



The Northern Steamship Co. Ltd.

Time-Table for December.

Time of Sailing, receiving and shipping Cargo subject to weather and other circumstances permitting.)

FOR OREWA, WAIWERA, MAHURANGI AND WARKWORTH.

Leaves Auckland:	Leaves Warkworth:
Fri 3rd, 10 a.m.	Fri 3rd, 5 p.m.
Tues 7th, 1 p.m.	Tues 7th, 7.30 p.m.
Fri 10th, 3 p.m.	Sat 11th, 10.30 a.m.
Tues 14th, 8 a.m.	Tues 14th, 2 p.m.
Fri 17th, 10 a.m.	Fri 17th, 5 p.m.

S.S. Kawanui

FOR KAWAU, LEIGH AND MANGAWAI.

Leaves Auckland:	Leaves Mangawai:
Mon 6th, 10 a.m.	Tues 7th, 8 a.m.
Mon 13th, 3 p.m.	Tues 14th, 1.30 p.m.

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

Leaves Auckland:	Leaves Omaha:
Wed 1st, 8.30 a.m.	Wed 1st, T. Wharf, 3.30 p.m.

Wed 8th 11 a.m.	Wed 1st, Leigh, 5 p.m.
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Thurs 9th, T. Wharf, 9.15 a.m.	
Thurs 9th, Leigh, 10.15 a.m.	

Wed 15th, 8 a.m.	Wed 15th, T. Wharf, 3 p.m.
	Wed 15th, Leigh, 4.30 a.m.

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FOR MATAKANA AND MULLET POINT

Leaves Auckland:	Leaves Matakana:
Thurs 2nd, 8.30 a.m.	Fri 3rd, 4 a.m.
Thurs 9th, 2 p.m.	Fri 10th, 10 a.m.
Thurs 16th, 8.30 a.m.	Thurs 16th, 4 p.m.

Church Services.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Leigh, 10.30 a.m. H.C.
Pakiri, 2.30 p.m.
Whangaripo, 7.30 p.m.

(Phone No. 64.)

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

St Columba's 11 a.m. Rev. Ruprecht
Kaipara Flats, 2 p.m. Rev. Ruprecht
St Columba's 7.30 p.m. Rev. Ruprecht
Anniversary Services.

(Phone No. 49.)

METHODIST CHURCH.

Warkworth, 7 p.m. Mr McCorkindale
Dome Valley, 11 a.m. S.S.A. Mr McCorkindale
Dome Valley, 7.30 p.m. S.S.A. Rev. Parsons
Mullet Point 2.30 p.m. Mr McEwan
Pakiri, 11 a.m. Mr Witten
Leigh, 11 a.m. Rev. Parsons
Big Omaha 2.30 p.m. Rev. Parsons

(Phone No. 46.)

W.C.T.U.

The W.C.T.U. annual tea was held in the Methodist Church on Thursday, Dec. 2nd.

Mrs Phillips, the president, gave a sketch of "The Life of Frances Willard," the great woman publicist. The Willard family was of Norman origin and settled in Kent. Some of the descendants became a part of the body of Pilgrim Fathers. One of the family was the founder of Concord City. Another, with his family, lived a gentle cultured life and so Frances, his daughter, grew up natural, unprejudiced, and eager to learn. She made very rapid headway when at last she went to college, and soon became the head of a women's college. Under her guidance the girls led a wider and yet surer life, for she had the power of training girls to be dignified and sincerely religious as well as open and independent. Later she devoted her life to temperance work and the W.C.T.U.—as we know it now—owes its character mainly to her.

Several items—a recitation by little Elsie Dann, a solo by Mrs McNaught, an organ selection by Miss Hamilton, a duet by Mesdames Green and Dann, followed by the usual cup of tea—gave Mrs Phillips some respite. She then resumed her address, sketching briefly the activities of the W.C.T.U., of which the chief are:—Temperance, Peace, Arbitration, League of Nations, Anti-Gambling, Prison Reform, Children's Temperance Legion (the Warkworth branch being ably managed by Miss Macgregor), Parliamentary Work, Purity, Seamen's Hostels, Women's Hostels, Maori Work.

After the president's address came the induction of two new members, Mesdames Ruprecht and Kasper, the election of officers and annual payment of subscriptions.

A resolution was passed expressing regret that the Warkworth Tennis Club has decided to open the courts on Sunday.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8, 1926.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Warkworth Town Board meets tomorrow Thursday afternoon.

