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South Island of New Zealand Part 1

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The trip around the South Island of New Zealand takes its starting point with the crossing from Wellington to Picton. A boat trip of 4 hours.

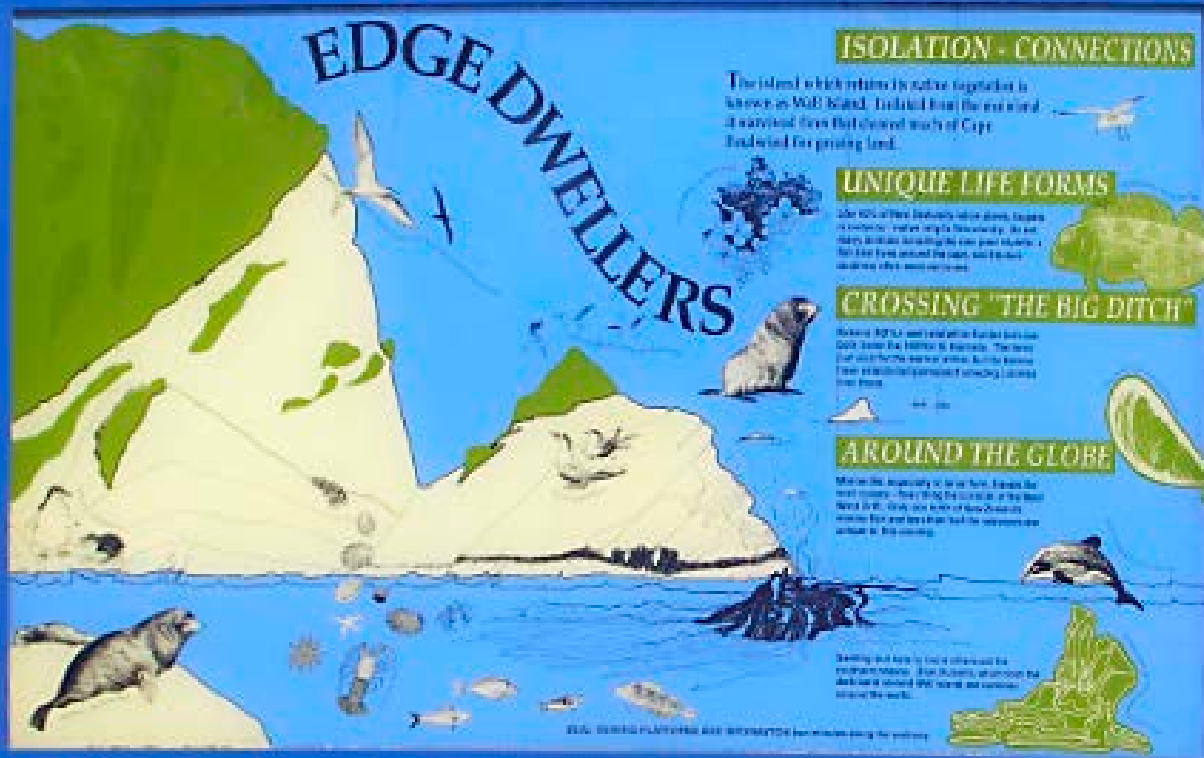
After shopping in Blenheim continued across the island to Westport and overnight.

I continued the next day south towards Cape Foulwind, Greymouth, Punakaiki, Shantytown and overnight in Hokitika.

The next day continued to Franz Josef, where there was a 2 day stay.









During the busy shipping era of the gold rushes, Cape
Foulwind had no lighthouse. It was much later that a timber
lighthouse was built. First lit in 1876, its beams guided vessels
to the Butler for half a century before being replaced by the
present automated light in a concrete tower.

