

**Leigh.**  
**DANCE.**

(Own Correspondent.)  
A dance was arranged in aid of the Leigh Hall funds, and held therein, on 20th August, being organised by the Boxing Club, and attracting a large patronage. The Tennis Club arranged a dance in the Whangateau hall for the 24th, but the weather was unfavourable and the attendance rather poor.

**RATEPAYERS MEETING.**

A meeting was called by the A. and P. Farmers and Fruitgrowers Association, for Monday, 26th, in the Leigh Hall, Mr J. C. Wyatt, riding member for Omaha being invited to attend and explain the position regarding the proposed new Leigh wharf. Although the meeting was hurriedly called such a large attendance resulted that to give further scope for discussion, it was made a ratepayers meeting.

Mr C. S. Clarke was voted to the chair and after his introductory remarks, called upon Mr Wyatt to speak. Mr Wyatt explained the circumstances regarding the letting of the wharf contract.

The original plan by Mr Munro Wilson, provided for a wooden wharf with a stone breastwork for the approaching roadway, etc. A tender was submitted for this by Messrs Gathercole and Cruickshank at £890, with an alternative tender for the same, with a specified concrete wall substituted for the stone one at £820 15s. The latter being the nearer to the funds available was to be accepted if the substitution was found sufficient. The tender was accepted, but Mr Wilson, when the alteration was submitted to him afterwards, refused to sanction it without considerable strengthening to the wall. The contract time, five months, expired on the 13th August, but though some materials are now ready, no start has yet been made with the work. The penalty for overtime is £5 per week, but it is proposed to either let the contractors lengthen the wall as decided upon, free of charge, their time being extended without penalty to 1st December, or to enforce the penalty and pay for the extra work in the usual way. The settlers feel that they have been very unfairly treated in this matter. The old wharf has been closed by order of the Council and will soon be a thing of the past. Considerable discussion ensued on this and other subjects introduced by Mr Wyatt, and a vote was taken to guide him in his negotiations with the contractors.

Regarding the application made for a subsidy of £2000, on a similar loan, for bridging and road-metalling in this riding, we find ourselves unable to borrow from the State Advances Department the limit for the County having been already reached, which finishes that scheme, unless our new Government will treat us more liberally.

It is proposed to utilise a road grader here in the coming season, as a good deal of road reforming is required.

A working bee on the roads was also suggested by Mr Wyatt, who generously offered, if others would also do their share, to metal two chains of road this season at his own expense. Mr Neeley offered to do one chain, and we understand another chain has been promised by Mr W. Harper. These, it is to be hoped, are but examples of what will yet eventuate before another winter.

Mr Wyatt announced his serious thoughts of retiring from the Council, chiefly on account of his health. He was urged to retain the position. Though not withdrawing his former statement, he said that, with a small representative committee, he might further remain in office, which suggestion met with approval. He would desire, if those gentlemen would be willing, Messrs H. E. Whittaker Whangateau, A. Matheson Leigh, J. E. Salt Pakiri, and E. C. Vipond Whangaripo, as his committee. In conclusion, votes of thanks were voted to Messrs Wyatt and Clarke for their services for the evening.

**Mullet Point.**

(Own Correspondent.)

The monthly meeting of the Band of Hope came off very successfully on August 21st, a good number attending and the programme being very good. Rev. Paris presided and at the end of the programme spoke for some time on the object of Band of Hopes, and mentioned several sad cases of intoxication which had come before his view during his travels in the Dominion. He advised that the young people should be taught to sign the pledge and to keep it as a sacred thing. Mr Scandrett thanked Mr Paris for being present and for his instructive remarks. After the meeting many of the girls and boys went forward and signed the pledge.

The programme was as follows:—Hymn, 501; prayer; duet, Mrs F. Kasper and Mrs J. D. Algie; song, Miss A. Phillips; recitation, Master H. Darrach; reading, Mr T. H. Scandrett; song, Miss Melva Moore; violin duet, Mr R. and Miss G. Goldsworthy; recitation, Master S. Dawson; duet, Mr C. and Miss M. Moore; song, Mr L. Thompson; flute solo, Mr G. Gill; duet, Mrs F. Kasper and Miss J. Phillips; recitation, Mr J. H. Scandrett; song, Mr C. Moore; song, Mrs S. Algie.