The Rodney County Council notify their intention to levy an additional "Bridge Rate" of 3d in the £ for the purpose of providing funds for reconstruction of bridges. A poll will be taken throughout the County on the proposal on Thursday, Jan. 13th, 1927. List of polling booths together with advt. appears in another column.

Programme of sports to be held at Whangateau on Saturday, Jan. 1st, 1927, is published to day.

No reminder is necessary of the School concert this evening. The school staff have had their pupils under tuition in various items in which they are contributing to the programme, and a first class entertainment is promised. The tickets have sold well, and a good house is certain.

There were 95,511 motor cars in New Zealand at the end of September. Of these 8415, or 9 per cent., were British. Wellington leads with 11½ per cent. of British cars. Palmerston North and Napier have 11 per cent. and Wanganui 10 per cent. Christchurch has 9½ per cent. and Auckland is next with the Dominion average of 9 per cent. Thames and Hamilton are strong American markets and they are last on the list with only 2½ per cent. of English cars.

The 70th anniversary of the local Presbyterian Church will be held during next week. On Sunday next there will be special services morning and evening. In the afternoon there will be a distribution of prizes to the children and Mr Milligan, from Leigh, will address the meeting. On Tuesday night, 14th, there will be a social gathering—addresses and musical items and supper.

Mr J. M. Cartwright has now invested in an up-to-date half ton truck to assist his business. If sufficient trade is secured he will visit Matakana on Wednesdays, and Kaipara Flats on Thursdays, carrying a range of fruit, vegetables and soft drinks. Shopping commissions for Auckland undertaken for Tuesdays and Fridays.

When Mlle. Lenglen's contract expires in February next it will be renewed. It is understood that Mr Pyle is planning a tour of Europe, to be followed by a visit to Australia late in 1927.

One day last week the Waharoa butter factory broke its own record for the world's record output, putting through eighteen churns in less than nine hours, producing 47,712lb.

An Auckland picture theatre, which maintains an attendant to keep watch on parked cars, issues tickets to car-owners which are a guarantee against loss by theft or damage. The theatre management accepts liability up to £400.

The monthly meeting of the Rodney County Council will be held on Friday 17th, a week earlier than usual, as the regular meeting day would run too close to Christmas.

Attention is directed to an advt. inserted by authority of the Registrar of the Supreme Court which appears in this issue re sale of property, etc.

Taking a taxi and going to law are two things of which you can never count the cost until you get through.

Tenders close next Monday for contracts No. 137 and 175 called by the Rodney County Council—See advt.

Mr Gordon Wallace, of the Rodney Garage, was involved in a painful accident recently. He had the misfortune to break a small bone in his leg, which necessitated his removal to Auckland for treatment. He has now returned to Warkworth but will be incapacitated for some time. His friends wish him a speedy recovery.

The son (Harry, aged 12 years), of Mr M. H. Crawford, Ahuroa, has just received word he has been successful in obtaining the Senior Bursary of £25, awarded by the Wesley College, Paerata. He is a pupil of the Ahuroa School, and his success is due mainly to the careful tuition of his capable teacher, Mrs Marshall.

Rainfall for November as recorded at Warkworth P.O. totalled 6.15 inches, rain falling on 18 days, the maximum fall being on Nov. 6th when 1.33 inches was recorded. The rainfall for the month of November, 1925, only totalled 2.34 inches.

Mr Cartwright, Warkworth, has a dinghy, etc., for sale.

RODNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

After several adjournments the annual meeting of the Rodney Chamber of Commerce was held in the Warkworth Library on Monday, Dec. 6th. The attendance was not large, a number of apologies being received. Mr Holden occupied the chair.

The annual report and balance sheet were read, the latter showing an outstanding liability of about £4 10s net. The annual report stated that among other reforms asked for by this Chamber the following had been granted—Daily mail to and from Warkworth; later closing time for outgoing mail from Warkworth; the alteration in banking arrangements for Matakana P.O. resulting in saving of exchange to Matakana residents; issuing of tickets at Kaipara Flats station. In regard to road matters, a public meeting had been called by the Chamber, who had arranged with Mr Jones, M.P. to be present, and at which many points were cleared up as to Main Highway regulations, etc.

After passing the report and balance sheet discussion ensued as to advisability of carrying on. Looking at all the position it was felt that in spite of the lack of interest shown by some who should be most prominent in the Chamber, the work of the Chamber was of sufficient importance to warrant carrying on.

