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TIME TABLE—MARCH.
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FOR THAMES.
Connecting with River Steamers for Paeroa Te Aroha and Upper Thames Settlement

Leaves Thames
Tuesday 28... Wakatere, 7 morning
Tuesday 28...Tararaora, 6.30 night
Wednesday 29...Wakatere 8 morning
Thursday 30...Tararaora, 8 morning
Thursday 30...Wakatere, 8.30 night
Saturday 1...Tararaora. 9 morning
Sunday 2...Wakatere, 9.30 morning
Monday 3 ..Wakatere, 8 night
Tuesday 4 ..Wakatere, 12.30 afternoon
Tuesday 4...Tararaora, midnight

Leaves Auckland
Tuesday 28.. Wakatere, 3 afternoon
Wednesday 29...Tararaora, 2.30 afternoon
Thursday 30...Wakatere, 4 afternoon
Friday 31...Tararaora, midnight
Saturday 1...Wakatere, 5.30 evening
Monday 3. .Wakatere, 7.30 morning
Monday 3...Tararaora, 7 night
Tuesday 4...Wakatere, 8 morning

FARES :—RETURN TICKETS : Saloon 10s; Steerage, 7s 6d. SINGLE TICKETS: Saloon 6s 6d ; Steerage, 5s.

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The Falcon will run between Thames and Coromandel as follows :—
Thames for Coromandel.
Sunday 2nd, 11 morning
Coromandel for Thames.
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STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH PAEROA AND TE AROHA.
FOR PAEROA, KOPU, TURUA & TE AROHA (Landing Thames passengers at Kopu).
Taniwha...Tuesday 28th, 1.30 afternoon
Waimarie..Wednesday 29th, 2 afternoon
Taniwhai...Thursday 30th, midnight
Waimarie...Saturday 1st, 3.30 afternoon
Taniwha...Monday 3rd, midnight
FROM PAEROA, &c.
(Calling at Kopu, 2½ hours later).
Waimarie...Tuesday 28th, 8.30 night
Taniwhai...Wednesday 29th, 9 morning
Waimarie ..Thursday 30th, 9.30 night
Taniwhai...Sunday 2nd, 11 morning
Waimarie...Monday 3rd, noon

FROM THAMES ONLY.
P.S. PATIKI.
From Thames to Paeroa.
Monday 27th, 5.30 morning
Friday 31st, 7.30 morning
From Paeroa to Thames
Tuesday 28th, 4 morning
Saturday 1st, 5 morning

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J. E. CONEY, Chief Postmaster.
Chief Post Office, Grahamstown
March 28, 1899.

NOTE.—The following arrangements will be observed in the Post and Telegraph Department here during Easter holidays :—
POSTAL BRANCH—On Good Friday (31st inst.) the Post Office will be closed all day. Mails usually closed on that day will be made up the previous day at 7 o'clock. A delivery of town letters will be made over the counter on Thursday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock. The Private Box lobby will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. On Easter Monday (3rd April), the Post Office will be open in all branches from 9 to 10 a.m. No delivery by letter carriers will be made.
TELEGRAPH BRANCH—On Good Friday and Easter Monday the Telegraph Office will be open from 9 to 10 a.m., and 7 to 8 p.m.
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Volunteer Notices

DISTRICT ORDERS.

THAMES NAVAL VOLUNTEERS.

Brigade Office,
Auckland, March 28th, 1899.

THE COMPANY and BAND will assemble at the Hall TO-MORROW (Wednesday), the 29th inst., at 8.30 a.m. sharp, in order to form a Guard of Honor for His Excellency the Governor.

By Order,
J. GRANT, Captain,
Adjutant, Auckland District

HAURAKI RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

THOSE of the Company who are able will fall in at 8.45 a.m. TO-MORROW at the Naval Hall, to take part in His Excellency the Governor's reception.

The Company and Band will parade at 7 p.m. on THURSDAY at the Drill Hall, and will march to the p.s. Wakatere for embarkation at 8 p.m.

ARTHUR P. HARPER,
Captain commanding H.R.V.

The Thames Star.

Resurrexit.

TTESDAY, MARCH 28, 1899.

THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT.

