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Fri., 13th, 8 a.m.

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RODNEY COUNTY.

ELECTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY.

WHEREAS David Todd, Esq., has resigned the position of Councillor for Matakana riding, thereby creating an extraordinary vacancy; nominations for the same will be received by me up to noon on Wednesday, June 25th, at the County office. Warkworth. Should there be more than one candidate nominated, the will be taken on Tuesday, July flog 1st, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., and the places hereafter to be

HENRY R. FRENCH, Returning Officer. Warkworth, June 6th, 1913.

CASH WINTER SALE

£1000 worth of Drapery Goods, Boots, etc. to be sacrificed.

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Split Bluchers, usual price, 6s 9d now 5s 3d. Watertight Bluchers, usual price, 13s 6d, now 11s 6d. Football and Hockey Boots, usual

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The foregoing are only a few of the bargains for ABSOLUTELY CASH ONLY

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STORE.

Public Notice.

N account of ill-headth, I will not be able to take nationts at my Nursing Home until fur ther notice. NURSE MISSIG.

TOTICE.—If I hear of anyone scandalising my name in Warkworth after this date they will be prosecuted. NE'LLIE WILSON.

> Mr S. J. Elliott. SOLICITOR.

WILL be in Warkworth from Friday, June 20th, at 8 a.m., to Tuesday 24 th, at noon.

Barid of Hope.

THE Monthly Meeting of the Bund of Hope will be held in the Town Hall on Monday evening next the 16th inst, at 7 o'clock p.m.

Band Social and Dance

10 be held at Town Hall on WED-NESDAY, 18TH JUNE. Band will assist in rendering music for dancing. Laches free. Gents, 2s. Ladies are requested to bring along their baskets. All welcome.

WANTED a strong boy to bring one cow home after school

hours. MRS FRI INSES M. M'CUNE. Mumps is an indirections complaint. Most mothers know, this. NAZOL OINTMENT is antiseptic and Ger micidal. It reduces the offeling and gives prompt relief. CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15th.

ANGLICAN CHURCH. Warkworth 10.30 a.m., H.C. Warkworth 7 p.m. Matakana, 2.30 p.m. Upper Waiwera 2.30 p.m:

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. St. Columba 11 a.m. Rev. O. Blundell Kaipara Flats 2.45 p.m. Rev. O. Blundell St. Columba 7 p.m. Rev. O. Blundell

METHODIST CHURCH.

Warkworth 11 a.m. Mr French Mr Civil Mr Phillips Dome Valley 2.3(p.m. Pakiri 10.30 a.m. Leigh 2.30 p.m. Dacre's Claim 7 p.m. Rev. Sims Whangaripo 2,30 p.m. Mr Worker Port Albert 2.30 p.m. Rev. Strand Wellsford 11 a.m. Rev. Strand Wharehine 2.30 p.m. Tauhoa 7 p.m. Mr Neal

CHURCHES OF CHRIST. Onne Valley, 11 a.m.
Wellsford 11 a.m.
Wellsford, 6.30 p.m.
Port Albert, 10.30 a.m. Mr H. Grimmer Mr Brooks Mr Drury Mr Drury Mr Turner Hoteo North, 10.30 a.m. Hoteo North 2.30 p.m. Mr Drury Nth. Albertland 10.30 a.m Mr Vickery Te Arai 2.30 p.m. Mr Yates Full Moon 19th.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 1913.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

As anticipated there has been no difficulty in securing the coming of mails by the Tuesday and Thursday mid-day train. The Warkworth Postmaster notifies :- On and after the 7th inst., mails for Auckland per coach will be forwarded from this office on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 8.5 a.m., and will be received in Warkworth on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1.13 p.m. The Wednesdays' coach will be discontinued. Mails for Matakana, Whangateau, Big Omaha, Tawharanui, Leigh, Matakana Lower and Mullet Point, will be forwarded on Thursdays instead of Fri-

An epidemic of mumps is troubling the Leigh folk. Adults as well as children are suffering. Councillor Wyatt is one of the stricken host. The school has been closed.

