

SHIPPING

NORTHERN STEAMSHIP CO. LIMITED. TIME TABLE—JANUARY (Weather and other circumstances permitting.)

FROM QUEEN STREET WHARF! AUCKLAND. FOR RUSSELL, WHANGAROA, AND MANGONUI.

FOR TAURANGA. WAIOTAHU...About Monday February 1st

FOR MAKETU AND MATATA. CLANSMAN...Every Friday, 7 p.m.

FOR MERCURY BAY. IONA...Every Monday and Thursday 9 p.m.

FOR KUAOTUNO. IONA...Every Monday and Thursday 9 p.m.

FOR WHANGAREI. DOUGLAS...Every Monday at 6 p.m.

FOR PARUA BAY WHANGAREI HEADS AND MANGAPAI. WELLINGTON...Every Tuesday and Friday

FOR WHANGAREI AND MARSDEN POINT. Carrying Cargo and Passengers for Waipu

FROM WHANGAREI. WELLINGTON...Monday 1, train, 9.25 a.m.

FROM HANUKA U. FOR HOKIANGA. GLENELG...Monday 8.1 p.m.

FOR KAWHIA, OPUNAKE, AND WANGANUI. GLENELG...Monday 1.1 p.m.

LEAVES THAMES. connecting with River Steamers for Paeroa, Te Aroha, and other Upper Thames Settlements.

LEAVES AUCKLAND. Date, Rotomahana, Argyle

OHINEMURI...Friday 29th, 7.30 night

OHINEMURI...Saturday 30th, 7 morning

OHINEMURI...Monday 1, 3 afternoon

OHINEMURI...Tuesday 2, 3 afternoon

OHINEMURI...Wednesday 3, 4 afternoon

OHINEMURI...Thursday 4, 5.30 afternoon

OHINEMURI...Friday 5, 6 evening

EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued from 14th December available to March 31st.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH OHINEMURI AND TE AROHA.

THE S.S. OHINEMURI LEAVES AUCKLAND FOR PAEROA, &c.

OHINEMURI...Saturday 30th, 11.30 night

OHINEMURI...Sunday 31st, 8.30 morning

FROM THAMES ONLY. P.S. CLEMATIS.

FR SHORTLAND TO PAEROA Friday 29th, 4 morning

FR SHORTLAND TO THAMES Saturday 30th, 4 morning

FR SHORTLAND TO AROHA Tuesday 2nd, 10 morning

FR SHORTLAND TO PAEROA Wednesday 3rd, 10 morning

FR SHORTLAND TO AROHA Thursday 4th, 1.45 afternoon

FR SHORTLAND TO THAMES Friday 5th, 3 morning

FR SHORTLAND TO AROHA Saturday 6th, 5 morning

FR SHORTLAND TO PAEROA Sunday 7th, 8 morning

FR SHORTLAND TO THAMES Monday 8th, 1.45 afternoon

FR SHORTLAND TO AROHA Tuesday 9th, 3 morning

FR SHORTLAND TO PAEROA Wednesday 10th, 5 morning

FR SHORTLAND TO THAMES Thursday 11th, 1.45 afternoon

FR SHORTLAND TO AROHA Friday 12th, 3 morning

FR SHORTLAND TO PAEROA Saturday 13th, 5 morning

FR SHORTLAND TO THAMES Sunday 14th, 1.45 afternoon

FR SHORTLAND TO AROHA Monday 15th, 3 morning

FR SHORTLAND TO PAEROA Tuesday 16th, 5 morning

FR SHORTLAND TO THAMES Wednesday 17th, 1.45 afternoon

FR SHORTLAND TO AROHA Thursday 18th, 3 morning

FR SHORTLAND TO PAEROA Friday 19th, 5 morning

FR SHORTLAND TO THAMES Saturday 20th, 1.45 afternoon

FR SHORTLAND TO AROHA Sunday 21st, 3 morning

HOMER PASSAGES THOS. COOK & SON VICTORIA ARCADE, Information gratis. Enquiry Invited

TIDE TABLE. HIGH WATER. DATE, DAY, MOON, EVENS

MAIL NOTICE. For Auckland this day at 6.30 p.m. For Paeroa, etc. tomorrow at 7.15 a.m.