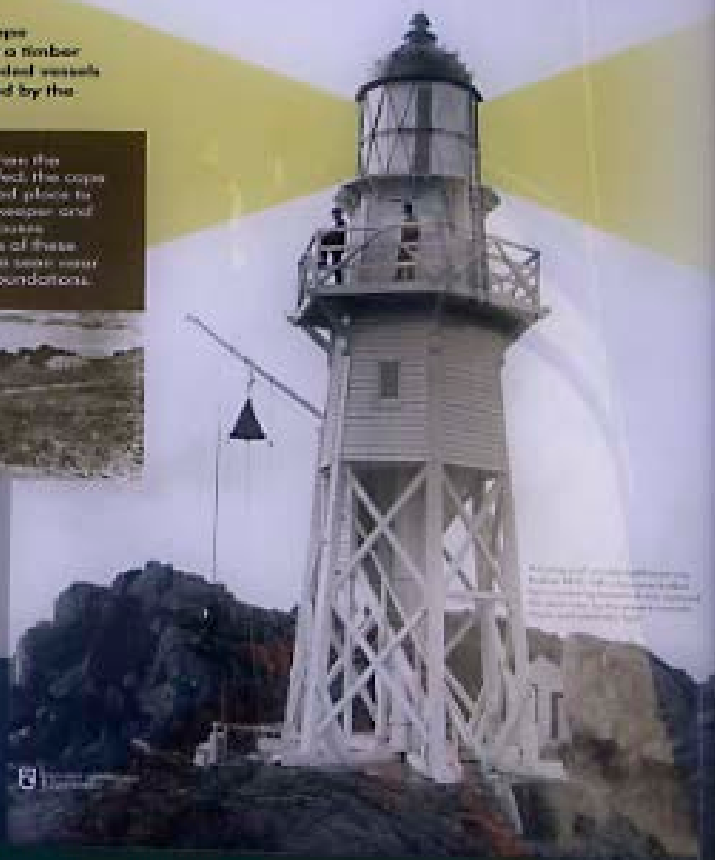
GUIDING LIGHT

In the early days when the
lighthouse was staffed, the cape
was quite an isolated place to
be. The lighthouse keeper and
assistant lived in houses
nearby. A few traces of these
buildings can still be seen near
the original tower foundations.



MYSTERY WRECK

In spite of its dangerous shoals and treacherous
winds, the cape has claimed few ships. The most
famous wreck was seen in 1846 by two early gold-seekers,
Thomas and Thomas, who were told the
wreck had carried many boxes of gold. It was
concluded that this was the schooner which had sailed
from Hobart for England with a cargo of wool in
1825, never to be seen again. In 1970 the wreck
resurfaced in 1970 when a former shipping clerk,
one of the Cape's first residents, the present
highwater mark, came across the remains of what
appeared to be a ship. Further from it was identified
as the schooner which was wrecked.