Mr E. J. Dymock, bootmaker, etc. was called away last week to the Wai kato through a death in the family circle. As the circumstances prevented due notice being given, he wishes to express regret to his customers for any inconvenience they may have been caused by his absence.

Mr and Mrs Len Schischka, whose nuptials were reported in these columns some few weeks ago, are expected to arrive buck in Puhoi towards the end of this month. They spent some time of their honeymoon at Cambridge and Rotorua, going afterwards to Tara-

We are very sorry to learn from the Rev Mr McDonald, that Bishop Crossley is in an even more serious condition of health than the report of the dailies indicate. Dr Marsack states largest per centage of traders in the that the Bishop's health is such to require immediate and absolute rest; and the Doctor further states in his opinion, the Bishop may have to consider in the future how he can safely continue the work of the Diocese. Prayer is asked from the Church for the Bishop and Mrs Cross-

Port Alberters realise the convenience of the telephone. A second line is to be erected to connect with some eighteen additional subscribers. Rodney is moving on fairly fast in telephone matters. The outstanding need now is a metallic circuit between Warkworth and Wellsford. To speak to any one from here to beyond Wells. ford is a vexing business. It is often necessary to repeat words over and over again, and sometimes it is absolutely impossible to receive a message. Even if the number of 'phones had not so largely increased, the unsatisfactory state of the line requires alteration. Apart from Warkworth, the erection of a metallic circuit would place Wellsford and the districts round about it, on speaking terms with

Matakana is losing its representative. That representative is a man every inch of him. He lays down his stewardship without claiming success. His power of keen analysis, his faculty of brushing all pretensions aside until he grasps the true reason of things, makes him sit in judgment on himself. And yet he rises to his feet with good courage, and even those who may have received brushings contrary to the lie of the hair, will join in the cry of 'Bravo." We feel that everyone will join the Councillors in wishing Mr

Todd, "Better luck for he deserves it." Yesterday Mr Govan Wilson, whose marriage was briefly announced in these columns last week, was made the recipient of a set of carvers and a si ver cruet by a number of his Warkwo, th friends. Mr R. Crebbin voiced the 1 elicitations of the donors, and Mr. Wilson feelingly acknowledged the gift on betalf of himself and his bride.

For Influen a take Woods' Great Peppermint Cure, Neverfails 1s6d, 2s 6d The statements made at the Local Bodies Conference by Mr G. W. Russell, then Minister of Internal affairs, that it cost some of the smaller bodies more in administration expenses than the rates they collect, was so palpably absurd, that the Registrar-General intends to collect local bodies statistics in fuller detail, instead of a few general headings as was the case here-

Co-operative Store.

The Town Band played a few elections in front of the Town Hall on Friday night last, which brought back to mind the meetings of that co-operative venture the Coastal S.S. Co. There was a fair audience when Mr Tiplady proposed that Mr Walker should take the chair, after Mr Shoesmith had declined the honour. Mr Walker said the meeting had been called to discuss co-operation. The object of the promoters was to supply the best article, not primarily to make a profit. They were out to do the greatest good to the greatest number. It was far better to save a pound than to earn one. They had no intention to fight any individuals, nor to deal in personalities, but to promote a really good principle, which was successfully working in the Farmers Union Auctioneering Co., and the Auckland Co-operative Terminating Building Society. He knew that co-operative stores had been tried and failed, but he only knew of two reasons for that, either mismanagement or dishonesty. He was convinced they had men both able enough and honest enough to run the concern. A start could be made in a very small way. One Society he belonged to in the north of England was started by seven workers, and he had received a dividend of three shillings and four pence in the £ on his purchases and that after the expenses of running the concern had been paid, as well as per cent, for the capital employed It would be the only way some of those present would save anything. The price of shares was £1 each limited to ten shares.