For Children's Hacking Cure at night, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure, 15 5d, 25 6d

**Garden Notes.**

Turner, the great painter, was once asked the secret of his success. He replied: "I have no secret but hard work."

Success in the garden is achieved by the same method, and if our hard work is judiciously applied, the success will be pretty big. Perhaps the next two months are the busiest in the whole twelve. Every few minutes must be used in fine weather to forward the many operations of digging, hoeing, sowing and weeding. If you find slugs and snails very troublesome put down little heaps of bran to attract them, go out last thing and dust them with tobacco powder, lime or super, dig in the heaps and relay others—fine traps these and cheap. Don't forget the "Herb garden," or the mint will not be ready for the lamb and green peas; thyme, sage, and marjoram too. Mother will be asking for these, when shooting time comes round. Plant out herbs and divide all old roots. Sow more lettuce, spinach, turnips, carrots and parsnips, celery, mustard and cress, radish. Spinach beet makes a nice change; gather the outside leaves when large enough and use like ordinary spinach.

Any transplanting of small seedlings, whether flowers or vegetables, must be done in dull weather. By the way, all herbs can be sown now (mint is propagated by root cuttings). The finer seed such as thyme must be sown very thinly on fine soil and not covered, just pressed into the soil and kept moist till the plants appear. In the case of vegetables, drills are always best, and the ground can be more easily worked. Perhaps you have a few strawberry plants in the garden. These should be hand weeded or hood a dressing of bone-dust and sulphate of potash given round the plants and a sprinkling of either short stable litter, straw, rushes, or pine needles. This will keep the ground cool and moist they like it. If you have a cool frame sow a few tomato seed for planting out next month.

If you are well up away from frosts a few seeds of marrow and pumpkins and cucumbers may be sown in the open. Prepare the ground by digging holes 18 inches deep, fill in with any manure available (rotted for preference) cover with a few inches of soil, sow not more than two inches deep. Prepare beds for water melons same way. Do it thoroughly; they'll grow alright.

Old Ebony.

**Glyn Dairy Company.**

(Mullet Point Correspondent.)

On Saturday evening last, Mr J. G. Parry sent, and his son N. Parry, met some of our dairy men in the school room to discuss the prospects of the coming season, which will open on Monday, September 2nd. Mr Moore was appointed chairman, and called upon Mr Norman Parry to report on the last year's workings and records of their factory. Mr Parry, on rising, said he was pleased to see some at least of the Mullet Point people took an interest in dairying, and also was pleased to see one of last year's suppliers present. He said that all the arrangements and output of the factory had proved highly satisfactory, the price paid to suppliers for the first part of the last season being 11d. and for the latter part 10 1/2d. and at the end of the season another 1 1/4d. per lb. bonus was paid all round which equalled the price of any butter factory in the province. He offered to all suppliers for the coming season 11d per lb. for butter fat, and the bonus depended on the amount of cream sent in. Mr J. G. Parry then gave a lengthy address, stating the difference between dairying at the present time to what it was some years back when butter was only realising 6d per lb. in the Auckland market. He urged the farmer to go in more for that industry as he assured was the most profitable one at the present time. He showed the grading tests of the export Grader and also of the Grader in the English market both of which were very highly creditable to the Company. The quality of the butter being equal to the best brands of association butter and all brought top prices in the home market. A letter was read from Mr E. Barker apologising for absence, and as a supplier he was thoroughly satisfied with the work of the Glyn Dairy Co., and wished it every success in the future. Arrangements will be endeavoured to be made here to send cream to the factory. Mr Moore thanked Mr Parry and his son for the pains they had taken to place the business before us and promised his support.

