

COASTAL INTEREST.

Much interest and conjecture were excited on the N.W. Coast last evening by the appearance of strange lights in the heavens—lights which appeared to be swaying to and fro, and casting a bright reflection on the waters of the Strait.

Our Ulverstone reporter puts it:—
“Last evening some excitement was caused by the appearance of a strange body travelling along at a high altitude over Ulverstone. It appeared to have two bright lights attached. A number of residents watched its progress, which appeared to be rapid. It remained in sight for about a quarter of an hour, when it disappeared in a westerly direction. Those who saw the strange visitor were emphatic in the opinion that it was the latest invention in aerial navigation—an airship.”

The phenomenon, doubtless, could be explained easily enough by astronomical skill, but all the same, it is very mysterious, especially when it is remembered that the people of Christchurch a few weeks ago were startled by strange lights in the sky “believed to be from an airship.” Riana residents reported having seen the visitor, whatever it is, four nights ago. Whence comes it, and why this strange meandering above the continent? Scientific comments and explanations will be awaited with interest.