THE SHAREMARKET. THAMES STOCK EXCHANGE. Thursday.

AUCKLAND STOCK & SHAREMARKET. AUCKLAND, January 28.

The following were the closing prices this day: May Queen—sellers 5s 9d

THE Thames Advertiser. Favour to none; fear of none; justice to all.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1892.

The new Mining Act, which came into force on the 1st instant, offers considerable inducement to owners of licensed holdings, etc.

The benefit of effecting the exchange here indicated is made plain in section 71, where it is set forth that, under the new order of things, the annual rent per acre of holdings shall be "Ten shillings per acre for every acre or fractional part of an acre during the whole term of the license."

The monthly meeting of the Thames Hospital Trustees will be held at the County Council Chambers on Monday the 1st instant, at 7.30 p.m.

Mr John Bryce, of Fern Flat, Marton, father of the Hon. John Bryce, and also Mr Alex. Cockburn, of Porewa, two old Rangitikei settlers, died on Wednesday night.

The London Board of Directors of the Bank of New Zealand have declared a dividend of 5 per cent for the half-year ended September 30th, payable on February 11th.

The s.s. Rotomahana was well patronised with passengers on her inward trip from Auckland last evening, some of whom were returning from their holiday, while others again were coming down to participate in the Sunday Schools' festival to-day.

At the close of hearing the applications at the Warden's Court yesterday morning, the Mount Edward licensed holding, situated in Waiotahi Creek, which was recently forfeited for non-working, was offered for public competition.

A short sitting of the Warden's Court was held yesterday, Mr H. W. Northcroft, Warden, presiding, when the following applications were dealt with: Waihi G.M. Co. three water dams, the respective widths of each 27, 67, and 93 feet, situated at Waihi, granted; Thos. Withers, George Gandy, and Hans Hansen, occupation licenses of 50, 15, and 15 acres respectively, situated at Wairoa Valley, Whangamata, granted.

At the Police Court yesterday John Earl was charged with having disposed of a horse by means of a raffle. Sergt. Gillies explained the case as being that in connection with which the license of the Wharf Hotel had lately been before the Court.

Mr George Peel and party have taken a lease of the Otanai mine and battery, and will shortly have operations fully in hand.

The "muggy" weather experienced lately has caused considerable inconvenience to several of the mines connected with the Big Pump shaft through the influx of gas.

We might have known it if we had given the matter a thought: This weather of late years is due to the carryings-on of that lousy Venus with Jupiter.

Dog law, as a learned judge recently observed, is a very curious condition. The judges themselves cannot quite agree about it, and are constantly engaged in a merry game of upsetting one another.

The Tararu gardens will be the scene of the Sunday schools' fête to-day. Mrs Hawke, the well known fruiterer, will have an ample store of refreshments on the ground.

Mr H. Gillilan, jun., Secretary to the Try Fluke G.M.C., advertises in another column for a certificated engineer to act as engineer and battery manager.

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Mr A. McLeod, who has for a considerable time conducted a night school and private classes on the Thames, will resume teaching on Monday the 1st proximo.

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CABLEGRAMS. (BY CABLE—PRESS ASSOCIATION.) MR SPURGEON. LONDON, January 27.

THE STATES AND CHILI. Public opinion on the Continent condemns the treatment meted to Chili by the United States.

PIG IRON. Scotch pigiron has risen to 45s.

Queensland and the Bank of England. (BY CABLE—PRESS ASSOCIATION.) ADELAIDE, January 28.

Late Duke of Clarence and Avondale. THE QUEEN AND HER PEOPLE. A LETTER FROM HER MAJESTY.

LONDON, January 28. In a notification published in the Gazette, the Queen thanks her subjects for their sympathy with the Royal Family in its recent bereavement.

In a letter to Mr Matthews, the Home Secretary, her Majesty expressed her deep sense of the loyalty and affectionate sympathy of her subjects throughout the empire on an occasion which was sadder and more tragical than any misfortune which had ever befallen herself and hers, as well as the nation.

The sympathy of millions had been touchingly and visibly expressed—a fact which was deeply gratifying, and which caused her, on behalf of herself and her children, to express from her heart her gratitude to all. She had loved the Duke of Clarence as a son, and the sympathy evinced at his death would be a help and consolation to her.