Mr Tiplady explained that he wa not accustomed to the role of public speaking. The cost of living had been considered by a Royal Commission with little, if any result. They were able to solve the problem. The private trader made, every post a winsave the large profits the traders were one time that in some instances the cash buyer was at a disadvantage, and at another time that the substantial cash buyer could beat down the price. They would sell for cash. There would be no deviation from that. They would charge an average profit of fifteen per cent. on cost. Mr Tiplady closed by reading a rough prospectus. In reply to a question Mr Walker

said they would start on £200. Mr French asked if the meeting was solely for those who were going into the scheme or to discuss co-operative

storekeeping.

The Chairman said the meeting was open for discussion.

Mr French said his grandfather was an Auckland grocer when the settlers who were now celebrating the jubilee of their arrival, came to the colony. He knew something of the trade through his father's experience and his own. If anyone present thought that profit in general storekeeping business would pay working expenses five per cent on capital, and allow 3s 4d in the £ or close on 17 per cent dividend, the sooner they got to work the better. As a matter of fact the grocery business had not found every succeed. As for the many co-operative ventures that had started and closed down were there not other reasons than incompetence or dishonesty. Mr Plummer of the firm of Hill and Plummer, had managed a co-operative company. He was not wanting in competency and his honesty was beyond dispute. The same could be said of Mr Henry Wilding, now the Secretary of the Women and Children's Protection Society in Auckland. The fact was that no such profits were made in the storekeeping business in this Dominion as were made in England according to the evidence Mr Walker submitted. If sufficient capital was provided and sufficient margin allowed for expenses, then success rests largely upon the manager. If he was continually checked by a committee that knew

would soon lose interest. Mr Walker advocated the opposite view to the generally accepted one that competition led to reduced prices. He argued that because there were four stocks of boots in the Town that therefore purchasers had to pay more. This led to a pertinent question from Mr G. T. Civil, as to how the bringing in of another stock of boots would improve matters.

little or nothing about business he

Mr Dover claimed that the differ ence in prices between boots in England and in New Zealand meant that the profit was 10s per pair. Mr Civil denied that it was. The chairman was invited to give his opinion as he was in the leather trade. Mr Walker thought there should be more profit on saddles because they were not in so much demand as boots. A gentleman at the back asked some skilful questions on the operation of the 15 per cent. profit basis. Mr Walker admitted it would mean selling sugar at a higher price than the stores at present charged. People were not likely to do that. Mr Tiplady thought they would, because if they paid more and there was anything left over they would get it back again. Mr Geissler pointed out the difference between folk in Old Country centres who went out on what were called "shopping tours," and here, where customers expected to be waited on for orders and have the said it would be a cash basis, with no

proposal, but Mr Venters replied that steep ascent was made in two steps. who was going to manage the concern. avoid one step, but as Councillor he Mr Walker replied that Mr Tiplady strongly objected to tinkering with had spoken of starting on his own the difficulty. The engineer states account, and he had requested him to that going through the bush a grade join in with the co-operative move- of 1 in 16 was obtainable. It was on ment. Mr Tiplady was sorry his the wrong side of the hill, and would name was brought forward. He was take a sweep to get round, but it would not going to push his claim. Mr Tait proposed a vote of thanks to Messrs Walker and Tiplady. They knew. quite as much about co-operation as Mr Laurie had so much property on they did at the beginning of the meet-ing. In seconding, Mr French said if the present proposal was not proceeded with, they had opportunities for a cooperative fruit cannery, and perhaps a co-operative coal mine.

Rodney County Council.

The following Councillors seated themselves around the Council table for the transaction of business on Thursday last; Mr G. W. Thomson chairman, Messrs J. Blair, T. Alf. Gubb, J. R. McKenzie, J. Ross, J. A. Shepherd, D. Todd and J. C. Wyatt.

SPECIAL MEETING.

