

HAMILTON DURING THE GREAT WAR



This exhibition uses newspaper stories and images to take you back in time to Hamilton in 1915.

What was life like 100 years ago? What were the issues of the day? What were people talking about?

Each panel has been put together using resources from Hamilton City Libraries newspaper, historic photographs, ephemera and archives collections.

All articles and advertisements have been sourced from the Waikato Times in 1915 unless stated otherwise. Some articles have been abridged. All spelling and grammar are as they appeared in the newspapers in 1915.

As Hamilton photographs from 1915 are limited, images have been sourced from throughout the 1910s in order to build an impression of the town as it was.

100 years ago...

HAMILTON IN 1915



Life continued as usual in Hamilton in 1915. The town was a predominantly farming community with a population of just over 4000. The borough of Frankton was separate. The people were mainly British immigrants who were very patriotic towards the King. Residents loved parades, carnivals, picnics, brass bands and had a great sense of community spirit.

While New Zealand was on the other side of the world to the conflicts of the Great War, citizens were still expected to do their bit. Few people thought that the war would last more than a year – young recruits were eager to enlist, unaware of the horrors they would face overseas.

Please exhibit in a conspicuous place.

DOMINION OF  NEW ZEALAND.

WAR CENSUS.

NATIONAL REGISTRATION ACT, 1915.

BY PROCLAMATION issued under the above Act, EVERY MALE Resident of New Zealand between the ages of SEVENTEEN and SIXTY is required to register
NOT LATER THAN TUESDAY, 9th NOVEMBER, 1915.

A PERSONAL SCHEDULE

must be filled in by every person to whom the Proclamation applies. The schedule, on being completed, is to be placed in the addressed envelope provided, and handed to an officer of the Post and Telegraph Department, or posted to the Government Statistician at Wellington. POSTAGE FREE.

SCHEDULES ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL POST-OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE DOMINION.

Any person who fails to furnish the particulars required, or who makes any false statement, is liable to

A FINE OF £100 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

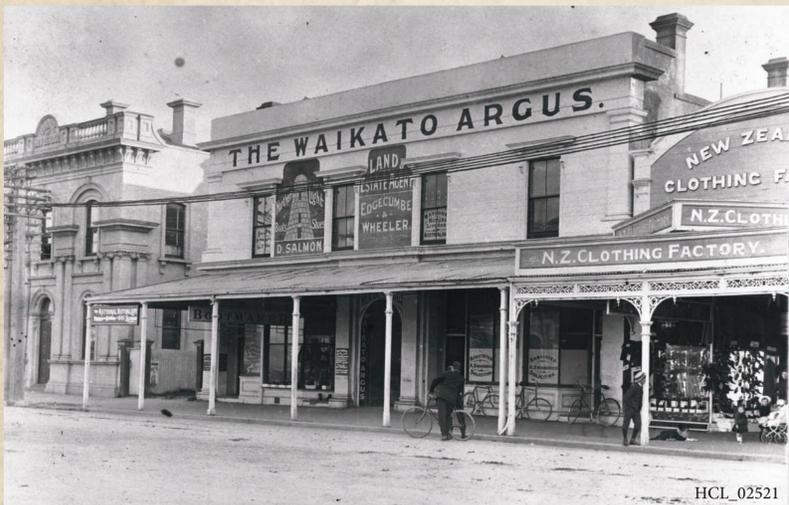
The Register to be compiled is purely a CIVIL REGISTER for the purpose of ascertaining the resources of the Dominion in men, and the registration DOES NOT INVOLVE ENLISTMENT, NOR IS IT IN SUBSTITUTION FOR THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF ENLISTMENT. Those desirous of enlisting can obtain enlistment forms at the nearest post-office or Defence Office.

WARNING! The obligation to register is a personal one. The fact that a form has not been addressed to or received by any person DOES NOT ABSOLVE HIM from responsibility to register. ANY PERSON LIABLE TO REGISTER WHO REFUSES, FAILS, OR NEGLECTS TO DO SO WILL BE PROSECUTED.