THE arrangements made by the Reception Committee for the visit of Lord Ranfurly to-morrow will be found in another column. The members of the committee are to be complimented on the programme, which has been drawn up with the view of making His Excellency's visit as pleasurable as possible. After the public reception has concluded His Excellency will be shown over the Moanatairi and Tararu Creek batteries, where he will no doubt find much to interest him. Lunch will then be partaken of at the Royal Hotel, after which the Thames-Hauraki pumping works and the races at Parawai will be visited. We can assure His Excellency of a most loyal welcome, and that the local bodies will do everything possible to make his brief stay most enjoyable, and trust that he will take away with him the most pleasant recollections of the time spent in the district.

We are informed that the Thames Naval Band has kindly consented to play the introduction to the children's song, "My Own New Zealand Home," and to accompany the chorus to-morrow.

The Queen's and regimental colours are to be presented to the Auckland Rifle Battalion No 1 by Lady Ranfurly at 11 a.m. on May 24th.

A private London cable advises that cheese is still selling well, and that prices are advancing.

The original cost of the s.s. Mapourika, which went ashore at Greymouth, was £10,000. The repairs to put her in a seaworthy state will cost £20,000.

The County Engineer (Mr J. McLaren) invites tenders, receivable up till 7 p.m. on the 5th April, for various works in the Thames County

A telegram received from Wellington last night says:—The schooner Gisborne, bound from Timaru to the Thames, put in here to-day wind bound.

The s.s. Paheka, Gothic, and Papinui having brought direct shipments of new goods for the autumn and winter seasons, consigned to W. S. WYLIE, draper and importer, Thames, we understand that he is desirous of still further reducing the stock, as these shipments are now to be opened up and space must be secured. Cash buyers of parcels will find it very much to their advantage to buy from W. S. WYLIE at present.—Advt.

At the meeting of the Governor's Reception Committee last night it was stated that the Hon. J. Carroll would accompany His Excellency to the Thames. Captain Potts also announced that a telegram had been received from Captain Alexander announcing His Excellency's acceptation of the invitation of the Thames Jockey Club to be present at the races at Parawai on Wednesday.

Owing to a clerical error the handicaps of W. Edwards in the mile and half-mile races at the Foresters' sports is 50yds and 25yds respectively, not 80yds and 35yds as previously announced.

Our Auckland correspondent wires that the Hon. W. McCullough left for the Thames by the Wakatare this afternoon.

Mr H. Alexander severs his connection with the Tararu G.M. Co.'s cyanide plant on Saturday next.

Hauraki Rifles Band promenade concert on Easter Monday, 3rd April. Admission, 1s.—Advt.

St George's Hall, Monday, 3rd April—promenade concert by Hauraki Rifles Band—Music, song, and dance.—Advt.

A rumor was current in town yesterday that there had been a break in the waterrace, in consequence of slips caused by the heavy rain which has been prevalent for the past couple of days, but the County Engineer, Mr J. McLaren, informs us the report is without foundation.

Don't forget to patronise the grand promenade concert in St. George's Hall on Monday evening, 3rd April.—Advt.

As will be seen from a public notification, Queen street, from the Borough Chambers to Williamson street, will be closed against traffic from 8 to 11 a.m. to-morrow. All vehicular traffic in Albert and Queen streets will be suspended from 9 a.m. until the conclusion of the official reception of Lord Ranfurly.

A Morrinsville correspondent writes :—Quite a number of workmen assembled at the Puriri Hotel on the 20th instant, when a presentation of a gold pin was made to Guard Crowhurst for his kindness towards the men on the line. Although he has been only a short time among us he has proved himself an obliging and painstaking officer. After the usual toasts were proposed, Guard Crowhurst suitably replied. Songs were contributed by Messrs Brown, Ritchie, Thorn, McGuire, Hastedt, O'Brien, Patterson, and Bullot. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

Music by the Hauraki Rifles Band and Williams and Booth's full string band at the promenade concert in St. George's Hall on Monday, 3rd April.—Advt.

The company and band of the Thames Navals are notified to attend at their hall to-morrow morning at 8.30, in order to form a guard of honor for His Excellency the Governor.

