

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN & MERCANTILE AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED. LIST OF NORTHERN COUNTRY SALES FOR MARCH, 1914.

KAIHU, Saturday, 21. 100 Mixed Cattle, 120 Mixed Calves, 25 choice picked Dairy Heifers, Holstein-Shorthorn cross Springers, Horses.

ARAOHUE, Wednesday, 25. 220 Fat and Store Cattle, 50 Calves, 10 Springers. PAPAHOA, Thursday, 26. 85 head Mixed Cattle.

MAUNGATUROTO, Friday, 27. 90 Fat and Store Cattle, including springers. KAIWAKA, Saturday, 28. 60 head Mixed Cattle.

SALES FOR APRIL. WARKWORTH, Wednesday, 1. 160 Mixed Cattle, 12 Springers. ENTRIES SOLICITED.

Consignment Trust Account, and Account Sales rendered with the utmost promptitude. Clearing Sales can be arranged for as required.

FRANK BODLE, Manager. A. G. RIKYS, Auctioneer and General Representative North Auckland District.

CHARLES CONRADI, Representative at Warkworth. Alfred Buckland and Sons. WELLSFORD YARDS.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1914. WE will hold our monthly sale as above and will offer—Sheep, Cattle, Horses, Pigs, etc.

ENTRIES SOLICITED. DENTIST.—E. Gresham may be consulted at Mr Cadman's Pharmacy, Warkworth, every Friday Sale Day.

Rodney County. APPLICATIONS are invited for the position of Clerk and Treasurer to the Rodney County Council, Warkworth.

G. W. THOMSON, Chairman. February 24th, 1914. J. H. HUDSON, Hoteo, Jersey Grades or Yorkshire Pigs.

FRANKLIN STILL SLAUGHTERING GOODS. COME along and secure some of Franklin's Bargains in Drapery, Fancy Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, etc.

WARKWORTH MAILS TIME TABLE. Auckland, Streamlands, Kaipara Flats, Helensville, per Coach, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 8.5 a.m.

CHURCH SERVICES. ANGLICAN CHURCH. Warkworth 10.30 a.m. H.C. Warkworth 7 p.m. Matakana 2.30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. St. Columbas 11 a.m. Mr R. McDonald. St. Columbas 7 p.m. Mr R. McDonald.

METHODIST CHURCH. Warkworth 11 a.m. Mr Civil. Dome Valley 7 p.m. Mr Cowan.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST. Dome Valley 11 a.m. Mr A. Grimmer. Warkworth 11 a.m. Mr Oram.

THE Rodney and Otamatea Times. PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY. Terms of Subscription—Ten Shillings per annum if booked.

LIGHTS NEEDED. Pending an electric light installation, which must come at some time or other—and at no late date, if the experiences of other towns may be accepted as a guide—a few lamps should be set up in our thoroughfares.

Nothing very costly is looked for, but the residents could very well be treated to a little illumination, so that they might go forth at night without risk of falling by the way.

Much smaller places than our town have had street lamps for twenty years or more. The town stamps itself as dead in the eyes of visitors—of whom there have been quite a number recently, in connection with the Masonic installation, and on private business—without street lamps. It is true that there are some residents who say they do not care how it strikes visitors; but there are others with grey matter enough to know that if more people are induced to come and reside here, and work the land in the vicinity, the better it will be for all.

For one thing, property values would be strengthened. That fact should influence those who can only weigh civic matters in personal pocket scales. The broad-minded will realize that a larger population means more of the advantages of civilization available to this community.

Anyhow, it is indisputable that the town badly needs some street lamps—pending the installation of an electric-lighting system. A deputation to the Town Board would get them. A local body has to have some intimation of the desire of ratepayers, either per medium of deputations or of elections.

ACCIDENT AT WHANGATEAU. As Mr Laurence Whitaker was riding along the road on Tuesday last, mustering sheep for dipping, he met with a very serious accident. He had just passed Darroch's shipyard when his horse fell, rolled on him, and broke his right leg just below the knee.

Now that the winter is coming on it is well to provide for a large supply of good reading in the home. The "Times" Stationery and Novelty Bazaar is prepared to supply any magazine. Orders must be paid for one year in advance. Select your magazines and send us your order.