Around my bed stood Uncle Ted,  
Jemima, Jane and Florrie;  
They thought I'd die, but hang it I  
Was in no nearly hurry,  
I'd got bronchitis and laryngitis,  
High was my temperature;  
'I'm well today and pleased to say—  
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**Ball at Warkworth.**

**RETURN BY THE LADIES OF THE TOWN AND DISTRICT TO THE BACHELORS.**

On Thursday evening a very successful and enjoyable ball was held in the Warkworth Town Hall. Some two or three months ago, it may be remembered, the bachelors of Warkworth and district tendered to their young lady friends, the benedicts and their better halves of the place, an invitation ball, which was so arranged and carried out as to leave a very favourable train of good feeling and social pleasure in its wake. Not long after, the ladies entertained on that occasion mooted a return on similar lines. A meeting was called, and a decision unanimously arrived at to return the bachelors' social felicitation on an, if possible, even better scale. To this end a strong committee was appointed, consisting of the following ladies:—Messdames F. Johnson, T. Williams, C. Just, H. Phillips, U. Warin, L. Ramsbottom, Misses K. Phillips, M. Trotter, D. Trotter, M. Williams, E. Young, A. Williams, M. Just, Fletcher, Osmond, and J. Warin. Mrs T. F. Warin was selected as honorary secretary. The result of these ladies energetic efforts and good management was such that the ball was one that in completeness of detail and general arrangements it would be hard to equal.

The hall was tastefully decorated with draperies, flags, lilies, ferns and other greenery, and a large mirror in front of the cinematograph stand lent an extra light to the gathering. The stage, too, was nicely arranged, and was occupied by a number of spectators for the early part of the evening. The floor had undergone the best preparation it has yet received, and was in the very best of dancing order.

Excellent dance music was supplied by Messrs F. Johnson (cornet), S. Stringer (piano), and Maurice Brown (side drums), and the strains were so inspiring that, notwithstanding the night was warmer than what is considered ideal dancing weather, it was a rare thing to see any couples sitting out a dance. Mr M. Brunette assisted the orchestra on one or two occasions on the clarinet, and Mr C. Harding (flute) and Miss Emtage (piano) played one of the extras, and Mr Glass (piano) another.

A sumptuous and dainty supper was provided, Mr W. J. Linkhorn having excelled himself in his efforts to turn out the most appetising of dainties. The committee prepared and dispensed the viands.

A novelty which is rarely encountered was the conducting of the proceedings by lady M's. C., Messdames T. Warin and C. Just and Misses E. Young and M. Just filling the posts in a most capable manner.

The ball was a plain and fancy-dress one. The former largely predominated. There were many handsome costumes in either class, and a most noticeable feature was the absence of any incongruous representations by those who elected to appear in character. The evening dresses were, likewise, free from any inharmonious blending, and the whole assemblage presented a very pleasing scene. It would be invidious to select any lady out of a dozen others worthy of special mention as securing any outstanding general admiration, so we must, for our part, leave the pick for pride of place to current topics.

The following is a list of the costumes worn:—  
Miss D. Sanderson, Folly.  
Miss Madge Just, Queen of the Rosas.  
Mrs T. F. Warin, Nurse.  
Miss Irene Warin, Roman Dancing Girl.  
Miss K. Phillips, Queen of Hearts.  
Mrs Just, Peg the Dairymaid.  
Miss Dora Trotter, Nurse.  
Miss Minto Trotter, Queen of Hearts.  
Miss Jean Trotter, Forget-me-nots.  
Mrs F. Johnson, Crimson Rambler.  
Miss Fletcher, Guest and Son.  
Miss Emtage, heliotrope evening dress.  
Miss Morrison (Red Bluff), white chiffon over green silk.  
Miss Harris, pink satin with sequin trimmings.  
Miss Osmond, pink voile with silver spangled overtones.  
Miss J. Warin, embroidered muslin.  
Miss Mayie Williams, cream lustre with silver spangled trimmings.  
Miss L. Conlam (Ponsonby), cream silk muslin.  
Mrs Pemberton, white silk with gold fringe.  
Miss D. Warin, embroidered muslin.  
Mrs S. D. McPherson, Oriental satin with guipure trimmings.  
Miss Amy Williams, cream evening dress.  
Miss Perry, cream voile, black skirt.  
Mrs H. Snook (Woodcocks), black velvet, cream lace, pink roses.  
Miss Thomson, pale blue ninon.  
Miss Minto Trotter, Queen of Hearts, white silk with pale blue trimmings and roses.  
Miss Susie Blair, cream silk.  
Miss M. Blair, cream silk muslin.  
Miss Byron (Red Bluff), pale pink crepe do chiffon, with silver spangle and net trimmings.  
Miss Sauvign, cream silk and roses.  
Miss Young, black and spangled evening dress.  
Mrs Kerr, cream silk taffeta.  
Mrs Danison, cream evening dress.  
Mrs H. Clayden, cream silk.  
Mrs L. Ramsbottom, cream voile.  
Mrs Farmer, white silk.  
Mrs F. Jamieson, heliotrope evening dress with white lace trimmings.  
Miss Burke, white silk muslin and lace.  
Mrs Harrison, heliotrope silk with silk beaded trimmings.  
Mrs J. Brunton, black poplin with white lace trimmings.  
Mrs W. Burke, pale blue silk blouse and silk voile skirt.  
Mrs W. Purchase, green silk with lace overtones.  
Mrs A. Penton, cream lace blouse with roses, cream skirt.  
Miss Shaw, white silk with silk lace trimmings.  
Miss Toppington, cream lustre with cream lace trimmings.  
Mrs Heywood, black evening dress.  
Mrs Scoullan, white silk muslin with embroidered panel.  
Mrs Young, cream voile with silk lace trimmings.  
Miss Helen Thomson, white ninon with bead trimmings.  
Miss Ashton, cream silk voile.  
Miss Buckton, with silk muslin relieved with pale blue ribbon.  
Mr Moore, Periot.  
Mr Roy Moore, Tightsman.  
Mr W. Cokes, Sailor.  
Sgt. Major Collier, N.Z. Defence staff officer.  
Mr W. Clarke, G. rdou Heighlander.  
Mr Dave Blair, Auckland Infantry.