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

(BY ORDER) MALCOLM FRASER,
Wellington, 18th October, 1915. Government Statistician.

Dominion of New Zealand: War Census. National Registration Act, 1915...every male resident of New Zealand between the ages of seventeen and sixty is required to register not later than Tuesday, 9th November, 1915. Ref: Eph-D-WAR-WI-1915-01. Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand.



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The Waikato Argus building in Victoria Street c1910. The Argus was amalgamated with the Waikato Times in late 1915.

HAMILTON MOTOR BY-LAW

To the Editor.

Sir, I am very pleased to see Mr Pemberton take up the cudgels in your valuable paper against the by-law in Hamilton, insisting that all motor-car drivers shall be licensed before they can drive through Hamilton. I think as there are a great many accidents among horse-driven vehicles that it is much more necessary to license drivers on horse traps. Anyway it is no inducement to farmers to visit Hamilton when there is a chance of their being run in if they don't take out a license; so most of those in this position will do their business in some other town. The Waikato farmers can drive to and about Auckland or anywhere else in New Zealand without any license. Why, therefore, should they be barred in Hamilton? Why should a farmer 41 miles out of Hamilton go free and one 39 miles have to take a license. - I am, etc.,
Matangi. 11th February 1915

WEEKLY HALF HOLIDAY

A petition is at present in circulation in Hamilton, under the authorship of certain business men, asking the Minister of Internal Affairs to authorise a poll of ratepayers on the question of the weekly half-holiday in Hamilton and Frankton. At present the shops close on Wednesday, the day being fixed by a conference of delegates from the Hamilton and Frankton Borough Councils.



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Victoria Street was in the process of being lowered in April 1915 in order to make the decline at the end of the street less steep.

SATURDAY CLOSING

Owing to the importance of the question to be decided at the poll next Wednesday a representative of the Waikato Times called upon one of the managers of a leading business firm to get his opinion on the matter.

Asked what would be the effect on trade generally and the consequent prosperity of the town, he stated that he wanted it to be clearly understood that he sympathised with the assistants who were endeavouring to get Saturday afternoon as a sports day, but, unfortunately, sport would not pay the rates, and any proposal of a doubtful nature that would tend to depreciate our town should be considered very carefully. Hamilton cannot be compared with any other town, as it is essentially a district centre. Nor can we compare the present Hamilton with that of ten years ago; therefore in the same way we must build for the future. Ten years ago Hamilton was a small "Country town"; to-day it is a medium sized country town, and in ten years, if its progress is not barred we will become a large "town," but still "in the country." The closing of the shops on a Saturday will spoil our country trade. In my opinion the sports clubs would be strengthened, and the theatres and picture houses be given a direct lift but otherwise I cannot see any benefit to closing on a Saturday. From a health standpoint the mid-week break from work is a good thing.

Will the assistants vote for Saturday closing?

Many like the Wednesday [Current closing day], and I am quite certain the majority of assistants who have the welfare of the town at heart, will vote against the proposal, and all other workers not under the Shop Assistants Act have the holiday already in which to do their business, so will naturally vote against a proposal that will take away their privileges.

When we have a population here of 100,000 or so, we will be able to experiment with Saturday closing, but at the present time during the war it is too risky. Let us make our own town what it is geographically suited for, namely, a "Live Shopping Centre," and not retard its growth with very doubtful experiments.

HAMILTON STATISTICS 1915

• Estimated area:	2,276 acres
• Estimated population:	4,097 people
• Dwellings:	1,075 dwellings
• Ratepayers:	1,100 people
• Rateable properties:	1,780 properties
• Money received from rates:	£ 8,773.00
• Other money received:	£19,285.00
	Total revenue: £28,058.00
	Receipts not revenue: £24,569.00
	£52,627.00
• Loans total	£21,979.00
• £11,200.00 spent on gas lighting and power services	
Borough Council Employees:	
42 permanent employees, 63 casual or temps	
105 total employees	£14,274.00 wages.

Figures taken from *The Municipal Handbook of New Zealand 1915*



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Motor vehicles, horses and carriages, cyclists and pedestrians share Victoria Street, c1916.

HAMILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Mayor, Mr A. E. Manning, presided over a meeting of the Hamilton Borough Council last night. There were also present: Crs. Fow, McKinnan, Tristram, Hammond, Tidd, Howden, and Speight.

DAMAGED HARNESS

Mr G. Raynes asked the council to pay for repairs to a harness belonging to him, which was broken through his horse falling into a hole in Collingwood street. The repairs had cost him £1, while he had lost the use of the horse temporarily. - Referred to the engineer for a report.

APPROACH WANTED

Mr J. Buckley, Naylor Street, asked for a formed approach to his property. - Left in the hands of the chairman of Works Committee and engineer for a report.

HINEMOA STREET

Mr T. White urged the council to open Hinemoa street from Ward street to the railway line, to its full width, in accordance with a promise previously given. - The matter was referred to the engineer to make some arrangement with Mr White.

KANIWHANIWA STREAM

The engineer presented a report: "I beg to report that his Worship the Mayor and Crs. Tidd, Hayter, Tristram, McKinnon, and Howden visited the above stream on the 17th inst for the purpose of ascertaining the volume of water at what is, probably, the minimum flow for several years.

The stream was measured near the site of proposed intake, and the discharge over the weir was found to be at the rate of 3,000,000 gallons in 24 hours. Assuming that the quantity available as a supply is 2,000,000 gallons daily, this would provide sufficient water storage for a population of 40,000 on a basis of 50 gallons per head per day."

WORKS COMMITTEE

The Works Committee reported that they had resolved to recommend that the engineer take levels with a view to cutting down the intersection of Pembroke and Clarence streets a depth of about three feet.

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE

Recommended: "That the matter of widening the footpath in Victoria street fronting Ferry Bank, be left in the hands of the borough engineer and Beautifying Society's foreman."

RESERVES COMMITTEE

Recommended: "That the storm water drainage work required to be done to effectually drain the Whitiara Lagoon site and to prevent the water from Victoria street discharging on the area, be put in hand and completed by day labour in accordance with the borough engineer's report and plan of 2nd October 1915 last."

FOR CHARITY



The war brought out the best in people living in Hamilton. Those at home used charity work as a way of supporting the war effort and their loved ones on the front lines in Europe and the Middle East. Patriotic societies, mostly made up of women, were formed to help collect items such as boots,

socks, waistcoats and other clothing for soldiers. School children made handkerchiefs and knitted socks while money and gifts were collected for wounded soldiers and their families. Colourful public events, such as mock courts, fairs, concerts and dances, were held to raise funds and bring the community together.



LEATHER WAISTCOATS

LADY LIVERPOOL'S APPEAL

Lady Liverpool writes as follows: "I desire to appeal to the people of the Auckland province to assist me in providing leather waistcoats for our troops at the front during the forthcoming winter, and should be very grateful if those wishing to further this object would be good enough to communicate with the Mayoress of Auckland, who has kindly undertaken, on my behalf to receive all contributions for the Auckland men from the surrounding country districts, as well as from the City of Auckland."



Pupils at Frankton School sew handkerchiefs and cheesecloth singlets for soldiers during the First World War.

THE VICTORIAN LEAGUE AND CLOTHING FOR THE BELGIANS

The secretary of the Victoria League, Hamilton, wishes to intimate that the request of Miss McKenzie, London to the Mayoress for clothing for the Belgians resulted in the despatch of the following: 173 pairs of socks, 21 cholera belts, 29 mufflers, 6¼ dozen undershirts and 6 dozen handkerchiefs. These were forwarded by the S.S. Paparoa which left Wellington on July 6th.

WORK FOR RECRUITS

HAMILTON SYSTEM COMMENDED

The Minister of Defence (Hon. J.A. Allen) recently complimented the Waikato Patriotic Society upon the excellent system instituted of providing work, at full wages, for recruits awaiting an opportunity of going into camp. With the exception of Stratford, Hamilton was said by the Minister to be the only town in the Dominion where such provision was made.



