The Northern Steamship Co. Ltd.

Time Table for January.

S.S. Hauiti.

FOR OREWA, WAIWERA, MAHURANGI AND WARKWORTH.

Leaves Auckland:	*Leaves Warkworth:*
Fri. 1st, midnight	Sat. 2nd, 6 p.m
Sun. 3rd, midnight	Mon. 4th, 7 a.m
Mon. 4th, 4 p.m	Tues. 5th, 8 a.m
Wed., 6th, 4 p.m	Thurs. 7th, 10 a.m
Fri. 8th, 7.20 a.m	Sat. 9th, 11 a.m
Mon., 11th, 9 a.m	Mon., 11th 3 p.m
Wed. 13th, 11 a.m	Thurs. 14th 5.30 a.m
Fri. 15th, 12 noon	Sat. 16th, 6 a.m
Sat. 16th, 2 p.m	Mon. 18th, 7 a.m
Mon. 18th, 4 p.m	Tues. 19th, 8 a.m
Wed. 20th, 4 p.m	Thurs. 21st, 9 a.m
Fri. 22nd, 7.20 a.m	Sat. 23rd, 10 a.m
Mon. 25th, 8 a.m	Mon. 25th, 2.30 p.m
Wed. 27th, 10 a.m	Thurs. 28th, 5 a.m
Sat. 30th, 11 a.m	Sat. 30th, 6 p.m

S.S. Kawau,

FOR KAWAU, LEIGH, PAKIRI AND MANGAWAI,

Leaves Auckland:	*Leaves Mangawai:*
Mon. 4th, 12 noon	Tues. 5th, 9 a.m.
Fri. 8th, 2 p.m	Sat. 9th, 11.30 a.m
Mon. 11th, 5.30 p.m	Tues. 12th, 3.30 p.m
Fri. 15th, 10.30 a.m	Sat. 16th, 7.30 a.m
Mon. 18th, 12 noon	Tues. 19th, 9.15 a.m
Fri. 22nd, 2.30 p.m	Sat., 23rd, 11.45 a.m
Mon. 25th, 5.30 p.m	Tues. 26th, 3 p.m
Thur. 28th, 8 a.m	Thurs. 28th, 5 p.m

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

Leaves Auckland:	*Leaves Omaha:*
Wed. 6th, 11 a.m	Thurs 7th T.W. 10.30 a.m Thurs 7th, L.W 12 noon
Wed. 13th, 10 a.m	Thur. 14th T.W 5.30 a.m Thur. 14th L.W. 7 a.m
Wed. 20th, 11 a.m	Thur. 21st, T.W 10.30 a.m Thur. 21st L.W. 12 noon
Wed. 27th, 9 a,m	Wed. 27th, T.W. 3.30 p.m Wed. 27th, L.W. 5 p.m

S.S. Kotiti.

FOR MATAKANA AND MULLET POINT

Leaves Auckland:	*Leaves Matakana:*
Sun. 3rd, midnight	Mon. 4th, 7 p.m Thurs. 7th, 11 a.m
Sat. 9th, 7.20 a.m	Mon. 11th, 1 p.m Thurs. 14th, 4 p.m
Fri. 15th, 1 p.m	Mon. 18th, 9.30 a.m Thurs. 21st, 11 a.m
Sat. 23rd, 7.20 a.m	Mon. 25th, 1 p.m Thurs. 28th, 4 a.m
Sat. 30th, 2 p.m	Mon. Feb. 1st, 6 p.m

PUHOI.

Leaves Auckland:	*Leaves Puhoi:*
Wed. 6th, 4 p.m	Wed. 6th, 9 p.m
†Wed. 13th, 10 a.m	Wed. 13th 4 p.m
Wed. 20th, 3 p.m	Wed. 20th, 9.30 p.m
†Wed. 27th, 7.30 a.m	Wed. 27th, 3.30 p.m

† Via Tiri.

S.S. Gael.

