

ICELAND FOR TOURISTS

Iceland has many things which attract the ordinary tourist, as picturesque mountain views, fine waterfalls, boiling springs, and peculiar geological formations. However, the number of tourists visiting the country is almost insignificant, compared to the multitude coming every year to Norway and Switzerland. This may, no doubt, be ascribed to the fact that Iceland is very little known to the world in general; that it takes a long time to get there; that extensive trips inland are rather expensive; and that, at most places, the accommodation is not what luxurious persons wish for. Yet those who are ready to rough it and can afford to spend time and money, may find it worth while to visit this land of frost and fire.

PLACES OF INTEREST

REYKJAVÍK

the capital has a population of rather more than 26 000, or $\frac{1}{4}$ of the population of the whole island.

For most tourists one day is quite sufficient for seeing the town, visiting the Natural History Museum, the National Museum and the Library, which are all housed in the same building. The museum containing the sculptures by Einar Jónsson, the Icel. sculptor, is also worth a visit, and the *Althingishús* (House of Parliament) where there is a collection of paintings. The *marble font* in the Cathedral is made by Albert Thorvaldsen (whose father was an Icelander) and given by him to Iceland.

Reykjavik is the seat of the government; here is also the Icel. University and many of the principal schools of the country; some of the hospitals; The General Post Office; the Telegraph station and the two banks, *Landsbanki Íslands* (National Bank) and *Útvegsbanki Íslands*.