After the confirmation of the previous meeting's minutes, a special meeting was held to make a order authorising the payment of the loan charges on the Matakana road loan, out of the general account. In reply to questions it was stated that as the boundaries of the Matakana loan district were the boundaries of the Matakana East and West road districts the provision limiting the payment of loan charges out of general account to only £50, and only then with the concurrence of the Auditor General did not apply. That provision was only applicable to a special loan district, viz., where the boundaries differed from the legal boundaries of ning post, and the promoters were out any local governing district or its gazetted subdivisions. Although the making. The speaker mentioned at payment would be made out of the General account, the amount so paid would be charged to the Matakana riding, which after next year would be limited to the loan district. The special order would hold good right throughout the loan period of 361 years. The only way to revoke i would be by means of another special order. On the motion of Mr McKenzie, the final confirmation of the special order was carried.

FINANCE.

The ordinary meeting ensued. The Finance Committee reported that the payments had been correctly charged and new accounts had been authorised for payment amounting to the sum of £987 12s 8n. The treasurer's balance sheet showed the receipts since the previous Council meeting to total to £1835 13s, the expenditure for the same period aggregating £1698 13s 8d. The bank overdraft was reduced to £394 3s 4d; through the payment of £3,500 of grants from Government since the 1st of April. The balance sheet was received on the motion of Mr Wyatt.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

The Chairman, after referring to his visit to Wayby in connection with the rebuilding. The clerk stated the claim made by T. Carroll for damage | Council was debarred from charging by fire, said he knew of nothing to alter the decision of the Council, disclaiming all liability. The report proceeded, "My attention has been repeatedly called to the damage done through the use of catamarans on County roads. I am of opinion some action should be taken to obviate the abuse." Mr McKenzie moved "That this Council takes action to stop the use of catamarans on County roads," seconded by Mr Ross. Mr Todd thought the life of the member for Omaha would be endangered, if such a motion was carried. He had witnessed a gathering of catamarans at Leigh on the previous day. He would like to hear Mr Wyatt on the subject. Mr Wyatt said that the form of conveyance under discussion did no end of damage. He had not pressed the matter, in the hope that better roads would be forthcoming. When waggons were stuck in the mud, cantamarans could get through. Carts from Matakana had done more damage If the Council was determined to take action he asked that a fair amount of notice should be given. If the nose of the catamaran was properly made they were not so bad as ordinary sledges if not properly made the nose acted as

primitive plough. Mr Todd: What is a proper nose? Mr Shepherd: A turned up one. Laughter).

The chairman thought it was folly to countenance the illegal use of catamarans. Whereas a sledge floats over the mud, the catamaran ploughs through either mud or metal. The Council was spending loans and grants in addition to rates, and it was their duty to conserve what was done. Mr McKenzie said that not only was action required in the present instance, but the by-laws of the Council should be strictly enforced. The motion was put and carried.

Is IMPROVEMENT DESIRED.

Mr J. Laurie of Mahurangi Heads, was present by the riding member's invitation, when Mr Todd stated he felt it his duty before leaving the Council, to ask that a road deviation goods delivered. He foresaw difficulty should be taken through Mr Laurie's in collecting the cash. Mr Tiplady property under the Public Works Act. It was six years since the Engineer deviation from the rule. After other had reported that the grade up Laurie's questions had been asked, Mr Venters hill on the Heads road was impassable. commented on the lack of a plain A grant appeared on the estimates for business statement of intentions and several years, but it had never been possibilities. Mr Walker invited Mr | taken advantage of because of failure | Land eminently suited for fruit grow-Venters to join and help to direct the to secure terms with Mr Laurie. The ing was locked up. Timber on Crown the 17th.