A Christchurch wire states that John Malone, who was under treatment for drunkenness, died in Lyttleton gaol.

Messrs Robertson and Son, of the Evangelisation Society of Australia, will commence a two weeks mission in connection with the Baptist and Congregational and Primitive Methodist Churches on Thursday evening, 30th inst, at 7.30. The Messrs Robertson have completed a most successful mission throughout the Coromandel goldfields, and as they are popular speakers as well as earnest workers, doubtless they will meet with a large measure of success here.

Shortly after 6.15 o'clock last evening a fire broke out in Mr Wm Davies' barn and cowshed at Parawai, near the railway station, which resulted in the total destruction of the building, twenty tons of hay, chaff cutting machine, pulper machine, ten bags of bran, harness, etc. The fire was first seen by a boy named Joe Rodewald, an employee of Mr Davies', at 6.20 o'clock, and was then confined to the front of the loft, the hay there was then burning, and had a very fair hold. No water was available, and the shed had to be allowed to burn. How the fire originated is not known, as there had been no light in the building since 6 o'clock in the morning, and nobody—as far as is known—had been in the loft since noon. Mr Davies estimates his loss at over £260. The building was insured in the Victoria office for £100. A stack of hay on the road side of the shed was saved after considerable trouble, and also a horse, cart, and one set of harness from the building. At the request of Superintendent Menzies, several members of the Fire Brigade went out to the scene of the fire, and rendered valuable service. Although they were unable to save the building they formed a bucket brigade and were successful in saving a valuable stack of hay. They are to be highly commended for their efforts to save the property, as the weather and state of the roads were decidedly unpleasant.

Patronise the promenade concert on Monday next in St. George's Hall. Admission only one shilling. Dance music by Hauraki Rifles Band and Williams and Booth.—Advt.

"Scrutator" writing in the N.Z. Mail, says of the late Sir Julius Vogel :—"In private life, Vogel was a good friend to many. His was a generous soul. He loved a good dinner, but he liked to share with others such good things of this life as fell to his lot. In the days when the Tinakori road residence was known as the Casino, Vogel's dinners were much sought after. He was flattered, and toadied to by a host of men and women who, later on, had nothing too bad to say of him. In his own way he was a cynic and probably estimated at their real value the attentions of his fair weather friends. In his day of adversity he never said hard things of those who had been the 'friends' of happier times. It was the fortune of political war, and he went under and never kicked at Fate."

Call and inspect the range of felt hats at Claxton's. The very latest.

CABLEGRAMS.

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RUSSIA AND FINLAND.
ST. PETERSBURG, March 27.
The postage stamps used by Finland have now been cancelled and superseded by Russian ones.

LORD SALISBURY.
PARIS, March 27.
Lord Salisbury has had an audience with the Queen at Cimiez.

THE TURKISH ARMY.
CONSTANTINOPLE, March 27.
Several Turkish generals have arrived at Salonica, and a shipment of 30,000 Mauser rifles have been landed there.

THE MILAN RIOTS.
ROME, March 27.
In August last Signor Turate, a Socialist, and Signor Deandries, a Republican, members of the Chamber of Deputies, were each sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment for complicity in the Milan riots in May. They have now been re-elected to the Deputies, the former for Milan and the latter for Roveuna.

NO CRITICISM ALLOWED.
BERLIN, March 27.
Professor Delbruck of Berlin has been censured and fined 500 marks for adversely criticising the action of the Prussian Government in expelling the Danes from Schlesweig.

COURT OF ARCHES.
LONDON, March 27.
The Daily News states that the Archbishop of Canterbury thinks the appointment of Sir Arthur Charles as Judge of the Court of Arches will appease the ritualists, he being a high churchman.

EGYPTIAN RAILWAYS.
CAIRO, March 27.
The railway from Atbara to Khartoum, upon which the Egyptian Government recently agreed to expend £300,000, will be completed in November.

SPORTING.
SYDNEY, March 27.
There is no noteworthy change in the betting market.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND SHORE QUESTION.
PARIS, March 27.
The French press suggests that Britain should exchange Gambia in West Africa, or Sokoto, in Central Africa, for the French shore rights in Newfoundland.