Auckland Farmers' Union Ltd. STOCK AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS. Wool, Hides, Skins, and Tallow Salesmen, Land, Finance and Commission Agents.

WARKWORTH, Friday, 20. Sheep and Cattle Sale. 2000 Sheep including—500 lambs.

On account P. H. Greenwood—7 Choice Dairy Cows to calve in April. 20 Pure-bred 2-tooth Romney Rams on account Joel Grant and Sons, if not previously sold.

On account Mr W. Smith—1 Horse, 6 years old, broken to all harness, 1 good Pony. On account of Mr T. Hoult—200 Fat Sheep, 200 Store Lambs, 50 Forward 3-year-old Bullocks, 1 good Hack, broken to all harness, 1 good child's Pony.

PUHOI, Saturday, 21. SILVERDALE, Monday, 23. WAIPU, Tuesday, 24.

NOTE.—Vendors of sheep at our Fairs will please note that all sheep must be dipped and branded before being offered for sale.

A. R. CRANE, Manager. L. W. NELSON, Auctioneer. E. S. GARRAN, Stock Agent at Warkworth.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the Kaipara Flats Sports which were to have been held on the 17th inst. have been postponed until Thursday, 26th March.

THE OPENING OF THE McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church AT KAIPARA FLATS. Will take place on Tuesday, March 24th, At 7.30 p.m.

Collection in aid of Building Fund. Refreshments Provided. Fruitgrowers' Meeting.

ADJOURNED TO FRIDAY NEXT, MARCH 20, 7.30 p.m., at the Library, Warkworth. A Fruitgrowers' Association is to be formed to safeguard the interests of the industry.

J. MORRISON, Chairman. T. W. ATTWOOD, Secretary. Bank of New Zealand. Warkworth Receiving Agency.

A WEEKLY RECEIVING Agency was opened on Thursday, 12th March, and, subject to alteration, will be open as under:—Friday, 20th March, from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, 27th March, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL. The Presbyterian Church at Kaipara Flats is to be opened on March 24.

Motor-cars are now becoming quite common on our roads. Perhaps the Automobile Association would agree to contribute a little to the upkeep!

Mr Marshall, clerk of works of the bridge and culverts within the Warkworth Town area, is leaving this week-end, all the concrete work having been completed.

Mr J. P. Horner, who was formerly in business here as a saddler, has returned and recommenced. There could be no better endorsement of the prospects of the town.

The North Auckland Court has been awarded the £100 just offered in connection with the Exhibition. It scored twice as many points as the other district Court—Southland.

The rain on Monday was very welcome all over the district, and no more so than in Warkworth. People who have to depend upon tanks for their water supply cannot stand prolonged periods of dry weather, and many were carting water.

Mr J. Buchanan, superintendent of new business for the A.M.P., whose advent into the district driving a pair of handsome chestnut ponies was remarked upon, reports that the drive from Auckland is quite comfortable. The road is not very bad in any part.

The attached paragraph, from the Helensville "Advertiser," may suggest something to the residents of this part of the Dominion:—"The water and drainage scheme is now practically finished except for the installing of house connections. A little more has to be done to supply Mill street, and an extension along Awaroa road has also been added to the original scheme."

Territorials may not all know that the camp at Hautapu is compulsory. May 1 to May 9 is the period of residence in that salubrious locality, at which work of the highest value is to be undertaken. Applications for leave in respect of this camp will not be considered after April 9, and any before that date will require exceptional circumstances at back of them to secure what is desired.

Members of the Warkworth Road Board chatted informally on Friday about the Town Board's new departure in respect to a roller. It was generally considered a good move—that a heavy roller is, in fact, indispensable—but it was believed that a better investment would have been one that could be lightened as required. "It is a pity that a steam roller could not be afforded," remarked one member.

The farmer locusts have nowadays. It is reported that "in connection with the rural workers' strike in New South Wales, a body of unionists raided a farm at Wagga Wagga, and compelled a number of non-unionists to leave work. They then marched to the town. A strong force of farmers was enrolled and visited the unionists' camp. They rescued the captives, and escorted them back to work."

