

1: Amazing World of James Hector

The Amazing World of James Hector: Explorer, Doctor, Geologist, Botanist, Natural Historian, and One of New Zealand's Most Remarkable Figures (Awa Science).

He joined University of Edinburgh as a medical student and received his medical degree in at the age of Palliser expedition[edit] Shortly after receiving his medical degree, upon the recommendation of Sir Roderick Murchison " director-general of the British Geological Survey " Hector was appointed geologist on the Palliser Expedition under the command of John Palliser. The goal of the Palliser expedition to British North America now Canada was to explore new railway routes for the Canadian Pacific Railway and to collect new species of plants. As it was being pulled from the water, his own horse strayed and, when chasing after it, Hector records, he was kicked in the chest and knocked unconscious. He wrote in his diary of the expedition: His companions, thinking him dead, dug a grave for him and prepared to put him in. His premature burial was cancelled when he regained consciousness. The doctor was knocked unconscious. We all leapt from our horses and rushed up to him, but all our attempts to help him recover his senses were of no avail. We then carried him to the shade of some big evergreens while we pitched camp. We were now in serious trouble, and unless Nimrod fetched in game our situation looked hopeless. One man stayed and watched the unconscious doctor. The rest of us took turns trying to catch trout that we could see in the clear mountain water of the river. Hector must have been unconscious for at least two hours when Sutherland yelled for us to come up; he was now conscious but in great pain. He asked for his kit and directed me to prepare some medicine that would ease the pain. I had him sign a document stating the facts of the accident in case his illness might prove serious. He readily agreed that it would be the proper thing to do. In April he arrived in Dunedin in New Zealand to conduct a three-year geological survey of Otago , soon after the discovery of gold there. He also assembled a staff of half a dozen men to assist with such tasks as fossil collecting, chemical analysis, and botanical and zoological taxonomy. Some of these men, such as William Skey mineral analyst , Richard Gore clerk , and John Buchanan botanical artist and draftsman , stayed with him for many years. As the chief Government-employed scientist, Hector gave politicians advice on questions as diverse as exporting wool to Japan and improving fibre production from New Zealand flax. His political influence was underlined by his marriage in to Maria Georgiana Monro, daughter of the speaker of the House of Representatives , David Monro. He controlled virtually every aspect of state-funded science. He had close and, at times, tense relationships with other men of science, in particular Julius von Haast. Retirement[edit] Hector retired in , after four decades at the centre of organised science in New Zealand. She was the daughter of politician David Monro , who was at the time the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

2: Simon Nathan (Author of The Amazing World of James Hector)

The amazing world of James Hector. [Simon Nathan; Mary Varnham;] -- "James Hector was a phenomenon. As a young man he struck out for the wilds of Canada on a daring surveying expedition that succeeded in its goals but nearly cost him his life.

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James Hector was astounding. Scottish-born and trained as a surgeon, at 23 he took part in a daring British expedition to survey western Canada, and was given up for dead at a place still known - on account of his accident - as Kicking Horse Pass.

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