FOR WAIPU AND MAUNGATUROTO

Leaves Auckland:	*Leaves Waipu:*
Mon. 4th, midnight	Sun. 3rd, 8 a.m
Wed. 6th, midnight	Wed. 6th, 9.20 a.m
Tues. 12th, 7.30 a.m	Fri. 8th, 11 a.m
Thur. 14th, 10 p.m	Wed. 13th, 4 p.m
Mon. 18th, midnight	Fri. 15th, 6 p.m
Wed. 20th, midnight	Wed. 20th, 9 a.m
Mon. 25th, midnight	Fri. 22nd, 10.30 a.m
Mon. Feb. 1st. 11 p.m	Wed. 27th, 3 p.m

S.S. Orewa.

FOR BROWN'S BAY, ARKLE'S BAY, AND SILVERDALE.

Leaves Auckland:	*Leaves Silverdale:*
Mon. 4th, 4.30 p.m	Tues. 5th, 8.30 a.m
Wed. 6th, 6 p.m	Thurs. 7th, 10 a.m
Fri. 8th, 7 a.m	Fri. 8th, 11.30 a.m
*Sat. 9th, 2 p.m	*Mon. 11th, 6 a.m
Mon. 11th, 10.30 a.m	Tues. 12th, 3.30 p.m
Wed. 13th, 1 p.m	Thurs. 14th, 5 p.m
Fri. 15th, 2.30 p.m	Sat. 16th, 6 a.m
*Sat. 16th, 2 p.m	*Mon. 18th, 6 a.m
Mon. 18th, 4.30 p.m	Tues. 19th, 8.30 a.m
Wed. 20th, 6 p.m	Thurs. 21st, 10 a.m
Fri. 22nd, 7.20 a.m	Fri. 22nd, 10.30 p.m
*Sat. 23rd, 2 p.m	*Mon. 25th, 6 a.m
Mon. 25th, 10 a.m	Tues. 26th, 2 p.m
Wed. 27th, 11.30 a.m	Thurs. 29th 4 a.m
*Thur. 28th, 2 p.m	Sat. 30th, 5 a.m
*Sat. 30th, 2 p.m	

*Arkle's Bay only, and way ports

Special Steamers New Years Eve to pleasure resorts.

MAIL COACH.

WARKWORTH TO KAIPARA FLATS.

TIME TABLE—

Leaves Warkworth, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at 8.30 a.m., arriving at Kaipara Flats at 10 a.m.

Leaves Kaipara Flats on Tuesdays and Thursdays after arrival of express (about 11.30), and on Mondays and Saturdays after arrival of ordinary train at 4 o'clock.

Fares, 4s. each way.

THE WARKWORTH COACHING STABLES HORSES AND VEHICLES ON HIRE.

L. RAMSBOTTOM
Proprietor.

J. A. POWDRILL, Kaipara Flats, has been appointed Agent. with power to collect.

Mascot Private Hotel

Warkworth.

MRS FLEURY has taken over the above, formerly known as the Temperance Hotel, now extensively added to and remodelled to provide comfort for all patrons.

Smoking and Sitting Rooms.

Table Excellent. Terms Moderate.

S. D. McPHERS[illegible]
Tailo[illegible]

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd.

Special Announcement

The Warkworth sale will take place on the second Friday in each month during 1915.

JANUARY 1915

Warkworth—Friday, January 8.

Arapohue—Wednesday, January 27.

Paparoa—Thursday, January 28.

Maungaturoto—Friday, January 29.

Kaiwaka—Saturday, January 30.

ENTRIES SOLICITED.

All proceeds of sales are immediately lodged to a

CONSIGNMENT TRUST ACCOUNT,
And Account Sales rendered with the utmost promptitude.

CLEARING SALES an be arranged for as required.

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

CHARLES CONRADI, Representative at Warkworth.

Notice.

WE ARE BUYERS OF FAT LAMBS, IN ANY QUANTITY.

NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., LIMITED.

THE HAYMARKET
ALBERT STREET, AUCKLAND.

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HOLD WEEKLY SALES.

TUESDAYS at the HAYMARKET.—Hides, Wool, Skins, Etc.

WEDNESDAYS AT WESTFIELD.— FAT CATTLE, SHEEP AND PIGS.

THURSDAYS at WESTFIELD.--Dairy and Store Cattle, etc.

FRIDAYS at the HAYMARKET.--Horses, Vehicles, Harness, and Farm Produce.