"Warkworth should undoubtedly have railway communication," said a visitor to town at the week-end. "It is a slow and expensive job going and coming by rail as things are. Why, do you know, I can travel from Ahuroa to Cambridge as cheaply as you can travel from Warkworth to Auckland, taking into account that you have to buy your dinner on the road." The necessity for railway connection should not be lost sight of.

A meeting of the Mahurangi Tent of Rechabites was held in the Druids Hall on Thursday last. Bro R. Clementson explained the situation re Medical Officer. Arrangements were made for a social programme for the winter season. Before closing J. R. W. Civil presented Bro. R. Clementson with a Past Chief Eulers' collar, as an appreciation of past services rendered to the Tent. A pleasant evening is promised for April 9th.

Mr Fred Civil, notwithstanding that he is busy with an important road work, has made a businesslike beginning with the Library. The foundations are in, and the necessary woodwork to receive the concrete walls is in position.

Some critical visitors from other parts of the district consider that the new bridge is not wide enough. It is further contended that the footpath will be damaged at quite an early date by cart-wheels grinding against it. The fact that the path has a slope away from the roadway may prevent this to some extent. Some think it might have been better if the footway had been hung over the side of the bridge proper, as it were, instead of being almost a portion of the roadway. But no public work ever pleased everybody.

"I beg to propose that we do now adjourn for a surf bath," said the best man at a wedding festivity at New Brighton Victoria, the other day. The bridegroom was a surfer, his bride was a surfer, so were the best man, bridesmaids and a large number of the wedding guests. The proposal was unanimously seconded and carried. There was a plentiful supply of bathing suits of the most fetching variety, and the whole gathering arrayed itself for dips, and went in a body to the briny. It was a new departure but it was voted one of the best.

That useful institution, the Waitamata Fruitgrowers' Co-operative Society, Ltd—which, by-the-way, might very well expand its title—announces that there will be shipments of fruit to South America as follows:—Per Rangitira, leaving Wellington March 26; Kaikoura, April 9; Athenic, April 23; Remuera, May 7; Corinthia, May 21; Ruahine, June 4. Export fruit must reach Auckland 4 clear days before date of departure from N.Z., so as to allow time for branding, examination and journey to Wellington. The price is 7s per case F. O. B. Wellington, less freight and incidental charges, and a 2s commission to the Society. There will be a shipment to Canada by the Niagara, leaving April 10.

A Masterton Territorial who has consistently refused to conform to the clauses of the Defence Act will be escorted to Wellington to undergo twenty-eight days' military detention (reports the Carterton "Daily News"). The young man in question is a purely conscientious objector to compulsory military training, which he does not believe in. He has stated that, should his services be demanded to fight for his country, he would be the first to offer himself, but he objects to compulsion. He gives no trouble to the authorities, and when called upon, presents himself at the railway station to be taken to Wellington to pay his penalty. The young man fails to explain how he could defend his country without being trained for the duty.

MATAKANA MEMS. (Own Correspondent) Mr Williamson's approaching departure to Victoria, consequent on the sale of his farm to Messrs Jones, is very generally regretted. Entertaining and public-spirited residents of Mr Williamson's calibre can ill be spared to any district. Arrangements to farewell him on 27th inst. are in hand, and he carries with him a unanimous wish for the complete success of his intended project.

A very successful basket school, held on Friday week, netted approximately £10 for the tennis club, whose thanks are due to Mr Ev. Carran for his gratuitous services as auctioneer. Several sections in the once neglected Omaha flat having been recently sold at enhanced prices would indicate that the immense possibilities of this part of our district are becoming recognised, the work done by Messrs Katavich and Rudosoff on their properties has clearly demonstrated the first class quality of the soil, and the heavy returns of the crops planted have been in the nature of a surprise to the settlers generally.

Thanks to the enterprise of one in particular of our community, our mails at present are quite satisfactory, the alteration of the overland mail from Thursday to Friday giving us a regular and evenly distributed tri-weekly service; and it is therefore with some-what stormy and general indignation that we hear of a movement to return the present Friday mail to Thursday. Our hope is that if the protest from other affected districts is as vigorous as it is locally, the movement will prove abortive.

WARKWORTH ROAD BOARD. A meeting of the Warkworth Road Board was held on Friday evening. There were present—Messrs E. Morrison (Chairman), J. G. Powdrill, H. J. Cave, T. P. Edwards, and P. F. Russell.

