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one of the young fellows and my shipmate and myself started together to go into the woods and pitch our tent and stop 2 or 3 days, so we pitched our tent about $3/4$ of a mile from the main road which goes into Dunedin the young man that came with us had about 10 or 12 shillings on him so I thought I would be all right for a few days till the ship went away, but I found it was not, so stopping there all night with them in the tent till next morning. The day before I promised the Frenchman that I would come up and see them as they said they did not know but they could find something for me to do. Wee having our tent pitched about 3 miles from where they had there pitched I left our tent to go up and see the Frenchman at 10 o'clock telling my shipmate that I would be back in about 3 hours. I went and seen the Frenchman but they said that they was ^{very} sorry but they could not find any thing for me to do as I was not hardly strong enough on my return back I discovered that the tent was gone and also my shipmate what to do I did not know or hardly where to go, so I concluded that I would go back and ask the Frenchman advise they telling me that I had better go over to the Tairāhina plains and see I could not get any thing to do over there there being more farms and sheep stations over there than any where in New Zealand.

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So I traveled over these 17 miles distant from Dunedin I'm going through Waiwaka Street in Dunedin. I passed the Captain on the same side of the street as I was a walking on. I was afraid that he would see me but I never said any thing but walked right by him without taking any notice of him I getting out into Tairāhina Plains I asked most every one whom I met if they knew of any one that wanted a boy to work on a farm and the answers that I received was that they did not. After trying hard all day I succeeded in getting 2 or 3 days work a clearing the fields but receiving hardly any money for it. The man being poor and having a family to support was not able to pay any thing so on my leaving he gave me a pair of pants and a coat and a pair of first rate Boots he also made me a present of a half crown. I thanked him very kindly and bid him good by ^{and} wished him success. Not finding any more work around there to do I resolved to make a long journey of it and see if I could not strike a good job. Travelling on as far as the Frenchman having come a distance of 21 miles I stopped for the night arising early the next morning I got my breakfast and started on the long road for Littleton a distance of 255 miles traveled on through Blueskin township through Waiwaka I thought must try and not