SALE YARDS AT
Runciman, Pukekohe, Waiuku, Pokeno, Clevedon, Taukad, Waitakaruru, Helensville and Wellsford.

AGENTS FOR: Little's Sheep Dip, Ford's Lung Worm and Scour Mixture, the Ridd Milking Machine, Toxa Rabbit Poison, Evelyn's "Mi-ki" and Calf Food, the "Domo" Separator, etc., etc.

Alfred Buckland & Sons — Auctioneers & Commission Agents

Auckland.

Alfred Buckland and Sons.

WELLSFORD YARDS.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5. 1915.

WE will hold our monthly sale as above, and will offer:—
Sheep, Cattle, Horses, Pigs etc.

Entries Solicited.

Horses. Horses. Horses.

FOR SALE.

GOOD PLOUGH TEAM, Waggon, and Shafters.

Ten Pedigree Medium and Heavy Draught Mares, four and six Years, some in foal; can be seen at work.

PRICES REASONABLE.

Several Good Show Cobs and Hacks. Would exchange for Yearling Steers, or Crossbred 2 and 4-tooth Ewes; or take half cash and P.N. from good man.

THOS. HOULT,
Millbrook, Pakiri.

TRIP TO KAWAU.

[illegible]AM DAWSON'S Launch will [illegible]n a trip to Kawau on New [illegible]ay, leaving Warkworth at [illegible] Kawau on the return at [illegible]/-.

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Auckland Farmers' Union, Ltd.

STOCK AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS

Wool, Hides, Skins, and Tallow Salesmen, Land, Finance and Commission Agents.

Registered Head Office, Whangarei.
Telegraphic Address, "Farmunion."

HIDES, SKINS, TALLOW ETC.

We want your hides, skins, tallow and other produce, which please consign to the Union, Auckland. Prompt account sales and advice. Give us a trial.

LAND.

Our Land Salesmen and Stock Agents travel all over North Auckland, and being practical men can be depended upon to give sound advice to both purchasers and sellers.

We invite correspondence and shall be pleased to fill your requirements should you wish to purchase a Northern property. We have all classes of properties on our books, improved and unimproved, dairying or grazing country.

IMPLEMENTS.

Having been appointed their Agents in North Auckland by Messrs T. and S. Morrin and Co., Ltd., the well-known Implement Merchants in Auckland, we are now prepared to supply S., D.F., and Disc Plows, Tine, Chain, Lever and Disc Harrows, Seed Drills, Cultivators, Dandy Engines, Windmills, etc.

Also on view Cooper's Shearing Machines.

Inspection invited at our Machinery store in the Bazaar, Whangarei, or write us as to your requirements.

Can supply from Whangarei, or ship from Auckland direct to any Port or Station in the North.

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

FLORAL FESTIVAL AND SPORTS CARNIVAL

IN AID OF BELGIAN FUND, ON SHOW GROUND, WARKWORTH, SATURDAY, JANUARY 2ND., 1915.

Admission: Adults, 1s.
Children: Half-Price.

Schedule.

ONE cash prize or trophy is offered for the best decorated (as per schedule) in natural flowers and foliage or both combined, or any other device.

Second and Third Prizes—Certificates.

Prizes will be awarded according to artistic effect and suitability to the occasion, no matter whether in natural or artificial decoration.

SCHEDULE.

1.	4 Wheeled Vehicle and pair. First Prize	1	0	0
2.	4 " " single Horse. First Prize	15	0	
3.	Spring Cart and Horse.	10	0	
4.	Gig and Horse. Trophy	10	0	
5.	Tradesman's Cart and Horse.	10	0	
6.	Dray and Horse. Trophy Value	[10	0	
7.	Bicycle, Gent's Ridden.	5	0	
8.	Bicycle, Ladies' Ridden.	5	0	
9.	Bandsman's Instrument.	10	0	
10.	Hacks .Gent's	7	6	
11.	Hacks. Ladies'	7	6	
12.	Ponies. Girls'	5	0	
13.	Ponies. Boys'	5	0	
14.	Perambulators.	5	6	
15.	Go-Carts.	5	0	
16.	Bannerettes Emblematical.	7	6	
17.	Sheild.	7	6	
18.	Umbrellas.	5	0	
19.	Child's Parasol.	5	6	
20.	Child's Perambulator Go-Carts.	[5	0	
21.	Boy's Cart or Trolley.	5	0	
22.	Original Exhibit.	1	0	0
23.	Wheelbarrow.	10	0	
24.	Trade Exhibit.	Certificate		
25.	Fancy Costume, Typical of the dress of the Allies. Ladies.	[1	0	0
26.	Fancy Costume, Gent's. Typical of the dress of the Allies.	[1	0	0
27.	Trade Advertisement Costume.	[Certificate		
28.	Comic Exhibit	1	0	0
	[Second	10	0	