**Reviewing the County Engineer's Engagement**

In accordance with notice of motion Mr Todd moved at the County Council meeting on Thursday "That the engagement of the Engineer be reconsidered with a view to employing him in his whole time." In speaking of the motion, Mr Todd said he thought the time had come to enter into a fresh arrangement. When the engineer was appointed in 1905 the revenue of the Council amounted to £3590 last year it was £7,699. Work had been delayed. In connection with Paley's bridge Mr Shannon stated the grant was insufficient, and he was waiting to see if a further grant was given. It would be fairer to the engineer if all his time was at the Council's disposal, the work warranted the step, and it would obviate the criticism now expressed by some of the ratepayers. The chairman thought the resolution should be carried. At present all the Council required was that the engineer should give County work first preference. In the method of working in the past, riding members gave their instructions direct to the engineer, consequently he as chairman, as well as the Council, often times could not tell where the engineer was working, and as long as the members requirements had attention, they had no further concern as to how the engineer spent his time. Now that the bulk of public works would be carried out by the Council, it was more than ever necessary to have better supervision, so that they would know what the Engineer had done from day to day. That would mean an increase of salary. Certainly the increased volume of work merited that. The keeping of two horses, and the cost of boarding when travelling must absorb pretty nearly £100 of the £200 now paid. Mr Gubb agreed that it was desirable to carry out the proposed change. Could they not know what the increase would be. Mr Shepherd endorsed Mr Gubb's remarks. It was a question of finance. Mr Shannon was called in and asked what he deemed an equivalent for the giving up of private practice. Mr Shannon said he was entirely in the Councils hands. He knew what other Councils were paying for engineering work. Otamatea County paid £300 with £50 travelling allowance. Raglan £400 and an assistant. Waimarino £350. Piako £350 and Waimoa £350.

Mr Todd: But are they not authorised surveyors?  
Mr Shannon: In some cases they are not, the others he believed were not.

Mr Gubb: Will not the authorising of a scheme of works for the year enable you to carry out the duties with more system, and thus lessen the work.  
Mr Shannon: It will to an extent, but the work is increasing. In addition I have to report on all the bridges in the County within three months. It would take that time if there was nothing else to do.

Mr Ross: I hope that report will be pushed, because we want to use the information.  
Mr Shannon: I have some of the data collected.