TO THE FRONT

*But when the war is over, an' all the
fightin's through,
Oh! then I'll pack my haversack and
travel back to you;
And, my darlin', you'll be waitin',
for I know that you are true,
An' we're marchin' to the front
in the mornin'.*

HAMILTON GRATIFIED

STATEMENT BY MAYOR FINE WORK BY WOMEN

Gratification at the magnificent response on behalf of the Queen of the South was expressed to-night by the Mayor, Mr. A.E. Manning, who acted as chairman of the executive of No. 4 group.

"From the inception of the provincial movement the sum of £50,000 was aimed at," said Mr. Manning, "and the people of the district went into the movement with great enthusiasm." Although the carnival spirit was somewhat indulged in, and a great deal of money has been obtained by indirect methods, a greater amount still has been derived from direct giving. Many people, realising the great sacrifices that have been made by the men at the front, gave freely, and some at great sacrifice, in order to show their appreciation of the soldier's services.

[Story courtesy of NZ Herald]

HOSPITAL SHIP AND WOUNDED SOLDIER FUND

Subscriptions to the above fund will be received by the Mayor (Mr A.E. Manning); Mr R.J.S. Gray, treasurer, and the Waikato Times, and will be acknowledged in this column. (Listing of names follows) Total £3540 6s 7b

Additional gifts included: Balaclava hat, 1 pair mittens, 1 pair socks, 2 cups, 1 dozen knotted facecloths, 1 dozen handkerchiefs and a parcel of chocolates and cigars:

Items received for donation included dining room ornaments, 2 bridles, 1 gas cooker, 1 child's knitted jersey, 1 organ, 1 lawn mower, 2 table lamps, photo frame, 2 pictures, 3 flower bowls, 1 salad bowl, 2 pedigree pigeons, 1 Kauri gum slab, a 2 reel Eldridge sewing machine, 1 pony and harness, 1 King fern in pot, carpets, 5 laying hens and other items.

APPEAL FOR STAMPS TO HELP THE SICK AND WOUNDED

A Hamilton business man has pointed out to us a method by which the tradespeople and others can assist the sick and wounded and other patriotic funds at no cost to themselves, and at little trouble. He states that hundreds of pounds are thrown away annually in used stamps on letters and parcels, and further intimated that he will donate one penny to the sick and wounded Soldiers' Fund for every effaced New Zealand stamp over the denomination of one penny left at our office. We will gladly receive the stamps from those desirous of helping the fund.



The Hamilton East Post Office, soon after construction in 1911.

Do You Feel the Money Pinch?

Does the fact that you have to be well dressed and have to pay high prices for your clothes make you feel the money pinch? Money is tighter than ever now. £1 saved is £1 earned. If you have two pairs of trousers with your suit for the price of a suit only you are earning money. That is what we all want. Earn more money. Have you seen the lovely patterns we are showing?

Suit and Extra Trousers £3 15s

Don't forget that J.H. Dalton took all the prizes for high-class tailoring at the Dunedin Exhibition and is showing better value than ever.

Order your summer suit NOW

J. H. DALTON,

Tailor and clothier,
Victoria Street, Hamilton.

And at Queen Street, Auckland.

Some extra special bargains in boots during the week at T.M.S. Midwinter Boot sale.

Something special!
Very tasty, Booth's Sardines, that are not Sardines, in Tomato, Mustard or Spiced, 1lb tins 1s at T.M.S. Provision Counter.

MORE MONEY TO COME IN FROM MOCK COURT

Although over £700 has been handed to the local patriotic committee from the proceeds of the mock court at Hamilton, there are a large number of fines still to be collected. Mr. H. Valder and Mr S. Sims said that nobody had called to collect their money. The chairman said he was glad to hear this and that he would certainly see that the two gentlemen present were relieved of their present embarrassing position. (Laughter.)

PATRIOTIC DANCE

A patriotic social and dance promoted by the Loyal Hamilton Lodge, Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, was held in the Town Hall last evening, and was in every way a success, about 200 being present. Music was supplied free by an excellent orchestra of seven performers. The Waikato Winter Show lent the bunting and the townspeople donated the refreshments. A substantial sum is expected to be realised for the Wounded Soldiers' Fund.