No entrance fee will be charged.

All exhibits must take part in procession leaving Town Hall at eleven o'clock in the morning and must be in attendance not later than 10-30 a.m. in all classes except vehicles drawn by horses, which must be in attendance not later than 10-40 a.m.

[illegible]tries will be received by the [illegible]tary, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on [illegible]ary 1st, 1915, and from 9 a.m. on [illegible] of the Carnival, at the ante-[illegible]n Hall.

Tenders.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned till noon, 21st January, 1915, for about 40 chains of fencing in the Mahurangi Park.

Specifications to be seen at the "TIMES" Office.

B. H. McKINNEY.

RODNEY COUNTY COUNCIL

IN THE MATTER OF *The Counties Act 1908*, AND OF *The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1908*, AND THE ACTS AMENDING THE SAME, RESPECTIVELY

THE RODNEY COUNTY COUNCIL hereby gives notice that it proposes to raise a SPECIAL LOAN of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS for forming and metalling the roads in Matakana Riding as follows:—

Matakana to Omaha Road, £700
" " Whangaripo Rd. £600
" " Warkworth Rd. £200

And to make an annual recurring special rate of one eighth of a penny in the Pound on the Capital Value of all rateable property in the Matakana Riding (being the Special Loan District), as security for the interest and charges in connection with such loan.

It is not proposed to pay out of the Loan Moneys the cost of raising the loan nor the first year's interest of the loan during the construction of such work.

Dated this 7th day of December, 1914.

G. W. THOMSON,
Chairman.

A poll of ratepayers will be taken upon the above proposal on the thirteenth day of January, 1915, between the hours of nine a.m. and six p.m., at Matakana and Tawharanui, at a place to be hereafter appointed.

G. W. THOMSON,
Chairman.

WARKWORTH MAILS TIME TABLE.

Auckland, Streamlands, Kaipara Flats, and Helensville, per Coach Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 8 a.m.
Woodcocks, Mondays and Thursdays 8 a.m.
Waiwhiu and Pohuehue, Mondays and Thursdays, 1.30 p.m.
Matakana, Tawharanui, Big Omaha, Leigh, Whangateau, Matakana Lower, and Mullet Point, Thurdsays 1.30 p.m.
Auckland and Waiwera per Steamer, according to tide.
Mahurangi per Steamer, Mondays and Thursdays according to tide.

J RAMSAY,
Postmaster.

CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3.

ANGLICAN CHURCH.

Warkworth 11 a.m
Warkworth 7 p.m
Dacre's Claim 11 a.m H.C
Leigh 7.30 p.m
Pakiri 3 p.m
Silverdale 3 p.m
Whangaparaoa 7 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

St. Columbas 11 a.m	Mr A. Russell
St Columbas 7 p.m	Mr A. Russell
Matakana 2.30 p.m	Mr A. Russell

METHODIST CHURCH.

Warkworth 11 a.m.	Mr Phillips
" 7 p.m	Mr G. Civil
Mullet Point 2.30 p.m.	Mr G. Civil
Dome Valley 2.30 p.m.	Mr Phillips
Tawharanui 11 a.m.	Mr Moore
Port Albert 2.30 p.m	C. A.
" 7.30 p.m.	C. A.
Wellsford 11 a.m	Supply
Wharehine 3 p.m.	Mr Couch
Tauhoa 11 a.m.	Mr Couch

CHURCHES OF CHRIST.