THE RECENT WAR.
WASHINGTON, March 27.
The American public is incensed at Mr. Alger, Secretary for War, and Brigadier-General Eagan, of the commissariat staff, owing to Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's statement before the Army Beef Commission that the meat supplied to the American troops in the late Cuban campaign was unfit for human consumption.

THE POSITION IN CHINA.
PEKIN, March 27.
The negotiations between the Chinese and Italian Governments with reference to Sayum Bay have been suspended, pending the arrival of Marquis Raggi, who has been appointed successor to Signor Martini as Italian Minister at Pekin.

SAMOAN AFFAIRS.
LONDON, March 27.
The Daily News' Berlin correspondent states that Prince Hohenlohe has abandoned his support of Mataafa for the Samoan Kingship, and will consent to a fresh election.

A "MYSTICAL HEALER."
PARIS, March 27.
Dr. Edwards, described as a "mystical healer," who practised in Australia in 1893, is creating a sensation at Paris, where, it is alleged, he is working marvellous cures.

POOR BUNNY!
MELBOURNE, March 28.
Two million rabbits have been exported from Victoria since May 1.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.
ADELAIDE, March 28.
During a thunderstorm at Yan Yarrie two farmers' sons named Tonkin were riding from work, when both men and horses were struck by lightning.

THE QUININE CORNER.
SYDNEY, March 27.
A private cable states that quinine has advanced to 1s 11d per ounce, manufacturers' price.

HEAVY GALE.
ALBANY, March 27.
The Ormuz encountered a severe gale. Three sailors were injured, one having his head split, and is in a critical condition. Another had an ear torn off.

S.S. KAIKOURA.
HOBART, March 27.
The Kaikoura, from London, arrived at 4 p. m.

LABOR DEMANDS.
MELBOURNE, March 27.
A deputation asked the Premier to establish a Labor Department.
Sir G. Turner said he was not impressed with its necessity, but promised to send a Minister and ask Mr. Trenwith, the Labor leader, to accompany him on a visit to New Zealand to report how the system worked there.

Fighting at Manila.

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MANILA, March 27.
The thickness of the jungle greatly hampered the American operations against the Filipinos, 200 of whom were killed.
The German Prince Loewenstein, lately Miller's honorary aide-de-camp, was fatally wounded by the opposite firing line.
The Filipinos, who were panic stricken, decamped, and burned Malabon.
Another battle on Sunday afternoon lasted six hours, during which the Filipinos were driven from the field with great slaughter.
The gunboats participated in the engagement.
It is feared that Aguinaldo has escaped northwards.
The Filipinos had strong entrenchments at Malabon and Malinna. Both, however, were captured with heavy losses.
Colonel Cubert, who was wounded, died, urging the men forward with his last words.
WASHINGTON, March 27.
The American troops at Manila are being re-inforced by 600 infantry, which were dispatched from San Francisco on Saturday.
General Otis, in his despatches to the Government, refers to the difficulty the Americans experienced in attempting to cut off Aguinaldo's retreat.
The despatches are regarded as ominous by the Government.
MANILA, March 27.
The surgeons belonging to the British cruiser Powerful are attending the American wounded.
The Filipinos, taking advantage of the successive entrenchments, continue to stoutly resist the Americans.

Federation.

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SYDNEY, March 27.
A great public meeting, under the auspices of the Anti-Federation League, was held in the Town Hall to-night.
Resolutions were carried approving of the action of the Legislative Council in the present crisis.
In reply to a cable sent to Mr. Ward, Attorney-General, who is at present in London, asking his opinion, the league received a wire, stating, "I am writing particulars. The Bill apparently worse than before. I am communicating with the Premier."
SYDNEY, March 28.
Mr. Reid states he has received a confidential cable from Mr. Want, but it neither contains nor does it infer any such statement as that made at the Town Hall meeting. He has cabled Mr. Want for an explanation.

The Hauraki Rifles Band will give their first promenade concert in St. George's Hall on Monday. Williams and Booth's full string band for dance music.—Advt.
Have you seen the latest in neck ties? Just opened at Claxton's.

The Transvaal.