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Irimahuwhero Viewpoint





Punakaiki Pancake Rocks Blowholes











SHANTYTOWN







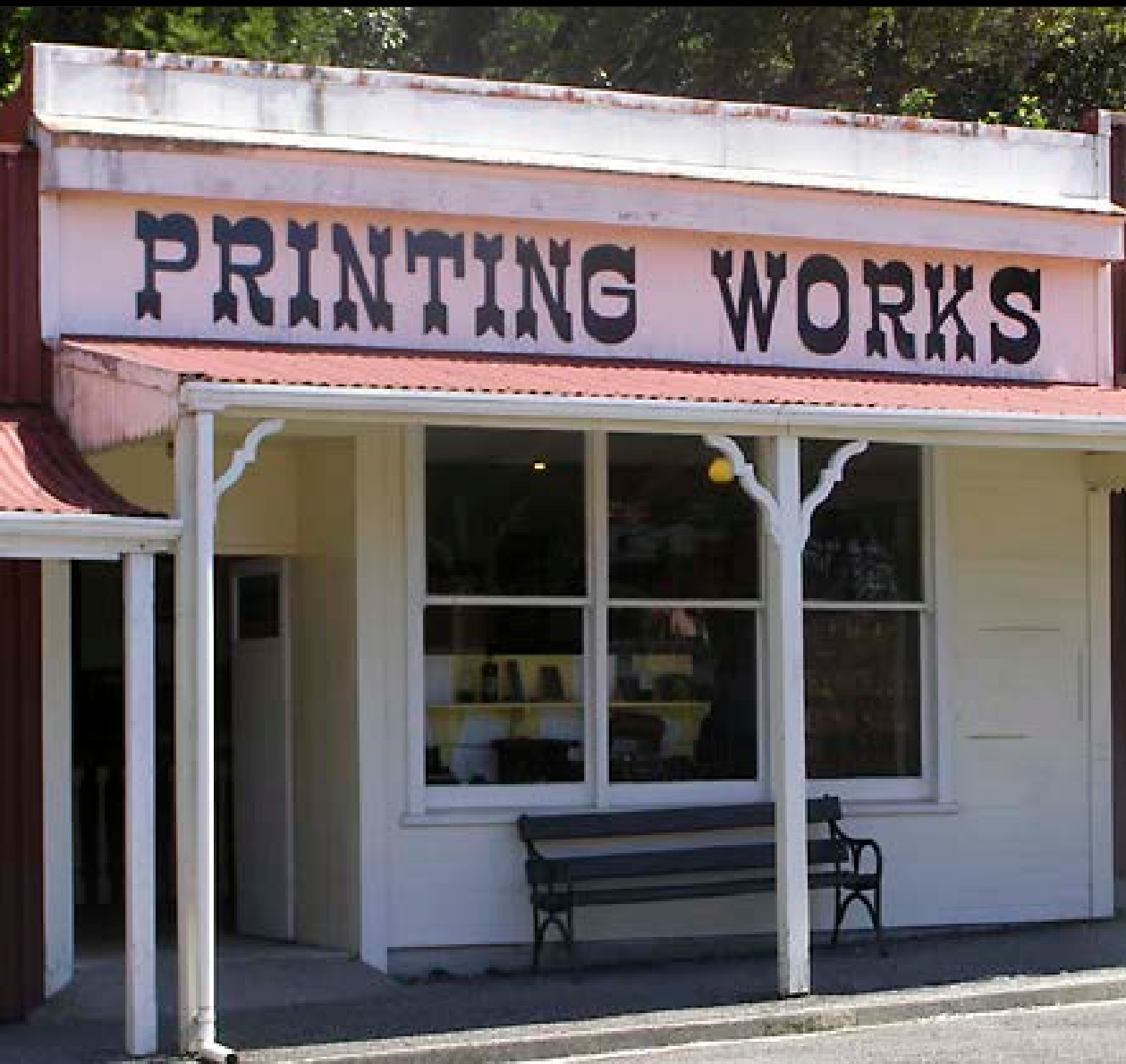
