

forwarder that each side, things looked lovely
budding, forth, in spring's beautiful green;
beautiful & bright, contrasting with the dark
evergreen foliage of the bush & the bright yellow
tint of the gorse hedges, (being in full flower)
& again in the gardens, early spring, begins to
show herself in the budding & blossoming of
the many fruit trees, & in Mr P's garden. I again
saw my little Russian irises in flower.

To Ch. with Mr & Mrs P. & Miss E's. who is staying
over there, on to Mr Hodgson's to dinner & spent
a few pleasant hours, chatting on innumerable
topics, the greatest being about the barabar that
is to be shortly, the proceeds to go towards
erecting a parsonage, back to Mr P's. to tea, felt
reluctant to leave so soon, but night drawing
nigh apace, we bid all adieu & returned to this
our City. On arriving I accompanied my friend
to his lodgings & stayed to supper, & to ended the
day.

Sept 25. Monday. fine, B. E. A westerly inclined
after 3 P.M. trade fair, to the mechanics in the
evening, to hear a lecture by Dr Haast our

geologist, "on the west coast of this province".
very interesting, but one lecture does not give a
lecturer sufficient scope for so vast & interesting
a subject; & I think the Dr. managed it with
considerable ability; he entered into the geological
meteorological & botanical features of the country,
& gave a geographical description of the coast.
A large panorama view of Hokitiki was also
on view, showing the townships, shipping lying
in the river, also the sandy beach & bar, it being
taken at low water, several wrecks being seen in
the foreground, & showing the dense bush, which covers
the country even to the water's edge, & the snow
capped mountains in the background, forming
a magnificent contrast; such scenery as is
not to be seen in ^{any} other part of the world.

The chairman Mr Sheath gave a vote of thanks
to the Dr. on behalf of the assembly, when
the meeting dispersed, I saw my friend safe
home & then called at the general's on my
way home.

Sept 26. Tuesday, fine, B. E. Showery P.M. S.W.
G. trade fair, to Mr Mollet's in the evening