

No tenders having been received for breaking metal at Simpson's quarry it was decided to extend the time for two weeks.

The librarian, Mr H. B. Moore, presented his annual report, particulars of which appeared in our issue of last week.

It was decided to approach Mr Murdoch, M.P., when next in Warkworth in regard to a Government subsidy for work on Tutt's Hill, etc.

A letter was received from Mr Murdoch covering a reply from the Minister of Public Works re subsidy for access road to Warkworth Hospital, regretting that no money was available this year, but stating that favourable consideration would be given to an application for £1 for £1 subsidy next year.

Accounts as presented by the Treasurer, amounting to £253 7s 8d were passed for payment.

At the conclusion of the ordinary meeting a special meeting was held to fix the day on which shops and offices should close for the weekly half-holiday. Saturday was again fixed as the day.

WEDDING BELLS.

The marriage took place at the Baptist Tabernacle, Auckland, on Thursday afternoon, December 27th, of Miss Rena Muriel Wilson, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Wilson, of Glenmore, to Mr Oswald Montgomery, of Warkworth, late of Auckland. The bride, who entered the church on the arm of her father, wore a draped frock of ivory satin and radium lace, the drapery held in place by a large spray of orange blossoms. Her train, which fell from the waist, was lined with pale pink satin, beaded with pearls. She wore a sequin and pearl coronet and a tulle veil, and carried a sheath of gilded arum lilies. The bridesmaids were Miss Mæ Wilson, sister of the bride, and Miss Eileen Montgomery, sister of the bridegroom, who wore Victorian frocks of mauve and apricot shot taffeta, with cascades of rainbow tulle. Their hats were of grey georgette, in the poke fashion. Little Betty Wilson, cousin of bride, acted as train bearer, wearing a frock of blue crepe de-chine and lemon poke bonnet. They all carried Victorian posies, with rainbow streamers. The best man was Mr Louis Ott, and Mr Walter Ross acted as groomsmen.

The church was prettily decorated by the girl friends of the bride.

RODNEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the Library last week when various details in connection with the forthcoming show were discussed.

Only one tender for catering on Show Day was received, it being from Mesdames Burke and Warin, who ran the lunch and tea rooms last year. This tender was accepted subject to decision of the ladies' committee.

Arrangements are well in hand for the concert on Show night. The programme will consist mostly of local performers, assisted by one or two friends from Auckland.

The secretary was instructed to obtain the required amount of ribbons, tickets of various kinds, etc., in good time.

Schedules are now to hand and have been distributed. Copies may be obtained from the Farmers' Co-op., or from the secretary, Mr Moore, at the library.

A young man who went to the Post Office Savings Bank at Wellington a few days ago and proceeded to use his own fountain pen to fill in a deposit form absent-mindedly placed his pen in the ordinary rack and walked away. When he became aware of his loss some ten minutes later he hurried back to the Post Office, little doubting that he had lost sight of the pen for good. But to his joy, there, where he had filled in his form, was a lady writing out another form with his pen. The lady expressed surprise that the pen should have been private property. "I thought it was the property of the Post Office," she smilingly informed the claimant.

WHANGATEAU.

VALEDICTORY.

A very enjoyable social was held in the hall on December 27th to publicly farewell Mr and Mrs Archie Dunning, junr., who are leaving the district. The hall was crowded with friends from far and near to show their esteem for the departing guests. Mr Schollum's orchestra supplied the music for the dances, and Mrs Evans and Mr Rashier contributed several songs which were much appreciated. Mr Whitaker, in an eulogistic speech, voiced the regret felt by everyone that Mr and Mrs Dunning were leaving and that they would be very much missed, and on behalf of many friends begged their acceptance of a suit case. Mr Thomlinson, on behalf of Matakana cricketers, expressed regret that Mr Dunning was leaving—that it was not only a loss to the Omaha Club, but also to the Rodney Cricket Association. The ladies provided a very sumptuous supper. The next day a clearing sale was held at their residence, and the following day they left for Auckland as Mr Dunning is entering the service of the Northern S.S. Company.

SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL SPORTS.

The annual New Year sports were held in the Domain under ideal weather conditions. The attendance was larger than usual, many coming from surrounding districts. About 500 adults paid for admission to the ground, besides several hundred children admitted free. The different events were well contested, the chief interest being in the two chopping competitions. Mr Walden supplied refreshments in the hall, and many picnic parties lunched under shady trees. A Maori band from the Great Barrier discoursed sweet music during the day and for the dances in the evening, the hall being crowded. Mr Rashier and two young Maoris rendered several songs, and five Maori maidens danced a poi dance.

IDEAL CAMPING GROUNDS.

This district, with its expansive harbour, has become a popular holiday resort. For scenic beauty of land and sea-scapes and bush scenery it would be hard to equal, while for bathing, boating and fishing it has many advantages. The beautifully-situated Domain, which can be approached by road or water is an ideal spot for all athletic sports. Many visitors from Auckland are staying here this summer. Thirty guide girls in charge of Miss Burgin are encamped in one of the bays. Mr Birss, who comes down every year with some of St. Matthew's choir boys are encamped at Ti Point, and a large party from Auckland have been occupying Mr Walden's beautiful residence, while most of the settlers have friends staying with them. On fine Sundays motors and other conveyances from Matakana, Big Omaha and other places bring numbers of passengers to spend a quiet day on the beaches.

PERMANENT ROADS.

AN AMERICAN OPINION.

A striking commentary on the esteem in which concrete roads are held in America was made last month by Mr W. C. Sproul, a member of the United States Senate for twenty-two years, and ex-Governor of Pennsylvania. In an interview with a Press representative he said: "As a result of my experience I have come to the conclusion that macadam roads are of little use in face of the tremendous volume of traffic which main roads are now required to carry. Concrete is the only material which is of any use. We (in Pennsylvania) are making all our roads of concrete, and we find that once the initial cost has been overcome they can be maintained for 150 dollars per mile per year compared with 1200 dollars to 2500 dollars per mile per year under old conditions. In addition to that, the old roads required rebuilding every two or three years, whereas the concrete-surfaced road will stand for a long time."

He also mentioned that Pennsylvania has taken steps to prevent the roads being destroyed by very heavy traffic by limiting the weight of any vehicle to 26,000lb.

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