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LONDON, March 26.
A petition to the Queen has been signed by twenty-one thousand British subjects in the Transvaal, who ask for an enquiry with a view to obtain reforms. It states that since the promises were made by President Kruger in 1895 the position of the Uitlanders has become worse, and had grown intolerable. It also states that the petitioners had been prevented from ventilating their grievance.
The Times warns President Kruger that since 1895 there has been a revulsion of feeling in France and Germany in regard to the Transvaal.

Riots in Ireland.

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LONDON, March 26.
Serious rioting has taken place at Charleville in Ireland at a County Council election. Many persons were injured during the riot.
Michael Davitt was mobbed and stoned.

Auckland News

(By Telegraph—Own Correspondent.)

AUCKLAND, March 28.
LADY RANFURLY.
Lady Ranfurly leaves for Sydney on Monday next, and will be accompanied by the Hon. Charles Hill-Trevor, the Governor's aide-de-camp.
CAPTAIN RUSSELL.
Captain Russell is expected to deliver an address here shortly.
LAND SETTLEMENT.
One hundred and seventy applications were received for the first block of land thrown open in the King Country, consisting of 3027 acres, situated about five miles from Otorohanga. There are ten sections, ranging from 74 acres to 548 acres in extent.

Judge Pennefather.

(Per Press Association.)

DUNEDIN, March 28.
The Star says that Judge Pennefather continues to act as Judge until April 24, thus removing a technical doubt as to the date of his appointment.

The Hon. J. G. Ward.

[PER PRESS ASSOCIATION.]

WELLINGTON, March 28.
The Times states: "It is stated on reliable authority that the Hon. J. G. Ward is redeeming the promise he made some time ago to pay his creditors 20s in the £. He has recently paid nearly all his liabilities in the colony, and intends shortly to pay what he still owes to Connell and Co. of London. He does not intend, however, to pay anything to the Colonial Bank, which he considers was the cause of his bankruptcy."
Mr Ward has lately secured several valuable business agencies in the colony, and has come into possession again of nearly all the buildings and lands he formerly held.

Accident at Karangahake.

The Mining Inspector received a telegram from the Superintendent of the Talisman battery stating that one of the boys got caught in the belting and had his arm torn off. Mr. Coutts immediately left for Karangahake to investigate the circumstances.

Correspondence.

THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT.

(To the Editor.)

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me through your paper, to correct an error which appears in this morning's paper. (A letter was read from the Secretary Court Pride of the North stating that the Court did not intend to present an address). Now, Sir, the fact is this: I received a letter from the Town Clerk (indirect) on the 20th, our meeting was held on the 21st, inviting the Court to take part in the reception of the Governor. My reply was: "I am instructed to inform you that owing to the greater portion of the members being out of the district, and the notice being so short, they will be unable to obtain a muster of members, therefore unable to attend." *Re* the address, that was a matter for the Thames Friendly Societies' Conference to deal with, not a single Court, but I am given to understand that the Conference was not invited to attend. By inserting this I shall esteem it a favour.—I am, etc.,
H. KENNERLEY.
March 28th, 1899.
P.S.—We were not invited to give an address, only to attend the reception.

THE GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION.

Sir: In this morning's paper it is stated that "The secretary said that Mr. Grigg had decided to select only the elder children, so that only room for 400 would be required." The secretary has evidently misconstrued something which he has heard. I have arranged for the grouping of about 250 children who can sing well, but with the total number of those who are to be marched to the ground I have nothing to do. I may, however, here remark that the teachers should not be expected to take the responsibility in parading the very small children.—I am, etc., J. GRIGG.

The Sharemarket.

AUCKLAND SHAREMARKET
AUCKLAND, March 28
The following quotations were issued by the Auckland Stock Exchange at noon :—
BUYERS—
May Queen—5s 3d
May Queen Extended—2d
Alburnia—1s 3d
Tararu Creek—1s 6d
Victoria—4d
Imperial—3d
Komata Reefs—2s 10d
Talisman—14s 4d
Ohinemuri Syndicate—2s 4d
Waihi Silverton—6s 9d
Bunker's Hill—3s 3d
Hauraki South—6d
Royal Oak—1s 1d
Welcome Find—9d
Zealandia—2d

Special bargains in straws, silk and lace hats, at clearing prices at the Beehive corner of Mary street.—Advt

THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT.