Dome Valley 11 a.m	Mr H. Grimmer
Woodcocks 11 a.m	Mr Woodcock
Wellsford 11 a.m	Mr W. Grimer
Port Albert 11 a.m	Mr Latimer
Hoteo North 10.30 a.m	Mr Brooks
Nth. Albertland 10.30 a.m.	Mr Oram
Te Arai 11 a.m.	Mr Benton
Te Arai 2.30 p.m.	Mr Oram
Mangawai 7 p.m	Mr Oram
Tara 11 a.m.	Mr Hill

The Rodney and Otamatea Times

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Quotations for standing advertisements may be obtained on application. The rates are very liberal.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 14

DATES TO BE KEPT IN MIND.

Jan. 2—Floral Festival, Warkworth
Jan. 13—Poll of Rodney ratepayers.
Jan. 15—Regatta, Lower Matakana
Feb. 5—Annual Show, Matakana
Feb. 17—Pakiri Show
Feb. 19—Show, Maungaturoto
Feb.20—Annual Show, Warkworth

SITTING OF MAGISTRATES' COURT

Warkworth, Fe[illegible] a.m.
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LOCAL AND GENERAL

Good rain at last.

Clayden's shops are to be rebuilt right away.

Mr Henry Southgate is holiday-making in Whangarei.

An annual floral fete would be a great institution for local charities.

A ten-foot shark was recently caught in the vicinity of Sandspit by Mr Fred Green.

Mr Adam Dawson's brother has been appointed harbourmaster at Wellington.

Last night's downpour was worth thousands. Six weeks ago it would have been worth many thousands more.

Christmas brought many relatives and friends of residents of Rodney to old scenes to spend the festive season.

The continued dry weather will make peaches and nectarines light weight, and, of course, a little smaller than usual.

The "Ngaruawahia Advocate" sends the "R. & O. Times" a particularly neat greetings card. The kindly sentiments are fully reciprocated.

Mrs Geo Civil, who was ill for some time, has now recovered, and may be counted among those ladies who are taking an interest in golf.

Mrs Jane Lloyd died at Ti Point suddenly on Christmas night. She was under medical treatment a year ago for heart trouble, and was aged 78.

A Commerce apple was shown to us by Mr T. W. Attwood a few days ago. It was picked in April last, and, although not specially stored, was still good.

Some orchadists are doing a little better with the early plums, but most are not persevering and do not intend to persevere. Several are digging out all their Japanese plums.

Mr Schofield, a member of the Williamson Opera Co., and formerley of the Carl Rosa Opera Co., England, was in Warkworth during Christmas, visiting his brother, whom he had not seen for ten years.

Waiwera has many guests. The hotel, now conducted by Mr Wenzl Schollum, is under the direct control of Mr Fritz Schollum, and the domestic arrangements are in the equally capable hands of Mrs Wenzl Schollum.

The accommodation at Algie's, Kawau, and Mahurangi Heads has been fully taxed, and no doubt will remain so until after the New Year. Indeed, right through the summer these favorite resorts will experience no slackness.

In this district there are two idle factories rusting their value away, and both might be made payable concerns. One is for fish, and the other for fruit canning. Should this meet the eyes of men with the necessary knowledge they might come along and have a look. It's the chance of a lifetime.

The Rodney Golf Club is progressing in a most satisfactory manner. It includes both sexes, and the fees have been made specially low to meet the family idea. A stroke competition has been held, and there is now considerable rivalry in connection with a competition for a club given by the president.

The man in this district who made most out of plums last season sold them on the ground at sixpence a case —"bring your own cases and pick them yourself." Some growers who sent to town paid about fourpence for the case itself, then found the freight, and got sixpence a case, from which they paid agent's fees. There is surely a great chance for a jam and canning factory here.

Mr J H Hudson, jun., was returning from Kaipara Flats station early last week with a party of four children in a trap. The horse attatched to the vehicle was startled by suddenly sighting a cyclist, and overturned the load. One boy and a girl were somewhat seriously cut and bruised, the former being rendered unconscious. Mr Hudson was much shaken, and was bruised on the face.

