

The Northern Steamship Co Ltd.

Time-Table for January.

(Weather and other circumstances permitting.)

S.S. Hauiti.
FOR OREWA, WAIWERA, MAHURANGI AND WARKWORTH.

Leaves Auckland:	Leaves Warkworth:
Wed Jan. 3rd, 1 p.m.	Thurs Jan. 4th, 8 a.m.
Fri 5th, 4 p.m.	Sat 6th, 7 a.m.
Mon 8th, 3.30 p.m.	Tues 9th, 9.30 a.m.
Wed 10th, 7.30 a.m.	Thurs 11th, 11.30 a.m.
Fri 12th, 8 a.m.	Fri 12th, 2.30 p.m.
Mon 15th, 11 a.m.	Tues 16th, 6 a.m.
Wed 17th, Noon	Thurs 18th, 6.30 a.m.
Fri 19th, 1 p.m.	Fri 19th, 7 p.m.
Mon 22nd, 4 p.m.	Tues 23rd, 9 a.m.
Wed 24th, 7.15 a.m.	Thurs 25th, 10 a.m.
Fri 26th, 7.30 a.m.	Fri 26th, 1.30 p.m.
Tues 30th, 10 a.m.	Tues 30th, 5 p.m.
Wed 31st, 11 a.m.	Thurs Feb 1st, 6 a.m.
Fri Feb 2nd, Noon	Sat 3rd, 6 a.m.

S.S. Kawau
FOR KAWAU, LEIGH AND MANGAWAI.

Leaves Auckland:	Leaves Mangawai:
Fri 5th, 10 p.m.	Sat 6th, 8.30 a.m.
Fri 12th, 4 p.m.	Sat 13th, 3 p.m.
Fri 19th, 11 a.m.	Sat 20th, 8.30 a.m.
Fri 26th, 3 p.m.	Sat 27th, 1.30 p.m.

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

Leaves Auckland:	Leaves Omaha:
Thurs 4th, 11 a.m.	Fri 5th, T. Wharf 7.30 a.m.
	Fri 5th, Leigh 9 a.m.
Wed 10th, 11 a.m.	Thurs 11th, T. Wharf 12.30 p.m.
	Thurs 11th, Leigh 2 p.m.
Wed 17th, 11 a.m.	Thurs 18th, T. Wharf 7.15 a.m.
	Thurs 18th, Leigh 8.45 a.m.
Wed 24th, 11 a.m.	Thurs 25th, T. Wharf, Noon
	Thurs 25th, Leigh 1.30 p.m.

S.S. Kotiti.
FOR MATAKANA AND MULLET POINT.

Leaves Auckland:	Leaves Matakana:
Wed 3rd, 10 a.m.	Wed 3rd, 6.30 p.m.
Mon 8th, 2 p.m.	Tues 9th, 10.30 a.m.
Mon 15th, 10 a.m.	Tues 16th, 5.30 a.m.
Mon 22nd, 2 p.m.	Tues 23rd, 10 a.m.
Tues 30th, 10 a.m.	Wed 31st, 6 a.m.

PUHOI.

Leaves Auckland:	Leaves Puhoi:
*Wed 3rd, 1 p.m.	Thurs 4th, 6.30 a.m.
*Tues 16th, 1 p.m.	Wed 17th, 6 a.m.
*Wed 31st, 11 a.m.	Wed 31st, Midnight

*Calls at Tiri Tiri.

Church Services.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Dacres' Claim 11 a.m.
Matakana, 2.30 p.m.
Warkworth 7.30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Woodcocks 11 a.m. Rev Poole
Kaipara Flats, 2.30 p.m. Rev Poole
St Columba's 7.30 p.m. Rev Poole

(Phone No. 49.)
Bible Class in St. Columba's Church at 7.30 p.m. every Wednesday. All cordially invited.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Warkworth, 7 p.m. Rev. Haynes
Warkworth, 11 a.m. Mr Christopher
Dome Valley 2.30 p.m. Mr C. Phillips
Mullet Point 2.30 p.m. Mr Moore
Big Omaha 10.30 a.m. Mr Moore
Pakiri 11 a.m. Rev Haynes
Leigh, 2.30 p.m. Rev. Haynes

WARKWORTH MAILS TIME TABLE.

Subject to necessary alterations mails will close at Warkworth Post Office as under:—
For Auckland, Helensville, Kaipara Flats and Streamlands per coach on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 11.15 a.m., and Fridays 8 a.m.
For Woodcocks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11.15 a.m.
For Leigh, Matakana, Big Omaha, Whangateau, Mullet Point and Lower Matakana, Fridays, 1.30 p.m.
For Waiwhiu on Tuesdays 10 a.m., and Fridays 1.30 p.m.
For Pohuehue on Fridays, 1.30 p.m.
For Auckland Waiwera, and Mahurangi, per steamer half an hour before advertised time of sailing, up to 5 p.m. If steamer sailing after 7 p.m. or before 8 a.m. mails will close at 7 p.m.