The motion was put and carried.  
Mr McKenzie moved, "That the Engineer be paid £350 per annum for his whole time," seconded by Mr Ross. Mr Shepherd moved as an amendment "That £300 be substituted for £350."  
Mr Todd seconded the amendment and stated in the event of its defeat, he would move later to call for applications for the position. The amendment was defeated, Messrs Shepherd, Todd and Gubb voting for, Messrs Thomson, McKenzie, Ross and Wyatt against. The motion was thereupon put and defeated, Messrs Thomson, McKenzie and Ross voting for, Messrs Shepherd, Todd, Gubb and Wyatt voting against.

Mr Blair retired during the discussion. Further consideration was deferred until next meeting.

**Warkworth S.M. Court.**

Before Mr Burgess S.M.  
Peter Louis v. Tenatahi claim for launch hire. Tenatahi desired to defend the case, but failed to file his defence, in consequence plaintiff's solicitor was not present. Adjourned to next sitting of the Court.

Two cases for non payment of debt were struck out owing to non-appearance of plaintiff.

**DEFENCE ACT.**

B. Cosgrove was charged with failing to attend the compulsory camps held in connection with the Defence training. Defendant had moved his residence, and had failed to notify the authorities. In imposing a fine of £2 and costs 7s the Magistrate commented on the manner in which Cosgrove gave his evidence.

**GRASS SEED.**

E. J. and A. Wyatt and C. E. Gravatt, sued W. J. Dunning for the grass seed of £27, less £7 due for royalty on extracted seed, their value of a stack of grass seed they had cut on defendant's property, and after threshing once, had intended to re-thresh. Six weeks after threshing, the stack was burnt through by a fire started by defendant. Mr McGregor appeared for the plaintiffs, Mr S. J. Elliott for defendant.

E. J. Wyatt deposed that in January last, he arranged with Mr Dunning to cut a defined portion of dantonia on the latter's farm, approximately nine acres. Dunning was to receive a royalty 1 1/4d per lb. After the seed stems were cut, the weather was bad, so the cut grass was gathered and put under cover. On the weather clearing a start was made with threshing. The

threshing was done on wire netting a foot from the ground, the seed falling through to a canvas sheet beneath. As the threshing was not too good they decided to go over it again after leaving it to ripen off for a few weeks. When the defendant came to weigh the seed they had threshed, he complained that it was not half threshed. Albert Wyatt, Charles Gravatt, and he were working. They told defendant they were not finished, and they intended to re-thresh the lot. They had no further words about the seed until defendant met him on the road and informed him that he had had a fire, and had burnt the seed. Told him we expected to get 400 lbs of seed from the re-threshing. Defendant proposed that we should re-thresh some stacks of seed stems that he had cut. Told him it would be useless to do so. He would have had the bulk of the seed with the first threshing, that the seed stems had not been harvested, a large quantity had lain out in the weather for a considerable time. They examined Dunning's heaps the next day and determined that they could not make up their loss on them. They told Dunning their loss was £20. He did not dispute it. He did not suggest the heaps were rotten, and he knew they were coming to re-thresh the heaps. He had an order for 15 cwt of seed, and on taking Dunning's to cut, took another order for a ton. Owing to the fire they had to buy seed at 11d per lb in the rough to fill the orders. It cost 2d a lb to clean it. A fair estimate of the loss was £20. Cross-examined: Thought the agreement for cutting was made about the middle of December. Did not finish cutting before Christmas, nor start threshing before the New Year. In addition to his two partners two others were employed. The grass lay about eight days before they threshed it. They then covered the heaps with tent and bags, on purpose to let the seed swell and loosen. It would not harm the seed to be slightly damp. One heap was eleven feet high, the other was less. Heavy rain followed but it would do no harm to the stacks. (To be Continued.)

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MUMPS: Bathe the glands of the neck with hot water and soap and after drying rub in NAZOL OINTMENT and wrap the neck in flannel. This will give speedy relief. Mumps is an infectious complaint. Most mothers know this. NAZOL OINTMENT is Antiseptic and Germicidal. It reduces the swelling and gives prompt relief.

SPRAINED ANKLES are very common with Footballers. As soon as possible after a sprain, bathe with hot water and dress freely with NAZOL OINTMENT. It gives sure relief.

Hockey Players will get in the way of each other's sticks, and then a bruise more or less serious follows. The best way to get rid of the bruise is to use NAZOL OINTMENT. It eases the pain and reduces the swelling.

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