Lands was sold for the benefit of the he wasn't in it yet. Mr Tait asked Mr Laurie suggested deviating to public, but gum of crown lands was treated as though it were the exclusive property of a particular portion of the community. He hoped to see at least five families settled on the Wayby reserve. What had been done on Mount Brame flat could be done elsewhere. Mr Blair seconded the motion, and make the best road procurable. There instanced the good work done by Mr Jonas Smyth. Mr McKenzie said was a deal of feeling that something should be done to improve the road. surveyors were at work on the Wayby reserve. The motion was put and the Heads peninsula that he would be carried. more benefitted than injured by the ROAD ROLLER. making of a vehicular road. As Mr Mr McKenzie stated Mr Shepherd Laurie asks for £200 compensation he and he, had ordered a road roller to be was forced to the conclusion that the delivered in the first week in February best thing to do was to acquire the last. It did not arrive till March, and deviation compulsorily. Mr Laurie the shafts were not received till the said they had already given one deviation which Mr Todd had described without fault. They had lost the use as the first step. They were willing of the roller just when it was required to meet the Council in a deviation of so it had been returned. The agents the first step. Instead of that it was proposed to go through the piece of stated they could not accept cancel-lation. Decided to confirm the action bush he had reserved, to make a much of the members. longer road which would be subject to NORTH AUCKLAND COURT. slips. If the Council was determined The Otamatea County Council da. to proceed he certainly would have sired the Council to communicate with payment if it was possible to get it, the M.Ps'. for the district asking them especially as the fencing alone would to support a Bill validating the paycost £100. Perhaps if the property ment of subsidy to the North Auckwas Mr Todds' he would sing a differland Court out of the general fund. ent song. In reply to questions, the engineer stated the grade on one step was 1 in 6 and one the other 1 in 4 The Chairman said it was the Council's policy to put the road in the best place. There had been too much waste with the "good enough for the present." Mr McKenzie asked what traffic there was on the road. Mr Laurie said

The Road Board was the best friend

they had. The Heads wharf was in a

state of collapse. Why not spend the rates on it? They were dissatisfied

over the Matakana loan charges.

They were not permitted to vote on

the loan, and yet the same rate was

struck on them as on the ratepayers

of the districts which benefitted by the

loan expenditure. That did not seem

right. Mr Todd said the Eastern

Mahurangi rate payers had not to pay any portion of the loan charges. He

was quite prepared to spend their rates

on the deviation. It was also pointed

out that if Eastern Mahurangi rate-

payers had voted on the loan proposal

they would in the event of its being

carried have had to bear a liability for

36½ years. They had no liability now

and their district would cease to be a

portion of Matakana riding in a few

months time. In the subsequent dis-

cussion, the crux of the debate was

whether the road was sufficiently used

to justify the expenditure involved.

Mr Ross stated that Mr Phillips, the

previous riding member had taken the

riew that it was not. It was decided

not to proceed, until there was a general

desire the deviation should be carried

through. Mr Todd said Mr S. Grant

had drawn his attention to the fact

that if a small charge was made on

each sack of oysters sent away from

the Heads wharf, it would help to its

the Government for the use of the

wharf. It might be easier to obtain a

grant than to obtain the power to im-

LOANS AND RATES.

Formal resolutions striking rate

over the respective loan districts of

Albert and Te Hana-Mangawai as

security for ten per cent. additional

loans were carried. The Advance De-

partment requires that security, though

since the revaluation it is not necessary

to collect the full amount of the rates

imposed for the original loans. The

treasurer was appointed to counter-

sign loan debentures. The Chairman

and Mr Ross signed the rate book,

thus confirming the striking of the 1913-14 General, Separate and Hospital

WHARF DUES.

Son, wrote that they under the im-

pression no wharf dues would be col-

lected during the eleven months Wark-

worth wharf was without a shed. As

in addition to the extra labour in

moving goods, they had losses through

damage by water as well as goods

stolen, they asked for rebate. Mr Ross

said the dues were for landing goods

on the wharf, the Council did not gua-

rantee shed room. Mr Todd thought

exceptional circumstances the claim

that Mr Rayner paid £48 for the

right to collect dues. He had paid up

to the 31st of March last. It was

stated that any refund would have to be general. Mr Todd moved "That

no wharf dues be collected on the

Warkworth wharf for three months from the 1st inst." That would be

some abatement, seconded by Mr Mc-Kenzie and carried. A letter from Mr

G. T. Hartnell, secretary of the Port

Albert Farmer's Union, wrote com-plaining of the Port Albert wharf and

the road thereto. The question of re-pairs to the wharf was referred to the

GUM RESERVE.

The Whangarei County Council wrote asking for support in its advo-

cacy that the reservations should be

lifted, where the gum is worked out.