THE PROGRAMME.

The following is the programme of the proceedings to-morrow:
At 8.30 a. m. the Mayor (Mr. H. J. Greenslade), County Chairman (Mr. T. A. Dunlop), Chairman of the Harbor Board (Mr. W. Deeble), will proceed to Kopu by special train.
At 9.30 the Governor arrives at the Grahamstown railway station, where a guard of honor will present arms, and the National Anthem will be played by the Naval Band. The members of the local bodies will be present. His Excellency will then be escorted to the platform opposite the Borough Chambers, where the address will be presented.
After the Governor has replied the children will sing "My Own New Zealand Home," under the conductorship of the composer, Mr. John Grigg.
An address will then be presented by the Thames Miners' Union, and, after His Excellency has replied, the band will play the National Anthem.
The Governor will then be escorted to the Moanatairi and Tararu Creek batteries.
At 1.30 His Excellency and party will be entertained at lunch at the Royal Hotel by the local bodies.
After lunch the Governor and party will be escorted to the Thames-Hauraki Goldfields (Limited) pumping plant, afterwards proceeding to the runanga house at Parawai, where a native reception will take place. From thence he will proceed to the race meeting being held by the Thames Jockey Club in his honor at Parawai.

THE GOVERNOR AT COROMANDEL.

(Per Press Association.)

COROMANDEL, March 28.
The Tutanekai, with the Governor aboard, arrived at Coromandel Harbor at noon yesterday. The Governor came to the wharf in a steam launch.
A fierce gale with heavy rain spoiled the demonstration, which was very tame.
The Governor, accompanied by Captain Alexander, Hon. Hill-Trevor, and Captain Willeston, A.D.C., Hon. J. Carroll, Colonel Pole-Penton and three pressmen, at 5.30, on the balcony of Mr. Rolleston's hotel, received and replied to addresses from the County Council and residents and natives.
The band, under Conductor French, played several airs.
The Coromandel Fire Brigade, who formed a guard of honor to His Excellency in the procession from the wharf earlier in the day, were drawn up under Captain Morten. The Coromandel Rifles, under Captain Kenrick, also paraded in front of the hotel, about 800 persons being present.
His Excellency, in replying to the addresses, regretted Lady Ranfurly's absence. From what he had heard, the future of the district was one of great promise. Addressing the Maoris, Lord Ranfurly said their expressions of loyalty were especially welcome, as Her Majesty's desire was that all races should prosper under her rule.
Applause followed His Excellency's remarks. Three hearty cheers were then given for His Excellency, three more for Lady Ranfurly, and a final cheer for Hon. Mr. Carroll.
The band played several selections, and the proceedings ended.
In the evening His Excellency was tendered a banquet at the same hotel, Mr. James McGowan, M.H.R., presiding. There were present: Captain Leah and officers of H.M.S. Mildura, which arrived on Saturday; the captain of the Tutanekai and visitors from Auckland, including Messrs. J. H. Witheford, Graves Aicken and G. D. Ingall.
The banquet was a pronounced success.
His Excellency went aboard the Tutanekai after the banquet, and this morning drove to the Royal Oak mine, accompanied by a cavalcade of between sixty and seventy horsemen, where he set the machinery recently erected in motion.
The decorations in town, which were damaged by the storm yesterday, were restored this morning, and the procession through the main street was in every way a success.
At the Royal Oak battery His Excellency was entertained by Captain Hodge, manager, at a costly luncheon.
On the return from Tokatea at about 3.30 this afternoon Lord Ranfurly proceeded aboard the Tutanekai, which will be due at Kopu at 9.30 to-morrow morning.

Paeroa News.

(By Telegraph—Own Correspondent.)

PAEROA, March 27.
Several landslips have occurred.
A strong anti-hawker feeling exists throughout Ohinemuri. A public meeting discussed the matter at Waihi, when Mr. W. McCormick was appointed a delegate to act in conjunction with the Karangahake and Waitekauri delegates to present a petition to the County Council requesting that the by-laws be amended with a view to imposing a severe fine on hawkers representing firms outside the county.
A NARROW ESCAPE.
Mr. R. Jones, clerk at the Woodstock Company, whilst attempting to cross the Tarareke Creek on his way from Karangahake to Paeroa, had a narrow escape. His horse was swept off its feet and carried down the river. Jones was washed off the horse's back, but fortunately managed to grab hold of a tree, to which he clung, until rescued by his companion, Mr. Dickey.

