

House & Stables, blacksmiths forge, wheelwrights shop & general store. & there is another Accommodation house on the other side of the Creek. There is a strong substantial bridge built over the Creek, 10 tiers of piles 3 in a tier. it was greatly needed, for the tide was a nuisance, a drag arriving at high tide had to wait till low tide, but now there is nothing to fear the road is formed & metalled about a mile on the other side of the Creek. The road to Leithfield, is natural & runs along a shingle bank, where once water raged. a quantity of sand holes & one stiff sand hill to Mull through, the country to the east, covered with numerous sand hills the intervening ground, good flax ground or swampy lagoons. full of Raupo. to the west. the length of the road, looks as if a river once ran in its course to the sea, a high terrace from the creek to the lower, some places it approached near to the road, the road is formed & metalled about a mile on this side of Leithfield, it runs along the foot of the terrace, a good solid road several cuttings up the terrace to the plain above, which ^{runs} out gradually rising to the Mount Grey downs, some very good country, plenty of flax, but bush scarce, all this is bought up & farms & homesteads, dotted here & there all over it, turning the wilds, into smiling fields of corn, & the wilderness into

a fruitful land, where once was to be seen nothing but a few wildfowl & wild pige, man has planted himself, the plough & spade are doing their work, altering the face of the country, smiling faces & contentment reigns around. The draw back to this part is the scarcity of provisions bush. only a little scattered in the gullies of Mount Grey.

Leithfield, is a new township laid out & sold in sections by Mr. Leith, it is a pretty spot & the sea not far distant about a mile, the lower runs on the north of it. the Windmill an old Celtic friend stands towering on a small hill which stands alone in the midst of the vale, just at the back of Mr. Leiths house. & garden, the garden is surrounded with lot of fine blue gum trees which add much to the picturesqueness of the place, he keeps an Accommodation house, there is a blacksmiths, carpenters, surgeon, butchers & a new store going up, several houses scattered about, a beginning of what will be. The lower was low, it runs murmuring along in several small streamlets, which after a long rain is a fierce raging & impassable torrent, which when down again leaves a soft bed, because it continually keeps shifting the shingle & sand. We had a steep terrace to ascend on the north side & then we arrived on a level plain again, excepting being here & there intersected by a ^{gully}.