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- Friday 21 Shifted camp to Tripps creek
Orari Gorge. & went with Jack
exploring for old see lines up
the Black Birch creek.
- Sat. 22 Rode to Timaru. Car & horse fed 40
fetched in the man to ride
back. While Pointer is breaking
in to harness found Geoff
still bed.
- Sun. 23 Emptied Pig sty & clearing up
gorse cuttings. Letters from
England. one from Sir J. K.
Shuttleworth, in answer to my
letter of Dec^r 29th. No good.
- Monday 24 At office plotting sees &c.
Paid Mr. Diller for washing
Princes road steamer at
work in Timaru. Writing
reports in the evening.
- Tues. 25 Paid Mrs. Shaw for milk &c. 1 40
Rode to camp on Jack's
snare. Car & horse fed. 30

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- Wed. 26 Went with Mr. Tripp & the
men up Black Birch creek
& laid off one of his coal sees
slept at Tripp's house.
- Thurs 27 Surveyed Tripp's other
20 ac coal see & got bed
with my chest in consequence.
- Fri 28 Surveyed 24 ac see for Mr.
Tripp near Allan McDonald's.
- Sat. 29 Shifted camp across the
Orari to the creek on the
Rangitata plain. Jack
rode the pony to Pibbrows with
Judy.
- Sun 30 Wet day. Staid in the
house at Mr. Tripp's all
day.
- Mon 1 Finding the old marks of
roads &c. & attended the
meeting of the Mt. Peel Road
board. at Goodwin's.
Saw Mr. Acland &c &c.