of the local Maoris the men were most anxious to avoid being seen. Opposition to European ascents of the volcanoes, in contrast to the situation in the 1840s, no longer came from the Heuheu or Herekiele families but from the lesser dissidents of Rotoaira. Ngauruhoe had been climbed several times between 1870 and 1873 after the defeat of Te Kooti at Te Porere and during the last years of Haere Tauteka, a staunch friend of the pakeha.

The chief Topia Turoa, a Wanganui man with Tuwharetoa connections, then lived intermittently at Poutu and strongly opposed these activities, denying among others the Swedish botanist Berggren permission to go high on Ruapehu in 1875. The Maoris, two years later, robbed the American artist F. P. Connelly of his chattels and sketches, to our national loss, after his descent of