Fire at Te Aroha.

(By Telegraph—Own Correspondent.)

TE AROHA, March 27.
The stables, shed and storerooms belonging to Mr. Peter Baine were totally destroyed by fire. One pony was burned to death, and one draught horse scorched. The total insurances are £300. Mr. Baine is a heavy loser. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Local and General.

Some sad facts were brought out at an inquest held at the Bethnal Green Coroner's Court, respecting the death of Charles Holliday, aged 77, described as a clerk. Louisa Holliday, a pinched and poverty-stricken looking old woman, said on Wednesday last deceased went to bed saying, "Don't wake me in the morning. I shan't want any breakfast." Next morning she found him dead in bed. He was in great poverty and in want of food. He had a few stamps sent him every week from Yarmouth, and used to give her two stamps every morning to buy a pennyworth of bacon and a pennyworth of potatoes, and that was all they ever had. Dr. Edward Berdoe said deceased had been a very strong, powerful man in his time, but had been living on his own tissues for some time past. There was no food in the stomach, and his only covering was a dirty old shirt. Death was due to pneumonia, accelerated by destitution. George Wetherilt, who occupied a room under the deceased's, said he was a very intellectual man, was educated for the law and practiced as a barrister for a few years, but riotous and extravagant living ruined him. He afterwards became a commercial traveller, but again fell, and from that time sank lower and lower until he had only about 4s a week, which was sent him by a friend, and neither he nor the woman had enough to keep a cat alive. He said he would rather die of starvation than die in the workhouse, and witness had seen him pick up crusts in the streets and eat them.

Professor Falb, a celebrated Austrian astronomer, still sticks to his forecast of 1894 that the remains of Biela's comet will collide with the earth this year. This six-year comet split in two in 1846, and has not been seen since 1852, because, it is supposed, it has been resolved into a stream of meteors. Professor Falb says the earth will collide with this meteor stream at 3 p.m. (Austrian time, probably) on November 13, 1889. He is inclined to think that the result of the collision will be extremely disagreeable to the dwellers on the earth at the time. Other people who are not unfamiliar with meteors say it will do no harm, that at most it will provide a fine spectacle of falling stars, and that the worst that can happen for mankind is that the weather may be foggy and spoil the view of the shower.

In consequence of the appearance of swine fever among pigs at Mataura, owned by Mr. J. B. MacEwan, ninety-three were destroyed on Wednesday and Thursday. The Wyndham Farmer states that after a searching test the majority were passed as absolutely healthy, but several were diseased and were summarily consigned to the digester attached to the Southland Frozen Meat Company's manure works. The utmost precautions are being observed in order to prevent the spread of the disease, and also effectually stamp it out. The buildings have all been destroyed by fire. The surface of the land has also been burned, and the soil well ploughed up. The usual compensation prescribed by law will be allowed on all condemned slaughtered animals.

The electric building of the Paris Exhibition of 1900 will contain the machinery for the lighting of the entire grounds, which will require engines of over 12,000 horse-power. These will require an immense amount of water for the generation of steam, and this water will be utilised in a great electrical fountain, 100 feet high, before finally being delivered into the boilers.

The Kaiser's one-foot-long rifle, easily managed with one hand, holding ten cartridges in the magazine, wherewith he bagged 40 out of forty-five sows, has attracted the attention of British officers in the Indian Army. It seemed to them the very improvement on the revolver which is desired by officers who fight Pathans among the wild hills of the northwest frontier. Cordite is the powder behind the ball; the sights go up to 1000 yards. There is not a screw in the whole mechanism. The pistol fits into a wooden case which, affixed to the butt, makes the shoulder-piece converting the rifle into a magazine rifle, easily managed with one hand. A £5 note covers the full cost of the weapon.

A rather cynical toast runs thus: Woman—she requires no eulog