THE DEATH OF THE EMPRESS OF AUSTRIA'S mother is announced. Robert Campbell and Sons, of London and New Zealand, have passed their dividend, and carried forward £20,000.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES Senate favour an International Bimetallie Conference, to consider the enlarged use of silver, which the Committee intend is entitled to equal mintage rights with gold.

THE STEAMER ROTOMAHANA is still ashore at Lauceston although all the heavy cargo is removed. It is feared that the vessel is jammed between two small rocks. Two powerful tugs are coming from Melbourne to assist in the work of floating her.

THE CHILIAN GOVERNMENT are willing to submit the dispute with the United States to arbitration by a neutral Power, or a Supreme Court.

FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO deaths from influenza were recorded in London last week. The death rate in the city is 46 per 1000, and at Brighton 61.

THE TRIAL OF THE SCHNEIDERS (husband and wife) on a charge of murdering a number of domestic servants is creating a sensation in Vienna. The husband, who confessed his guilt, admits that he outraged three girls and subsequently murdered them. The prisoner is endeavouring to implicate his wife.

BANQUET TO THE GOVERNOR. (BY TELEGRAPH—PRESS ASSOCIATION.) WELLINGTON, January 28. The Mayor's banquet to his Excellency the Governor takes place in the Parliament buildings on Friday the 12th proximo.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY. HANDSOME DIVIDEND. (SPECIAL TO ADVERTISER.) AUCKLAND, January 28.

The directors of the New Zealand Accident Insurance Company have declared a dividend of twelve and a half per cent for the year, and a sum of one thousand pounds has been carried forward to the reinsurance fund.

TRY FLUKE G.M. Co. PROSPEROUS RESULTS. (SPECIAL TO ADVERTISER.) AUCKLAND, January 28.

The shareholders of the Try Fluke Gold-mining Company held their annual meeting to-day in Mr Gillilan's office, Mr J. Frater in the chair.

THE SAXON G.M. Co. THE YEAR'S OPERATIONS. (SPECIAL TO ADVERTISER.) AUCKLAND, January 28.

The annual meeting of shareholders in the Saxon Gold-mining Company was held to-day in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr C. Alexander presided.

N.Z. RIFLE ASSOCIATION. THE NEXT MATCH. INTERESTING DETAILS. (BY TELEGRAPH—PRESS ASSOCIATION.) WELLINGTON, January 27.

The Defence and Railway Departments have promised that in addition to the usual free passes for volunteers and members of rifle clubs (whose corps disbanded to be formed into clubs) attending the annual meeting of the Rifle Association in March, a similar concession will be made to the civilian members of the Association.

THE ASSOCIATION'S prizes of £25 to be competed for with snipers. The Association will add £20, and the match will be fired at 500 yards, 10 shots. It will be included in the book of programmes, and will be called the Auckland Ammunition Coy's match.

THAMES DRAINAGE BOARD. (SPECIAL TO ADVERTISER.) AUCKLAND, January 28.

A MEETING OF THE Thames Drainage Board was held this afternoon for the purpose of taking into consideration any appeals against the assessment made on the various mines. There were present Messrs Kinsling (Chairman), Porter, Dickey, McGowan, W.S. Wilson, Comer, Spratt, and Paltridge.

ASSESSMENTS. There were only two appeals sent in. The New Manukau Co., which had been assessed at £16 16s, wanted this sum to be reduced by one-half, as the assessment was excessive considering the small output from the mine for some years past.

Mr White, the Secretary of the mine, was present. The amount was reduced to £12. The Waiotahi Gold Mining Company applied for a reduction of their assessment from £75 10s to £60. It was resolved that the amount be reduced to £55.

ELECTION. Mr Porter drew attention to the fact that a strong feeling existed at the Thames with reference to the late election. He thought that such grievances would be done away with if the election could be held in Auckland.

THE CHAIRMAN promised to examine the question and see if it would be legal to give effect to the suggestion.

WAIOTOMO. (Own Correspondent.) The "Zeelan" road is so far completed that it can be packed on, and the manager Mr J. G. Ralph informs me that a number of pack horses will be put on about Monday next to bring down a trial parcel from the mine. The ore will be landed at the "Bone Mill" plant by the end of next week, and treatment will be commenced at once.