



The Northern Steamship Co. Ltd.

Time-Table for November.

S.S. Hauiti.

FOR OREWA, WAIWERA, MAHURANGI, AND WARKWORTH.

Leaves Auckland: Leaves Warkworth:

*Wed. 1st, 5 p.m.	Thursday 2nd, 11 a.m.
Fri 3rd 7.30 a.m.	Fri. 3rd, noon
Mon 6th, 10 a.m.	Tues 7th, 4 p.m.
Wed 8th, noon	Thurs 9th, 6 a.m.
*Thurs 9th midnight	Fri 10th, 6 p.m.
Monday 13th, 3 p.m.	Tuesday 14th 9.30 a.m.
Wed 15th, 7.30 a.m.	Thurs 16th, 10.30 a.m.
*Fri 17th, 7.30 a.m.	Fri 17th, 11 p.m.
Mon 20th, 9 a.m.	Tues 21st, 2.30 p.m.
Wed 22nd 11 a.m.	Thurs 23rd, 4 a.m.
Sat 25th, noon	Mon 27th, 6 a.m.
Mon 27th, 4.30 p.m.	Tues. 28th, 9 a.m.
Wed 29th, 7.20 a.m.	Thursday 30th, 10 a.m.

DECEMBER.

*Friday 1st, 7.15 a.m.	Sat. 2nd, 11 a.m.
Mon. 4th, 9 a.m.	Tues. 5th 2 p.m.
Wed. 6th, 11 a.m.	Thurs. 7th, 5 a.m.
*S.S. Daphne. Sale Trips.	
S.S. Kawan.	

FOR KAWAU, LEIGH, PAKIRI AND MANGAWAI.

Leaves Auckland: Leaves Mangawai:

Fri 3rd, 4 p.m.	Sat 4th, 1.15 a.m.
Mon 6th 6 p.m.	Tues 7th, 4 p.m.
Fri 10th, 10.30 a.m.	Sat 11th, 7 a.m.
Mon 13th, 1 p.m.	Tues 14th, 9.15 a.m.
Fri 17th, 3 p.m.	Sat 18th, 12.15 p.m.
Mon 20th, 5 p.m.	Tues 21st, 2.30 p.m.
Fri 24th, 9.30 a.m.	Sat 25th, 6 a.m.
Mon 27th, 11.30 a.m.	Tues. 28th, 8.15 a.m.

FOR LITTLE AND BIG OMAHA KAWAU ISLAND, TE Pt. AND TAKATU.

Leaves Auckland: Leaves Otamatea:

Wed 1st, 11 a.m.	Thurs 2nd, T.W. 11.30 p.m.
Wed 8th, 10 a.m.	Thurs 2nd L.W. 1 p.m.
Wed 15th, 11 a.m.	Thurs 9th, T.W. 6 a.m.
Wed 22nd, 9 a.m.	Thurs 9th L.W. 7.30 a.m.
Wed 29th 11 a.m.	Thurs 16th, T.W. 11 a.m.
	Thurs 16 L.W. 12.30 p.m.
	Wed 22nd T.W. 8.45 p.m.
	Wed 22nd, L.W. 5.15 p.m.
	Thurs 30th, T.W. 11.45 a.m.

S.S. Kotiti.

FOR MATAKANA AND MULLET POINT

Leaves Auckland:	Leaves Matakana:
Mon 6th, 8.30 a.m.	Tues 7th, 3 p.m.
Mon 13th, 1 p.m.	Tues 14th, 8 a.m.
Mon 20th, 7.30 a.m.	Tues 21st, 1 p.m.
Mon 27th noon	Tues 28th, 7 a.m.
Thurs 30th, 3.30 p.m.	Thurs 30th, 10.30 p.m.

PUHOI.

Leaves Auckland:	Leaves Puhoi:
*Wed 8th, 11 a.m.	Thurs 9th, 4.30 a.m.
Wed 15th, 6 a.m.	Thurs 16th, 9.30 a.m.
*Wed 22nd, 10 a.m.	*Fri 17th, 10.30 a.m.
Wed 29th, 3.30 p.m.	Thurs 23rd, 3.30 p.m.
+ Via Tiri.	Thurs 30th, 9 a.m.
	*2nd wool trip if required.

CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, DEC. 3.

ANGLICAN CHURCH.

Warkworth, 11 a.m.
Warkworth 7 p.m.
Matakana, 7.30 p.m.
Dacres' Claim 11 a.m.
Leigh 8 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.
Pakiri 3 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

St. Columba's 11 a.m. Rev Mitchell
St. Columba's 7 p.m. "
Matakana 2.30 p.m. "

METHODIST CHURCH.