RED CROSS COLLECTION - HAMILTON

The street collection on Thursday on behalf of the Red Cross work realised £48 12s 8d.

A selection of articles and advertisements from the Waikato Times in 1915. Images are from the Hamilton City Libraries historic photographs, ephemera and archives collections.

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TE OHOMAURI O KIRIKIROA

an inexhaustible profusion of blooms, for as quickly as the stands are relieved of their burdens they are replenished from some mysterious recess beneath.

By midday the town resembled a vast horticultural show with the exhibits displayed in unique human vases of shades both white and brown, for the knots of natives about were not the least generous of the purchasers.

"PLEASE GIVE ME A PENNY SIR"

SPRING FLORAL DAY

HAMILTON EN FETE

Hamilton is gay indeed to-day. Joyfulness is in the atmosphere, while the product of hundreds of flower gardens assembled in the confines of Victoria Street fill the atmosphere with a fragrance that delights the senses and makes one realise the joys of living. The stalls which are erected in various parts of the main thoroughfare and on the Frankton station appear to be connected with some subterranean Eden, possessing

CLUBS AND CHURCHES



Numerous clubs operated in Hamilton, including sports and racing, drama and scout clubs. They held competitions, carnivals and recitals. Many clubs lost members to the war, while others helped raise funds for soldiers.

Church members also helped with patriotic fundraising. Church services were held as usual and children attended Sunday school. Presbyterian parishioners enjoyed their new St Andrew's Church, built on the corner of Te Aroha Street and River Road, which was opened in 1914, while Anglicans were fundraising for a new church of their own, as the old St Peter's Church was full of borer. The foundation stone was laid in October 1915 and the church was dedicated in December 1916.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH HAMILTON

The annual meeting of the congregation was held last night in the church. The report of the Kirk Session showed that all branches of church work were in a healthy condition, and attendance at the services was well maintained. The Sabbath School report submitted by Mr W. Goodfellow (Superintendent) showed that there were 186 names on the roll, the staff consisting of 20. Alterations to the building had added to the efficiency of the work of the school. One of the teaching staff (Mr Dewar) had gone to the front, and another (Mr Pearson) would leave in the course of a few weeks. A special vote of thanks was accorded to the staff of the Sunday school. The moderator stated that he hoped to see three schools established in connection with the church, namely, at Whitiara, Claudelands and Hamilton East.

As the minister had erected a private residence at Claudelands and will shortly vacate the manse at Hamilton East, it was agreed to allow him 25s per week house allowance, the leasing of the manse property being left in the hands of the managing committee. Benediction followed the meeting.

HAMILTON SWIMMING CLUB

The second carnival under the auspices of the Hamilton Swimming Club will take place in the municipal baths on Thursday, 25th inst. The programme is now being arranged, and will include a dual race for lady and gentleman, in addition to other novelties. It is the intention of the management to make this gathering of special interest to parents, attractive races for school children being a feature. Programme to be issued next week.

"All the best people in the country are coming. Crème de la crème." Where? To Jack Straw of course. Town Hall to-night.



The new St Andrew's Church, built on the corner of Te Aroha Street and River Road, was opened in 1914.

HAMILTON SHAKESPEARE CLUB GIVES PROFITS TO PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

The Hamilton Shakespeare Club has set a good example of patriotism to kindred bodies by deciding to make no profit on the season's working, but to devote all its surplus funds to patriotic purposes. To-night's reading "Jack Straw" has been unanimously voted by readers as the most witty play which the club has ever attempted. Those who attend may therefore rely on a first-class evening's entertainment with the comfortable assurance that not only they, but also our wounded soldiers, will participate in the enjoyment.

ST PETER'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We remind parents and others interested that the annual entertainment and presentation of prizes in connection with St. Peter's Sunday School, Hamilton, will be held this evening in the schoolroom, Victoria street.

"I'm so rich they just can't 'elp coming." So says Mrs Parker in "Jack Straw." Don't disappoint the old lady. Town Hall, Friday next.

