

Stopped at Lances to dinner, then on to Henry's at the
pass. I returned by the saddle, I had to lock the wheels
down it. I saw plenty of ducks & swamps here both going
& coming, stabled the horses. I made them & myself comfortable
for the night.

Sept 15. Tuesday. h. v. ^{fine} up at the pass, h. & down town
I passed through the neutral ground, between the Wai-
para & a mile or so to the south of Leithfield, quite
calm excepting sometimes a puff from, h. w or h. e.
soon after I left Henry's I met Charles Percival tramping
up to Henry's, this is an example a man once worth his
thousands now going on a survey trip as a common man.
I met Mr. Blake on the south side of the wai-para.
gave him directions, which way to steer, stopped on the
south side of Brown's bridge I fed the horses.

Leithfield has a very impressive appearance from the
north terrace of the house, the white surge of the sea
breaks on the shore to the left, & Port Hills lying in the
back ground, Leithfield & the kowhi beneath, a picture
que scene, I should much like to have, a good
water coloured sketch of it. Stopped a Cameron at
the creek. Old Black Horse I am afraid has the
fever coming on him.

(Cameron charges 2/6 a meal)

Sept 16. Wednesday, ^{post} h. v. fine, Old horse, worse.
I tied him behind, the Ashley much lower, on down
to Otete, left the Old boiler & message at the Public
works, met Knappman, he confirmed my opinion, the poor
Old Boy, has got the fever. I went up in good spirits
but returned in the dumps, such is ungrateful man
John Brown is over, he is very weak & looks very thin.
but will soon recover now, I saw Joseph Grimsey &
Tom Lewis, both looking well, stopping at Browns,
tending the Old horse,

Sept 17. Thursday, S. W. Vivid rain after 11 a.m., tending
horse, J. Brown improving. received a letter from Lizzie
& one enclosed from Willie & James to her. James is the
same funny fellow now as ever. Willie is very thoughtful

Sept. 18. Friday, fine, S. W. tending & exercising the horse
& etc. J. B. better. T. L. & J. G. gone over to Port for luggage
writing in the evening.

Sept. 19. Saturday, fine, h. v. stiff at times. tending horse, gardening
& etc.

Sept. 20. Sunday, dew, fine, stiff h. & tending & exercising the horse
Went to Otete in the evening, too full, good not get a seat.
I took the Old horse across Latimer square, a m. 12 past ten.
Bells tolling for church. & whilst hearing them summoning man