## Rhododendron Sir Robert Peel.

Rhododendron Sir Robert Peel is a hybrid with a special reputation notice NZ for great size in this specimen is diameter a height represented in this specimen, so large great in diameter a freight

that it is seldom recognised as a rhodo when not in flower.

The hybrid

was registered by J. Waterer in England in 1871, parentage. for branches to be somewhat pendulous and when growing in an open space, any that touch the ground are radiating to self-layer, creating a thicket. Perhaps the best example is found in St Stephens Church arounds I just off SHI at Tamahere between Hamilton a Cambridge. The church was built in 1883 and it is thought that the rhodo was planted about 1885. When measured in 4/1/98 the thin height was 11.6 m only but the thicket comprised 45 trunks, the diameters of the largest six being between 38.8 and 43.6 cm. The drip-line diameter can this be considered to be was 27 m. 15 this a single specimen? If so is the it the ! largest in the country? If not, one measured on 6/12/95 at Tikorangi on a property then owned by the late Dary! Hicks may well be. Height. 12m. Branches into four leaders & just above ground level. Diam. at a.l. 1.337 m. of leaders \$50, \$ 46.8, 44.3, 55.1 cm. Canopa spread 17 m. These are included to give some indication of the

difficulty in deciding just which is the largest specimen's

The planting date of the Pukekura Park tree is not recorded. Medbury suggests that it may have been by W.W. Smith and gives a date of 1930s' which is not possible since he left in 1921. The Park was founded in 1876 . extensive planting occurred in the 1880s a 905. Rhodo Sir Robert Peel was being planted in N.Z. from the 1880s.

in theore after that that and make many many

liberty to self-larger, execting a thickest / Perhaps the

I just off SHI at Tomahore Ledwicen Hamilton as

that the whole was planted about 1885.

Sortenas alt in tegeral

IN DESCRIPTION

CAROPA STANCE MORALD

Combridge of the church was built in 1883 and it is thought

tool who is a string the that the poly of the bone on a sally

the thinkest comprised us frombs the dometer of the range

when it is the considered to be a second to be second to be a second to be a second to be a second to be a seco

therefore a necessary on the opposite to property on a property

from age to got out or della too confish in all with

there owned by the late of my Hills may wall be

local brians and toy to croked confector eclipsely

is to a fill landers see to me 468, the s. 50 1 cot is

Rhodo Sir Robert Peel. Puke kura Park. Ath. end of Fountain Lake. Height 16:459 (1973). Diam. at ground level 1.051 m h "0.300 0.914 m Divides into two at 0.5m. Dbh. of lakeside fork. 0.5 m. northern 0.595 m 0.595m.

G.F. 7/12/95.