SCOUT CONTEST

The second contest for the shield presented to the Waikato Boy Scouts took place at Cambridge on Saturday. There were present 23 Hamilton Boy Scouts under Mr Bamford, Scoutmaster. Mr Bennett, district commander, was also present. The boys had lunch in St. Andrew's Schoolroom at noon, and the competitions commenced at 1.30 p.m. and finished at 4.30 p.m. There were three events, they and the results being as under:- Stretcher drill, as in St. John ambulance book; teams of four boys from each troop; judge, Dr Edmonds. - Cambridge first, Hamilton a close second, Matangi third. Semaphore signalling: Sending and receiving a simple message; points for speed and accuracy of style equal; teams of four boys from each troop. Judge Mr J. Thompson. Matangi first, Hamilton second and Cambridge third. Bridge building: Two pairs of trestles to be made up, set up and tested: Points for speed, accuracy, and neatness to be equal, teams of four boys from each troop; judge, District Commander Bennett. - Cambridge first, Matangi second and Hamilton third.

FRANKTON RIFLE CLUB

OPENING OF RANGE

The Frankton Rifle Club will hold its inaugural meet at the new butts, on the Whatawhata road to-morrow. A supply of rifles has been obtained from the Department, while ample ammunition for the requirements of the members has been secured. The opening will take place in the presence of the whole of the local permanent staff, while special arrangements have been made for the entertainment of the public. The Frankton Town Band will be in attendance, and afterwards tea will be provided.

CLAUDELANDS RACECOURSE

EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME

A Waikato Times representative spoke to Mr E. Goodwin, chairman of the South Auckland Racing Club's Ground Committee on improvements.

At the last race meeting the congestion at the totalisator was very marked, and it was realised that further accommodation would have to be provided. This is to be done by extending the present building 40 feet to the south, utilising the whole of the present structure for paddock patrons. This will extend the lawn considerably, as will also the work which is being done at the northern end. Here the saddling paddock and bird cage have been shifted, the former now extending to below the loose boxes the whole of the area in front of which is enclosed. On this portion of the lawn it is proposed to erect a stewards' stand. All the big trees near the loose boxes have been cut down and the clearance has effected a wonderful improvement.

Other improvements are to the course and Claudelands will shortly be - one of the best in the Dominion.

MUSIC RECITAL AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Music-lovers of Hamilton are reminded that an organ recital will be given at the Methodist Church on Wednesday night. Previous recitals given by Mr Webster have been a great success, and his ability as an organist has been proved on this beautiful instrument. The programme will include the Bridal music from "Lohengrin," and also "Poet and peasant" overture.



The original St Peter's Church (left), built in 1884 out of kahikatea timber, was full of borer and falling down, so parishioners championed for a new church (below). The foundation stone was laid in October 1915 and the church was opened in 1916.



A ladies hockey team.



A selection of articles and advertisements from the Waikato Times in 1915. Images are from the Hamilton City Libraries historic photographs, ephemera and archives collections.

ENTERTAINMENT



There were plenty of entertainment options for Hamilton residents. Carnivals, shows, picnics, dances and parades were held throughout the year. People could watch recent films at their local theatre, including the Theatre Royal which opened in March 1915. Various events, including races, tournaments and regattas,

were held to celebrate special occasions such as Anniversary Day, Easter and St Patrick's Day. The Waikato A&P Show was always a hit, with numerous entrants for its competitions, while visitors enjoyed the atmosphere and the produce and products on show.

ANNIVERSARY DAY

To-day, being Anniversary Day, is being observed as a general holiday; all shops, factories, and other places of business being closed. Many holidaymakers, who were bent on jaunting to town or country, were disappointed by the heavy rain which fell from an early hour in the morning, and proved very untimely, though welcome to the parched land. Numerous important sporting and athletic events were held throughout the Auckland and Waikato districts, including races at Takapuna, the show at Te Aroha, the regatta at Mercer, Caledonian Society's sports at Frankton Junction, bowling at Cambridge, etc.