Warkworth 11 a.m. Southern
7 p.m. "
Dome Valley 11 a.m. "Civil
Mullet Point 2.30 p.m. Southern s.
Tawharenu 11 a.m. Moore
Big Omaha 2.30 "

CHURCHES OF CHRIST.

Dome Valley 11 a.m. T. Greenwood
Wellsford 11 a.m. Vickery
Port Albert 10.30 a.m. Latimer
Hoton North 10.30 a.m. C. Shepherd
Nth. Albertland 10.30 p.m. Powell
Te Arai 2.30 a.m. J. Yates
Mangawai 7 p.m. Page
Tara 11 a.m. "

CONCERT & DANCE

in aid of

The Puhoi Church Funds,

will be held on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 1916.

in the

PUHOI HALL.

Admission:—Ladies, 1/6.

Gents., 2/-.

Wire Netting For Sale.

A QUANTITY of Wire Netting suitable for Poultry Run for sale. Apply first instance.

"TIMES" OFFICE.

DEATH.

KILLED IN ACTION on November 7th, 1916, in France, Walter Hughes, dearly beloved fourth son of A. and H. Hughes, of Kaipara Flats; age 20 year. Deeply regretted.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, '16

RODNEY COUNTY COUNCIL.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual meeting of the Rodney County Council was held on Wednesday last, immediately preceding the ordinary one. All the members were present.

Mr G. W. Thomson was re-elected Chairman, on the motion of Mr Shepherd seconded by Mr Schollum. The motion was carried by acclamation. The Chairman said this was his sixth year of office, and he much appreciated the honor of re-election. The Councillors had worked as true men right through, and it was therefore very agreeable to fill the chair under those conditions. He would conduct the business to the best of his ability in the interests of the County as a whole. (Applause.)

The Finance Committee and Cheque-Signing Committee were re-elected. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Finance Committee. The members thereof had to attend before other members, and their duties were arduous and onerous. Mr Shepherd, Chairman of the Finance Committee, acknowledged the compliment.

ORDINARY MEETING.

The ordinary meeting was held a little later, all the members being present as before.

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee (Mr J. A. Shepherd Chairman) reported that the vouchers, &c., had been examined, and accounts amounting to £431-17-9 passed for payment, £14 being for main roads.

The Treasurer stated that the balance sheet had been returned from the Audit Office free of tags.

Councillors expressed their approval. The Treasurer mentioned that the receipts for the year totalled £9709 and the expenditure £9841. The percentage of administration expense to the expenditure was slightly under 10 per cent.

The Chairman: That is very satisfactory.

Councillors: Hear, hear.

MATAKANA EAST DEMANDS JUSTICE.

Mr Melville attended as a deputation from the Matakana East Road Board, and asked the Council to reconsider its decision on the application made by the previous deputation, as to rates. Matakana East only asked for its rights—for justice. Councillors either failed to realise their obligations or were taking advantage of the conditions created by the merging of Matakana West. It might eventually come to Matakana East merging, but meantime they wanted fair treatment. It was not a fair thing to endeavor to press Matakana East Road Board out of existence. The Chairman of the County had always been in favor of wiping out the Road Boards, but the Board considered that pending, that wiping out or merging, it was entitled to a just portion of the rates collected by the Council in the area affected. He would like to hear what Councillors had to say in defence.

The Chairman: We consider these

things in committee. We haven't time to defend our actions on Council day. (Laughter.)

Mr Melville pressed for consideration.

Mr Campbell said Mr Melville expected the subsidy, but there was no subsidy now.

The Chairman: If that main road down the peninsula were declared a County road, and maintained by the County, would not that remove your difficulty?

Mr Melville said it might, but that was in the future.

Mr Matheson: You would be satisfied if the Board got a fair portion of the rates back?

Mr Melville: Yes. He answered a number of questions as to the total revenue of the Board, cost of administration, the rates struck over a lengthy period, &c; then thanked Councillors and retired, in order that the matter might be considered in committee.

Eventually it was decided to adhere to the resolution previously passed, and also to declare the road to Jones' Point a County road. [McKenzie-Walker.]

THE OLD ENGINEER AND THE NEW.

Mr Shannon's resignation as Engineer of Rodney County was accepted with regret.

Applications for the vacant post were carefully considered, and finally it was given to Mr George Sutherland, of Kirikiria, for whom—the applications having been reduced to five, then three, then two—there was a unanimous vote.

He will commence duty at the beginning of the year.

ROAD THROUGH HOULT'S.

Mr T. Hoult wrote in reference to recent representations to the Council in regard to the road through his property at Pakiri. He said Mr Brown, the previous owner, told him that the gates could not be removed for fifteen years. He would improve gates as soon as the weather cleared. Consideration was deferred for further inquiry.

A SOLDIER'S RATES.

On the representation of Mrs Burtenshaw, of Auckland, the rates on Private White's property were remitted for one year. It was stated that the section was quite unimproved. It is situated in Otamatea, within the area of Rodney County.