Christmas passed off quietly and pleasantly. The stores did good business on Christmas Eve, to the accompaniment of band music. Christmas afternoon there was a little drizzle, but not enough to seriously inconvenience anyone or to make the farmer chuckle. On Boxing Day there were private excursions to all parts, and many merry family picnic parties.

The service at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening was taken by Rev. Mr Cameron, formerly Presbyterian minister at Morningside, Mr A. E. Russell being slightly indisposed. Mr Cameron is spending the holidays with a number of young men, on a yachting cruise among the Islands. After Church, he and his party held an open-air meeting on the Band Rotunda, the service being well attended. On Monday evening a similar [illegible]ld, taking the form of [illegible] Service, each of the [illegible] number of [illegible]s' life.

FLORAL FETE.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

Band
Territorials
Cadets
Scouts
School Children
Cyclists
Bannerettes
Shields
Child's Parasol
Child's Perambulator
Boy's Go-Cart or Trolley
Wheelbarrows
Go-Carts
Perambulators
Umbrellas
Four-wheeled Vehicle and Pair
Hacks
Ponies
Four-wheeled Vehicle Single horse
Spring Cart and Horse
Gig and Horse
Tradesmen's Cart and Horse
Dray and Horse
Original Exhibit
Trade Exhibit
Fancy Costume, Ladies
Fancy Costume, Gentlemen
Trade Advertisement Costume
Comic Exhibit
Others not specified.

Judging by the orders for artificial flowers, there should be some attractive exhibits in the procession. Some people are making their own.

Ferns and nikau palms should render good service in simple decoration of vehicles.

It is said that a bullock waggon will be in the procession. It could be made a most interesting feature, with garlands on the bullocks, and a load of children on the waggon, on an improvised platform, all embowered in green, and the little ones carrying flags. Let us hope it will be there—two teams, if possible.

Matakana and Puhoi are said to be preparing surprises for the procession. There is plenty of inducement; good prizes for everything.

The decorated perambulator section commands three prizes.

The Comic and Most Novel sections should bring out something pretty good.

The sports programme, arranged by the Warkworth Sports Committee, ensures an interesting and amusing afternoon. No doubt many families will picnic on the ground.

In regard to prizes, there is nothing to prevent winners bestowing them as they please. If they give them to the Fund the gifts will be their personal ones, not those of the committee.

A steamer will run from Auckland, arriving in here the morning of the 2nd, enabling excursionists to view the procession and sports and glance round the neighborhood ere returning to the treadmill of city life.

Marvou wrote to the "R. & O. Times" on Monday last:—"Kindly inform committee I will leave for Warkworth on Wednesday, December 30th, to perform on January 2nd."

All who are providing refreshments may leave them on Friday night or early Saturday morning with Mrs Ramsay or Mrs Cox.

A good many gifts are expected. These, with the exception of the principal pictures, will be disposed of by auction in the afternoon. A number of lambs, a piglet, and various things have already been promised, and the committee are looking for many more. The hon. secretary will be pleased to receive them at any time on the day. There should be enough gifts to enable Mr Carran, who has kindly agreed to wield the hammer, to raise a healthy perspiration. The pictures will be disposed of by guessing competitions.

THE WAR

CONTRIBUTIONS TO BELGIAN FUND.

BUTTER-FAT AND WAGES.

Mr A. J. K. Campbell, secretary Matakana Co-Operative Dairy Co. sends the following:—By way of contributing to the Belgian Fund, the suppliers to the Matakana Dairy Co., in Pakiri, Leigh, Whangateau, and Omaha decided to donate one day's butterfat, and the cream carters also gave their day's wages. As a result, a cheque for £29 16s 9d has been forwarded to the Belgian Consul, Auckland. The amount is made up as follows:—Pakiri and Leigh, £16 14s 10d; carters' wages, 14s; total, £17 8s 10d. Whangateau and Omaha, £11 9s 11d; carters' wages, 18s; total, £12 7s 11d.

The following is a list of the donors:

Pakiri and Leigh.