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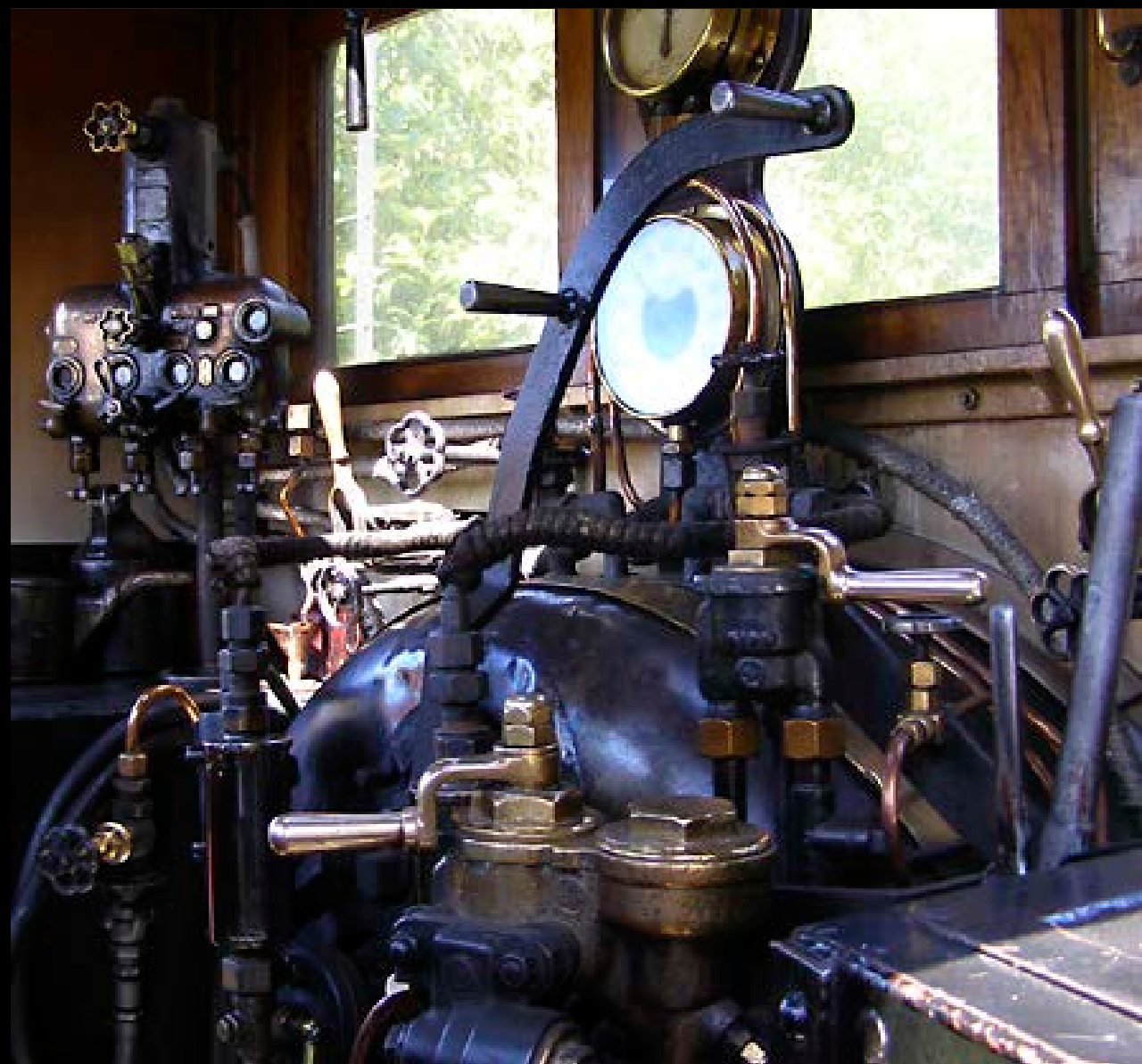
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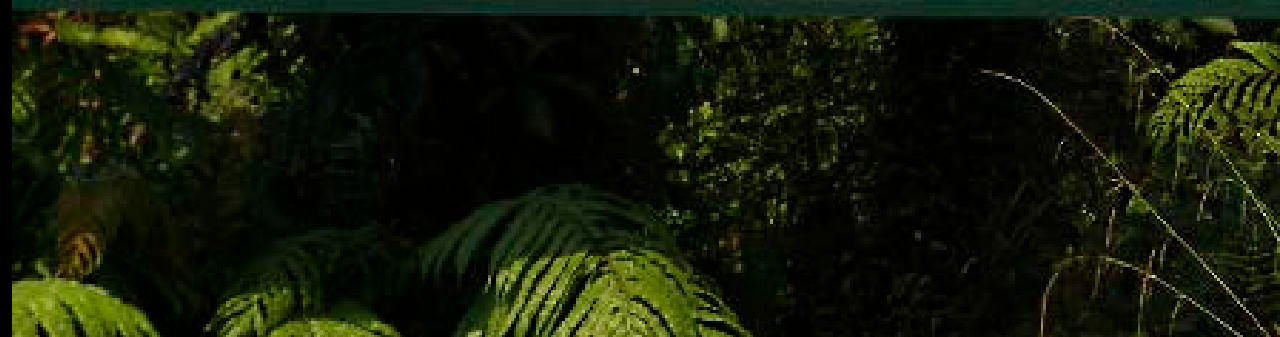


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