Ward Balances.—The Clerk reported the Ward balances as follows:—North Ward, £54 15s 6d; West Ward, £29 0s 10d; East Ward, £8 3s 11d. Outstanding Rates.—The Clerk also reported the amount of outstanding rates, and was authorised to take the usual steps.

Mahurangi Domain Rifle Range.—It was reported that there had been no reply to the letter sent to the officer in charge, agreeing to extend the lease to 10 years.

Trout.—This matter is dealt with elsewhere in this issue. Accounts were passed for payment.

PREMIER AND WARKWORTH. GENERAL APPROVAL OF THE TOWN BOARD'S ACTION. "I think it a first-rate idea," said a well-known townsman, in the course of a chat with a "Times" man. "For too long has this district been content to allow the others to absorb the limelight. No, we don't want limelight for ourselves individually; but anyone with any commercial instinct whatever must know that every kind of advertising is good. Some kinds are better than others, but all are good.

"And we need advertising," he continued. "It is highly necessary that we should let people in other parts know the capabilities of our fine district. Its climate is not excelled anywhere. We have more sunshine here than almost any other part of New Zealand. Certainly we have more than much-boomed Nelson, and I doubt whether Napier has any more.

"As to soil, even if not actually inviting in appearance, there is evidence all round us, as the "Times" has so justifiably pointed out, that it can do all that any other soil can do. And it is dead cheap, compared with land in other districts.

"Now the visit of the Premier will help to make these essential facts known outside. He will be accompanied by Press representatives, each of whom will write an article on the district—am I not right?"

"Right, or nearly right." "And that may lead to the picture papers later on sending special photographers. My word, if they took pictures of some of our pear-trees it would stagger the Nelson and Hawke's Bay orchardists, who have paid enormous sums for their land. Yes, it will be a fine thing to have the Premier here. And now that we have started, there is no earthly reason that I can see that we should not have a Cabinet Minister visit the district once a year.

"What is Mander doing that he does not attend to a little thing like this?" "Ask me another. How would a visit by a party of Parliamentarians answer?"

"It would no doubt be useful, but too costly. They would expect too much champagne. No, the Premier will do, to start with; followed by the Leader of the Opposition, who may be Premier again at any time; and then a Cabinet Minister once a year."

Other townspeople spoken to expressed themselves as well pleased that the prospect of a visit had been mooted, although some expressed doubts as to whether it could be arranged.

A COUNTY VIEW. A farmer residing out back said he hoped Mr Massey would be invited to complete his experience by coming again in the winter, and taking long drives through the County.

"If that could be arranged," said the farmer, "there would be a good chance of special assistance for roads. Anyhow, I approve the suggestion of the "Times" that representations should be made to the Premier, with all possible force, as to district needs. I also approve of that other suggestion that there should be a Rodney County Progress Association, and regret that it is not in existence at the present time.

"However, we'll go forward presently, if we can only get a few people imbued with the right spirit. To get the head of the Government to come here—or even to try to—is evidence of an awakening of the right spirit, and I hope all residents throughout the district will sit up and take notice, for all are concerned, and all may be benefited."

THE PREMIER'S MOVEMENTS. Warkworth's hope is to catch the Premier either going to Whangarei or returning. Mr Massey has two engagements in the North. He opens the railway to Kaikohe, Bay of Plenty County, and turns the first sod of the Whangarei Main Trunk connecting line. These functions will probably take place during the first week after Easter, and Mr Massey will come down through Waipu and Maungaturoto to Kaiwaka. If he decides to come here he will presumably leave the train at Kaipara Flats station.

A SOFT SPOT FOR RODNEY COUNTY. The Premier should have a soft spot for Rodney County, for this was portion of the first district he represented in Parliament. There are men here who remember fighting strenuously for Mr Massey, when he was a very raw candidate. The electorate was then known as the Waitamata. It will no doubt please him to return to the scene of his first successful campaign, and, in chat with residents of the County, fight over the old political battles once more.

If you are not already a subscriber, order the "Times" now for regular delivery. Eight shillings per year, payable in advance, (a concession of 2s); 10s per year if booked. "Progress" is the watchword of the "Times." Join in the forward movement. Help in the development and closer settlement of the district and thereby confer benefit upon yourself.

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