Registered letters and parcel mails close half an hour before advertised time of closing mail.

L. FLOWER,
Postmaster.

Warkworth, Jan. 3rd 1923

An interesting find in the shape of a fairly complete skeleton of a moa, was made recently by Mr J. H. Soronson while working in a gold mining claim at Falls Creek, Otāruki (Otāgo). The bones were unearthed at a point some 20ft. below the surface, pointing to the conclusion that hundreds of years have elapsed since that giant biped roamed.

For writing paper, pads, inks, envelope all sizes, etc., call at the Times Office

The Rodney and Otamatea Times

Terms of Subscription—Twelve Shillings and Sixpence per annum, in advance.

Advertisements received without the number of insertions being stated will be continued and charged for until ordered out, except in the case of announcements where the date conveys the limit to the number of insertions.

Casual advertisements are inserted at the rate of 4s per inch per insertion.

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

PUBLISHED EVEN

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10, 1923.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Puhoi Road Board require tenders for quarrying 700 yards of road metal.

The Rodney County Council notify their intention at its next meeting on Tuesday, 16th inst., to fix the day on which the half-holiday shall be observed throughout the County.

"The costuming," writes the kinaema expert of a contemporary, "adds to the enjoyment of the performance,"—and even if it did not, the more old-fashioned of us would deplore its absence.

The Pope's Encyclical rebukes the ostentation of some of the new rich of the war, but occasionally the new millionaires do not have it all their own way. Mr Ralph Neville in his "Yesterday and To-day," for instance, tells how the family of a new millionaire, who from a social point of view was regarded as being quite impossible, arranged to give a smart dinner party at the paternal mansion, and contrived on some pretext or other to get their father not to attend. All went well till after the fish, when the butler became visibly agitated, while through the open door came the raucous voice of someone speaking with a strong Teutonic accent. "I do not care, even if I do haf to haf my dinner upstairs, I do not see vy I should haf it cold!"

"Irish juries," declared a judge with wide experience of their ways, have saved more lives than all the lifeboats in the world."

Mr Chauncey Depew in his reminiscences tells a story of the author of a play who invited a friend of his to witness the first production, and sent him a complimentary ticket. During the first act there were signs of disapproval which during the second act broke into a riot. An excited man sitting alongside the guest of the playwright said: "Stranger, are you blind or deaf, or do you approve of the play?" The guest replied: "My friend my sentiments and opinion in regard to this play do not differ from yours and the rest, but I am here on a free ticket. If you will wait a little while till I go out and buy a ticket I will come back and help you raise hell."

Boxing is a better paying game now than in the old days, when pugilistic fights came off with the bare knuckles; even better than they used to be before the "big war." Johnson and Burns' fight in Sydney was for a fairly big stake certainly. Johnson, who beat Burns in the fight on Boxing Day, 1908, had a little £1,000 as his share, whilst the defeated man received £6,000. Rather an unequal share.

A Persian carpet in the Victoria and Albert Museum measures 34ft. by 17½ft., and contains nearly 400 hand tied knots to the square inch, or over 30,000,000 knots to the whole carpet.

France has restored already 588 bridges and tunnels destroyed during the war, 700 kilometres of canals and canalised rivers, and 1100 kilometres of roads.

Mr Lewis, Lower Matakana, has Burbank plums for sale.

The Warkworth Town Board notifies the appointment of Constable Snow as registrar of dogs, also the registration fees payable.

Mrs C. Rowlatt will commence business as a dressmaker and milliner in Times Buildings on the 22nd inst. Orders in the meantime may be left with Mr Rowlatt, at the Farmers' Co-op.

Mrs Watson, near Town Hall, has received the agency of the La Gloria gramophones. These are probably the best of its kind on the market at the present time, and machines from £14 to the higher priced at £65 may be procured. Needles and records are also stocked.

Mr C. O. Ketterer, watchmaker and jeweller, has a notice of thanks to customers in another column.

A Ford motor car and ½-ton truck is now available for hire from Mr A. H. Gostley. He has also for sale fruit, etc., from the Lone Star orchard.

A Chinaman on the Otago diggings, whose life was insured, was badly hurt in a motor car accident. There was some doubt of his ever getting better, and at length one of his fellow countrymen wrote to the local insurance company, "Charlie halfey daed, likee halfey money."

How he earned a shilling tip was amusingly told by Sir Thomas Lipton at a concert given by the firm's choral society, a few weeks ago. "When I was crossing over from America last year," he said, "I was preparing to sit down on a deck chair when a parson came up. 'Look here, steward,' he said 'I want a deck chair put in that corner spot.' I got a deck chair and placed it there, when he said: 'Here's a bob for you.' Being Scotch continued Sir Thomas, 'I took it.'"