Officers were elected as follows:—President, Mr E. Pickering; vice-presidents, Messrs Holden and Thornton; secretary and treasurer, Mr H. B. Moore; auditor, Mr Ingham.

A letter of resignation was received from Mr T. O. Jenkins, which was accepted with regret.

Mr Holden was appointed as the Chamber's representative on the East Coast Main Highway committee.

The matter of regulation of traffic in the main street of Warkworth was brought up, and it was decided to ask the Town Board to make by-laws prohibiting parking of cars on the street between the bridge and corner of Neville st. (Mascot corner), and also to limit the speed between these points to 12 miles per hour.

It was also agreed to communicate with A.A.A. re erecting warning sign at Alawick st. "School! drive slowly," for guidance of visiting motorists.

BENEFIT DANCE.

The Town Hall was well filled on Friday night last, the occasion being the benefit social given on behalf of Mr and Mrs Miles, who recently had their home destroyed by fire. The expenses were very light as music and supper were provided free and the hall charge reduced 50 per cent. In addition to tickets sold beforehand and money taken at the door, a guessing competition brought in over £4, the correct number 311 being guessed by Mr Pickering. Donations were also sent in so that the promoters will have about £30 clear to hand over to Mr Miles.

MAIN NORTH HIGHWAY.

At the last meeting of the Waitemata County Council, as reported in the daily papers, a report on the Main North Highway was presented by the engineer. The district engineer, Mr J. McEnnis, was reported as having stated that a definite decision would be made early in December, and he expressed the opinion that the Albany-Dairy Flat-Silverdale-Puhoi-Warkworth route will be selected. Survey work is now being carried out between Silverdale and Dairy Flat. It was also stated that in all probability the Highways Board would take over the construction of this road when the decision had been finalised.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND BAZAAR.

On Thursday, Nov. 25th, the Church of England bazaar took place in the Warkworth Town Hall and passed off most successfully. Although the weather looked threatening, conditions for both afternoon and evening were fine, and many from the outside districts attended. The Ladies' Guild had worked hard to get together such a fine assortment of goods, which were all practically disposed of. During the afternoon items were rendered by Mrs Cartwright, little Elsie Dann and Mr L. J. Verry, which were much enjoyed. In the evening a dance was held, and the arrival of the veteran Church people, Mr and Mrs Richards, of Matakana, made the gathering more representative of the parish.

A recitation by Miss Joyce Smytheman was encored, other items much appreciated being rendered by Mrs Cartwright (solo), and Miss Elsie Dann. A selection by the orchestra—Mrs Ray Civil (piano), Miss Hunt (cello), Miss Phillips (violin), and Mr Firman (ukelele)—was also much enjoyed. Mrs Ayres supplied the music for the dancing.

The drawing of the competitions resulted as follows:—Lingerie set, Mr Holliday; doll, Mrs Pickering; cushion, Mrs F. F. Thompson.

The vicar (Mr Addenbrooke), in the course of an address thanked all who had been instrumental in making the affair such a success, and those who had attended.

Over £30 is expected to be netted as the result.

TENNIS.

On Saturday last a representative team from the local Club visited Mount Albert and had a most enjoyable day. The match resulted in a very close finish, Warkworth winning by 15 sets to 14 after an extra match had been played to decide the issue. A full report will appear next week.

Competition matches will continue on Saturday, the draw being as under:

Dec. 11th—Kaipara Flats B v. Pakiri at Pakiri; Leigh v. Kaipara Flats A at Leigh; Warkworth B v. Matakana at Matakana; Warkworth A a bye.

BOWLING NOTES.

On Saturday last the weather was a little more sympathetic toward bowlers though a strong and fluky wind made play rather erratic.

Cards were handed in as follows:—Hoysted, Verrall, Paulger, Petterd 26, played Woodman, Ingham, G. Civil and Moore 11; E. Morrison, S. Johnston, J. Morrison 23, played R. Henderson, Duke and J. Ashton 7.

During the week Paulger challenged Ewart for the rooster and after a close game Paulger won 20—16, so he now flies the rooster till someone beats him for it.

A letter received by a Whangarei resident states that at Canberra, where thousands of men are engaged in preparations for the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York and the establishment of the Federal Capital, a man with a motor truck earns £4 5s per day. All wages are relatively high, but accommodation is hard to get. Many hundreds are living in tents, and sections are almost unbuyable.