The chairman moved "That the letter

be endorsed, and that the Minister of

Lands be asked to take action in the

matter." Speaking as a citizen he

thought gum reserves were a detri-

ment to the settlement of the country.

Albert riding member.

that while that was so, yet under the

Messrs Civil Bros. and G. Guest and

and Charitable Aid Rates.

pose dues.

The Chairman remarked they could scarcely take action when they had refused a subsidy Letter received. MORE PUBLIC POUNDS. Mr A. Hood wrote advocating the establishment of a public pound at Kaipara Flats. The chairman suggested the proposal should stand over till next month. The nuisance of alvehicle went down the road about cattle on the roads required some two or three times a year. He remedy, but the establishment of thought there was only one ratepayer who was anxious to have anything done. Mr Laurie said it was not often he came to a Council meeting. He thought it a pity the road was under the Council's authority, because nothing was ever spent on it.

pounds required some expense. Mr Ross said he had thought some action was required, but he believed one or two rangers to make a few examples would be quite sufficient. Two pounds ought to be enough. Mr Shepherd believed it would be difficult to obtain rangers who would do their duty energetically and impartially. They had such a ranger at Port Albert. Mr McKenzie mentioned the power for landowners over a certain distance from a pound to impound cattle ou their farms, but Mr Blair gave some examples of the power in operation which showed the suggested cure

FENCE ON ROAD.

consideration deferred.

might be a worse disease. Further

Mr T. O. Jenkins complained that encroachment of a fence on the road reserve by W. L. Sandarson's upper panels added to the difficulty of the road. The Chairman said he would see if any action required to be taken. Left to the Chairman on Mr McKenzie's motion.

CUSTODY OF DREDS. Mr W. B. Farrand asked if the Council would take the custody of deeds relating to the Arai Church and Library Trust. Mr Ross moved "That provided the Trustees are willing the Council has no objection to taking charge of the deeds," seconded by Mr

McKenzie and carried. COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The Counties Association asked for a return of accident insurance previums paid, and the number and amounts of claims settled. On the motion Shepherd it was agreed to supply the particulars.

WHO SHALL PAY,

Mr Wyatt moved "That a stous wall be built to repair the damage done to the road by the slip at the Leigh quarry, and that the bridge rail be renewed and extended, the cost to be charged to the stone crusher account." Mr Todd seconded the motion pro forma. He thought the charge should be a riding one. The Chairman moved as an amendment That the Engineer be instructed to take such action to repair the damage

as is necessary, the liability of payment

to be fixed next meeting," seconded

by Mr Blair and carried. ENGINEER'S REPORT. The Engineer's report summarised was to the effect that plans and speci-

fications had been prepared for work in connection with six different grants. Various formation and metalling works had to be stopped. Estimates for the proposed Omaĥa loan would be proceeded with. Repairs to the top wharf at Big Omaha had been well done. The Sandspit wharf was receiving attention and thereafter the bridge builders would proceed to repair the Hoteo bridge. It was expected to proceed with the building of the concrete culvert by Kings on the Warkworth-Puhoi road next week. The report was received on the motion of Mr Wyatt. A list of instructions was was a just one. The clerk explained drawn for the Engineer's attention during the coming month.

MAIL SERVICE. Mr Ross moved "That as an express train now runs north on Tuesdays and Thursdays at midday the Chief Postmaster be written to requesting that the mails for Rodney be sent by those trains as the mails would then be delivered in daylight," seconded by Mr Todd and carried.

LEIGH CEMETERY.

Mr Wyatt said the Leigh people were agreeable to the vesting of their cemetery to local trustees. The Chairman replied that the Council would be willing for a local committee to supervise the cemetery, but as the Council had the advantage of continuity of existence, it would be better to continue to act as the legal Trustees. Mr Todd agreed. Matakana cemetery trustees had passed away, and no one was re-sponsible. Mr Wyatt expressed his willingness to again discuss the Council's suggestion with the Leigh people.

NEXT MEETING. The next meeting was fixed for July

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