A. Gravatt
Mrs C. Whitley
Mrs Boirkland
O. Ranum
J. Harper
G. Harris
H. H. Dyer
J. Teehan
J. E. Salt
R. Wyatt
D. Kemp
W. Dunning
J. C. Wyatt
A. Dunning
G. Buckland
J. B. Witten
[illegible] Greenwood
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[illegible]n and [illegible]
H. Ashton
L. D. Meiklejohn
B. Birdsall
A. Schollum
E. W. Meiklejohn
C. Ashton
L. W. Meiklejohn
H. E. Whitaker
R. Williams
Neeley Bros.
J. A. Anderson
C. Dunning
H. A. Matthew
A. Neeley
J. Dunning
A. Wilson
J. Matthew
D. Darroch
L. Katavich
C. Dunning, Carter.

PORT ALBERT

(Own Correspondent.)

FRUIT ITEMS.

The Port Albert Fruitgrowers' Association is negotiating with the Waitemata Fruitgrowers' Society with a view to the early erection of a central packing shed at Kokako Stream.

Growers freely affirm, in the event of the packing shed being erected, their intention of duplicating their fruit areas in the near future.

Small shipments of plums are being made to the different markets of the Dominion.

GENERAL NOTES.

The carters are delivering the timber for the new hall, and the contractor, Mr Witherford, anticipates beginning the erection at an early date.

The public school closed on 18th inst for the midsummer vacation. The inspector's report recently to hand shows the school to be in a high state of efficiency.

During the drought the necessity for water-troughs on the public roads was forcibly impressed upon those using the dusty highways.

The common dictates of humanity require that water-troughs be erected at favorable places along the main roads. At present these are the rare exceptions rather than the rule in this part of the neglected North.

SPORT.

On the 5th inst. an interclub exchange took place between Wellsford and the local tennis players on the latter's courts.

A pleasant afternoon's sport was enjoyed resulting in favor of the local exponents.

A large number of tennis enthusiasts from Paparoa accompanied the visiting cricketers to Port Albert on 12th inst. winning 8 games and losing 16. The cricketers were also unsuccessful making only 81 runs in response to Port Alberts' 115. For the visitors the veteran, W. Davis, top scored with 27, while for the local team Pat Currie contributed 34 in fine style and P. Gubb 17. P. Currie was in good form with the ball, securing 6 of the visitor's wickets at a trifling cost.

Whangaripo play Port Albert at tennis on the latter's ground on 19th inst.

17/12/'14

TOWN BOARD

The Town Board met on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd., when there were present:—Messrs Alex. Warin (Chairman), B. H. McKinney, R. N. Warin, W. Civil.

NO. 1 CULVERT.

Mr Petherick's tender of £28 for completing No. 1 culvert, (raising the sides and installing pipe handrails set in re-inforced concrete) was accepted. (McKinney—Civil).

METAL BREAKING.

Hall and Angus' tender for metal breaking (3 inch at 5/-) was accepted. (Civil—Warin).

WILSON'S DEVIATION.

Mr Munro Wilson wrote announcing that he had come to an understanding with Mr Fred Civil in regard to the completion of this contract, which had been left incompleted in the first instance for the (Board's convenience. The agreement was ratified. (McKinney—Warin).

LOCAL HEALTH INSPECTOR.

A letter was received from the District Health Office, Auckland, stating that it had no power to appoint a local health officer. It could only (as at present) give a share in the services of the health inspector of the Hospital Board, in return for a subsidy of the Town Board.

OFFENSIVE MATTER IN PUBLIC VIEW.

It was decided to take action under General By-law 83 in regard to town nuisances.

SCHOOL FENCE DANGEROUS.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the School Committee drawing attention to the dangerous condition of the fence along Alswick street.

WATER SUPPLY

The Chairman brought forward the matter of water supply and lighting. A gentleman had offered £50 towards a water supply installation. Mr T. H. Wilson had a good scheme of filtration in regard to the river water, which could be pumped to Chu[illegible] Hill and then gravitated. Anoth[illegible]eme was to bring the water from [illegible] back of Dome Valley. The wh[illegible] was worth going into right[illegible] if a scheme were not carrie[illegible]e. The information shou[illegible] for the people.

The Clerk suggested [illegible] back of the Hospital a[illegible] reservoir.

Mr Civil said he h[illegible] of the lighting propos[illegible] ber of vacant propertie[illegible] postponement for [illegible]