LOCAL BODIES' LABORERS' UNION.

Mr Cawkwell, secretary to the Counties' Executive, wrote stating that Rodney County's share of the expense of the recent contest in the Arbitration Court was £3/5/3. The amount was ordered to be paid.

NO CHANCE FOR THE CHILDREN.

Mr George Melrose wrote asking if the Council would make any sort of a road to his section. He was making a home for his children, but they could not go to school through a trackless waste. It appeared from the discussion that the property is situated on the boundary of Otamatea, and no short length of road would lead to any centre, or prospective centre. Further inquiry will be made.

PERMISSION TO ERECT STORE.

The Marine Dept. reported that Mr T. H. Walden had applied for permission to erect a store on the foreshore near the top wharf in Whangateau. The Council's opinion was asked. The matter was referred to the Riding member and Engineer to inquire and report.

MR JOHN W. THOMSON'S LAND.

Mr John W. Thomson wrote refusing £2/10/- for the triangular piece of his land at Kaipara Flats. He would accept £5 for the land, the Council to erect a fence—also a gate where required—maintain same for 20 years, and cut all noxious weeds on the piece for a like period. The writer concluded: "If the Council are not prepared to accept these terms, and wish to continue their skinflint policy, then by all means take it under the Public Works Act."

The transaction being a small one, it was considered best to accept Mr Thomson's terms, and a resolution to that effect was carried accordingly, (Matheson—Lawrie.)

A WATER FRONTAGE.

Mr Wm. M. Powley, Matakana Lower, wrote, stating that he had no intention of parting with his waterfront at the price offered. He adhered to the terms mentioned to the Engineer.

The Council resolved to proceed further.

DOG COLLARS.

Seven tenders were received for the supply of dog collars. There were two at 6d—one from a Southern firm and the other from a local man. It was decided to give the local man (Mr Titford, Puhoi) the contract.

THE CLERK'S SALARY.

The Chairman moved that the Clerk receive the war bonus, like other Council employees. At present his salary contrasted unfavorably with that of laborers, and the proposed increase was therefore well justified. He was a most capable officer.

Mr Schollum considered that instead of the war bonus, which would mean an increase of £15 for the period of the War, the Council should agree to an increase in the salary of £25 per annum, which would be a permanent thing. He moved accordingly.

Mr Hooper seconded.

The motion was carried unanimously.

MAIN ROADS AND ALLOCATIONS GENERALLY.

There was considerable discussion on the proposed allocations for the ensuing year. The main contention was an old one, that main road expenditure robbed the Ridings, and the law making main roads a first consideration was condemned by several.

Mr Lawrie, member for Mahurangi, pointed out that it would be very unjust, on the other hand, if Mahurangi had only its own rates to expend on fifteen miles of main roads which were used as much by people of other parts of the County as by residents of Mahurangi. There were five miles of Puhoi road, five miles of Kaipara Flats, and five miles of Matakana road, included within the Mahurangi Riding—about three times as much main road as other Ridings had.

The Chairman found the new system.

Messrs Schollum, Matheson, McKenzie, Shepherd, Walker, and Hooper discussed the subject, and made it clear that funds available were not nearly sufficient for all the work needed. Mr Matheson said some ratepayers in his district resented the expenditure of their rates on pieces of road in some instances far distant from them, and that they might never see.

The Chairman deprecated the Road Board view on the subject, and appealed for the wider County view.

Eventually the allocations were passed, and will appear in next issue.

MATAKANA LOAN.

It was resolved that the balance of Matakana Loan be taken up. [Campbell-Walker.]

NEW WORK.

The Engineer was authorized to spend £20 in grading Ross' Road from Wilson's bridge back towards the Auckland Road. [Lawrie-Matheson.]

It was resolved that tenders be called for carting metal from Sugar Loaf, Matakana, to different centres; also for a grader.

TREES AND SCRUB ON ROADS.

Mr Shepherd gave notice to move—That the Council take steps to get property owners to clear their frontages on County roads; also to trim the pine and other trees on the edge of roads.

NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting was fixed for Tuesday, Dec. 19th.

COLLAPSE OF BIG OMAHA TOP WHARF.

Bills for £26/17/4 (Mr T. H. Walden) and £12/10/6 (Mr Frank W. Grigg) were received in respect of goods damaged by the collapse of the floor of the store at Big Omaha top wharf. The Engineer stated that he understood that the shed was constructed under permission from the Matakana West Road Board. The shed was not on the wharf, but tacked on to the side. The Council had control of the wharf, acting as the local Harbor Board.

It was decided to take legal advice, to ascertain whether the Council could be held responsible for loss on goods damaged through being placed in the shed.

Everybody sells Sharland's Magnesia.