One of the strangest incidents ever recorded on a rifle range occurred at the 600 yards in the championship finals at Wanganui. While Carter (Petone) was aiming, a sparrow alighted on the barrel of his rifle. After a lot of "shoo-ing" it flew off, and, flying along the mound, decided to pay R. J. King (Opaki) a friendly visit, so it sat on his barrel also. Meanwhile Carter had fired his interrupted shot, and registered a magpie, commonly known amongst riflemen as a "bird." After King had removed the visitor he also fired, and got a "bird." The incident and also the results of the two shots created the most amusing diversion of the meeting.

It is as plain as can be that the three party system in the New Zealand Parliament House must end. The country will never get any forader with it, neither will it benefit by a three-corner fight.

WHANGATEAU SPORTS.

Owing to weather being unfavourable in the early part of the day (New Year's Day), the attendance was not as large as was expected. The gathering, however, proved most enjoyable, and was a huge success. The dance hall in the evening was simply crowded, the Maori band from the Great Barrier supplying the music, which was something out of the ordinary, and which was greatly appreciated by all. The winners of the events were as follows:—

- Snatching Handkerchief—N. Neeley 1, T. Simon 2.
- Cigarette Race—G. Brown 1, N. Neeley 2.
- Apple Bobbing—J. Wyatt 1.
- Stockman's Competition—J. Harris 1, N. Neeley 2.
- Threading the Needle—N. Neeley 1, G. Brown 2.
- Maiden Race—S. Dawson 1, L. Dawson 2.
- Hundred Yards—R. Morris 1, A. Morris 2.
- Whangateau Handicap—R. Morris 1, A. Morris 2.
- Half-mile Handicap—L. Dawson 1, S. Wyatt 2.
- Sack Race—A. Morris 1.
- The greasy pig was captured by G. Brown, and A. H. Neeley was the lucky man to guess the weight of the sheep.
- Boy's Chop—J. Walker 1, L. Wyatt 2.
- The Men's Handicap Chop, which was considered the event of the day, was won by N. Neeley and R. M. Neeley, who were given both first place.

WARKWORTH CATTLE DIPPING ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of members was held in the Warkworth library on Dec. 18th, Mr E. Hall in the chair. The chairman reported that the result of a meeting of delegates held a few days previously with the object of arranging a uniform scale of charges for dipping throughout the County, the recommendation of the delegates meeting was that the charge should be 6d per head for grown cattle, 3d per head under 2 years of age. This scale was adopted by the meeting and it was also agreed that the charge for dipping horses should be 1s head. These charges are for members only, non-members to be charged double the above rates. The scale is to operate from Dec. 18th, 1922, till March 31st, 1923.

A request was received for the loan or hire of the de-horning shears. It was decided that the shears are not to be lent or hired, and that the charge for de-horning be 1d per head and the dip controller's time.

WARKWORTH TOWN LIBRARY

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Mr H. B. Moore, librarian, reports that the above institution has had a most successful year for the period ending Dec. 31st, 1922, being a record in all departments. No doubt the increase in population in the district has been reflected in the business done.

During 1922 a total number of 145 names appeared on the subscribers' list, as against 118 for the previous year. To these subscribers were issued the respectable total of 6,885 books which is more than double the total number of volumes on the shelves, and exceeds last year's total by just on 2,000. A number of new books, including some of the latest best sellers, have been added during the year, but owing to the subsidy from the Government not being available, the additions were not so numerous as desired. There has been no classification of books issued, but about 95 per cent. would be fiction. The income from subscriptions as apart from rates was £35 14s 4d, as against £19 18s 9d the previous year. A number of reference books are also stocked, which are frequently consulted for information or to settle an argument.

The reading room attached to the library, which is free to the public, is also well patronised by residents and visitors to the town. On the tables are daily papers, illustrated weeklies, etc. Visitors to the town and district are always welcome to come and look round the library.

LIBERAL PROSPECTS.

The deputation representing seventeen electorates in the Auckland Province that waited on the leader of the Opposition yesterday (says Wednesday's Star) was a good omen for the success of Liberalism in the coming year. It shows that Liberalism is very far from being dead, but that on the contrary, there is widespread support for Liberal principles and desire for a more efficient party organisation. Mr Wilford's statement to the deputation was a sound review of the political situation and a valuable reiteration of political truths. He made the point that this paper has often made, that Liberalism is inclusive and not exclusive, that it stands between two extremes, each of which is representative of class and not of community. We do not believe that the people of New Zealand will tolerate either extreme, but that the future lies with a Liberal party that will embark on a bold progressive programme which will appeal to radical elements in all classes. Whatever is the outcome of the session to be held next month, Liberals must be vigilant and prepare for the future. Even if the Prime Minister succeeds in weathering the storm, his position will be difficult and he will be obliged to pay much more heed to criticism than he has during the past three years. Nor will any success be achieved in attracting to his support members on the other side of the House do him any good in the electo-