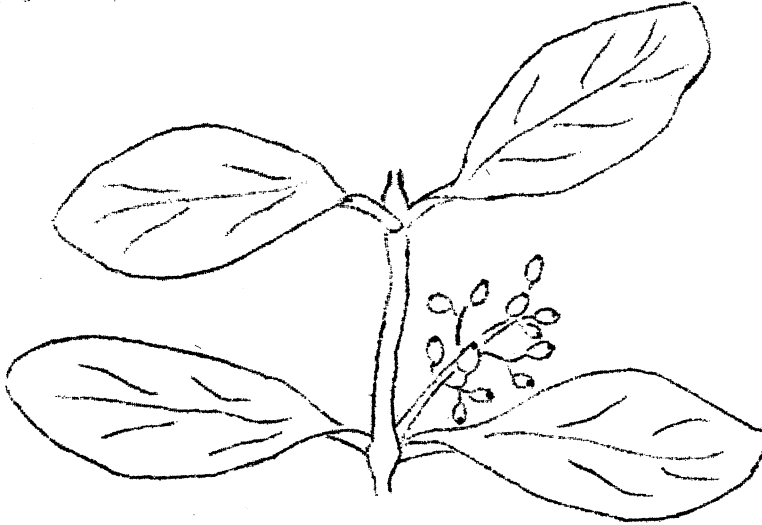


the stem. The flowers are minute, greenish, and appear in October and November. The berry is bright yellow, oblong and about  $\frac{1}{3}$ " long.

LORANTHUS MICRANTHUS



It has been found growing on Coprosma, Melicope, Leptospermum, Near Auckland it chooses large totara trees - usually one growing apart from the bush. It has been found at Huia and Parau in the vicinity of Auckland. Miss Menzies has forwarded a line drawing that should assist members in identifying the plant. It is hoped that if any one discovers a specimen, they will be careful, when removing it, to cut away sufficient of the host plant to enable the parasite's method of attachment to be adequately studied.

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Mr. Aldridge, Superintendent of Parks and gardens, is now retiring after many years faithful service. The Society takes this opportunity of wishing him a long and happy retirement!

The Botanical Society has much pleasure in extending a welcome to our new Superintendent of Parks, Mr. J.A. Macpherson, N.Z.N.D.H. All members of our Society are naturally interested in the development of our Parks and Reserves. Mr. Macpherson is already well known to many of us through his most useful little book "The Complete New Zealand Gardener", a mine of useful horticultural information and helpful practical suggestions.

Mr. McPherson received a training in Horticulture and Forestry at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and has had considerable practical experience in various parts of England. In 1926 he came to New Zealand, where he was first at Dunedin, and later at Christchurch, superintendent of Public Parks and Gardens. He is interested in native as well as foreign plants, and his South Island experience may lead to the introduction of further beautiful South Island trees and flowers into our Auckland gardens. In any case we take this opportunity of wishing him every success in his future fascinating, if exacting, work. We hope to become further acquainted with him in the future - perhaps one day he may come and lecture to us!

BOTANICAL REVISIONS III

NEW ZEALAND SPECIES OF METROSIDEROS

Name as in Cheeseman's Manual		Revised Name
<i>Metrosideros florida</i> , Sm.	Aka	<i>M. scandens</i> (Forst.) Druce.
<i>M. lucida</i> , A.Rich.	Southern Rata	<i>M. umbellata</i> , Cav.
<i>M. diffusa</i> , Sm.	Carmine Rata	<i>M. carminea</i> , W.R. Oliver
<i>M. hypericifolia</i>		<i>M. diffusa</i> (Forst.) W.R. Oliver
<i>M. scandens</i> , Sol. et Gaertn.		<i>M. perforata</i> (Forst.) Rich.
<i>M. tomentosa</i> , A. Rich.	Pohutukawa	<i>M. excelsa</i> , Sol. ex Gaertn.
<i>M. villosa</i> , Sm.	Kermadec Is. Pohutukawa	<i>M. Kermadecensis</i> , W.R. Oliver