Appendix I

R P Moore’s Panoramic Photographs

R P Moore was a commercial photographer taking photographs using a large circuit camera in the 1920s. He operated in New Zealand and Australia. His base in New Zealand was at 80 Manners Street, Wellington. Alfred Buxton appears to have hired him to photograph many of his major landscape works at some time before A W Buxton Limited went into voluntary liquidation in 1926. The resultant collection of panoramic photographs were to be used to assist in selling the company’s product, artistically designed landscapes. To this end a purpose built carrying case was made with one ‘pan’ in the lid and another in the base. Edward Short’s property at Parorangi and W Eric Knight’s at Dannevirke were selected for this honour. The ‘pans’ were also used in advertising and magazine articles in the 1930s. After the move to Otaki in 1937 they were used to line the office of the flower growing business.

Today the remains of the collection is held by Andrew Buxton, grandson of Alfred William. Some items used in New Zealand Gardening are no longer in the collection. The collection is quite different to that held by the Photographic Archives at the Canterbury Museum. A similar number of ‘pans’ are held there, but they cover a wide range of subjects - landscapes, townscapes, Maori settings etc. The Buxton collection is almost entirely concerned with farm homesteads and their surroundings. In the section which follows the photographs are grouped by locality and the period of landscaping as far as possible. It should be remembered that some of the photographs show landscapes of before 1910, some of the period before the First World War, and some of the period during and after the War. The dating of particular landscapes is given in the main body of the text.

The panoramic photographs which follow are numbered according to the following list:

2. R M Morten, Ahuriri, Tai Tapu, Canterbury.
3. C Murray, Wharanui, Marlborough.
10. G Bowron, Raroa (Glenelg), Christchurch, Canterbury.
11. W Crompton, Heaton Street, Christchurch.
12. ?, Heaton Street, Christchurch.
15. Address unknown, thought to be at Lovell’s Flat, Otago.
17. A Maclean, Greenhill, Hawkes Bay.
18. R R Burling, (Purnell), Masterton, Wairarapa.
22. R Tanner, Lanadale, Longburn, Manawatu.
23. W Eric Knight, Dannevirke, Hawksw Bay.
24. W Eric Knight, Dannevirke, Hawkes Bay.