Nearly all the solicitors in Hamilton have agreed to keep their offices closed to-morrow so as to get the full advantage of the week-end.

AMUSEMENTS

THE KING'S THEATRE TO-NIGHT

We present a grim and powerful war drama. An epitome of valour and love.

Warfare in the Skies

SEE the race for reinforcements.

SEE the gigantic aeroplanes.

SEE meet in mortal combat.

SEE the wreck and crash to earth

From the wreckage comes the cry of victory at the overthrow of treachery.

The 3rd N.Z. Expeditionary Force.

Our New War Gazette.

Keystone. Keystone.

The Masquerader.

Charlie Chaplin as a lady - his cleverest production.

Dress circle, 1s 6d; Stalls, 1s, Pit, 6d

ANNUAL PICNIC

The annual picnic in connection with the Hamilton West School will be held at Te Aroha on Wednesday next. A train will leave Frankton at 9 a.m. and Hamilton at 9.15 a.m., leaving Te Aroha for the return journey at 4.30 p.m. The fares are: Adults, 2s 3d; senior children, 1s 6d; children, 1s 1d. Hot water and milk will be provided for excursionists.



The Theatre Royal in Victoria Street c1918. It was founded by Sydney Tombs and officially opened for business on 11 March 1915.

THEATRE ROYAL SUCCESSFUL OPENING

If the opening which took place last night is an augury of future prospects, the new Theatre Royal at Hamilton will be an unbounded success. A huge crowd assembled quite early in the evening, awaiting the unlocking of the gate, and although the doors were opened at 7.30, it was nearly 8.30 before the steady flow of patrons ceased and when the curtain was drawn to the playing of the national anthem, it was estimated that nearly 1300 people were present in the building. The lighting and seats were very comfortable and the opening passed off smoothly without a single hitch. An excellent series of pictures were screened which were largely of British manufacture, proving that in the production of pictures, as in almost everything else manufactured by the British, the reputation for quality is upheld. The films were followed by an excellent war gazette and old-time story adapted from Rodney Stone featuring Florence Turner. A portion of the German navy was shown in the Kiel Canal, while the boys who are keeping them there were pictured manoeuvring in the North Sea. The excellent night's entertainment concluded with some clever lightning sketches dealing with the present crisis in Europe.

The same programme will be screened to-night and to-morrow, while on Monday night Nellie Stewart will appear in the old English masterpiece, "Dorothy o' the Hall."

EASTER CARNIVAL AT HAMILTON

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING

[In aid of the Beautifying Society which has transformed the town]

The tradespeople rallied to the support of the Society not only with donations but by contributing trade exhibits and their conception of striking displays and poster advertisements which did them credit. Undoubtedly the most striking feature of the procession was the children's section. Almost every known nation under the sun and numerous picturesque phases of industrial life were typified, many of the costumes being unique and of clever conception. The inevitable cowboy was there with his red shirt, slouch hat and brace of revolvers and brigand of the mountain, with moustache pointed at a fierce angle, the minstrel with tail coat, tall hat and grinning visage, the turbaned and trousered Turk, daughters of the land of the rising sun, ministering angels of the Red Cross, tousled-haired washerwomen, befeathered sons of the wild northwest, the never-failing Britannia and here onsort, John and his bulldog, while a stable military and patriotic effect was lent by the presence of the local branch of the Legion of Frontiersmen mounted and in full dress, a large company of boy scouts and last, who should probably have been mentioned first, the Band of the 16th Waikato Regiment, the absence of which would have been sadly missed.

The scene at the grounds was one of great animation. The day turned out beautifully fine, and the view from the grandstand, ever pretty, was particularly pleasing today. The fresh green of the broad sward against the background of beautiful native bush and vivid splashes of colour from the picturesque costumes of the revellers surpassed that of any function ever held in the town. The attendance at noon was large and as all were determined to enjoy themselves, they entered with zest into the proceedings. Good entries were the order of the day and the monetary result should be gratifying to all concerned.

ENTERTAINMENTS

KING'S THEATRE

The "Siren of Corsica" will be featured in to-night's programme at the King's Theatre for the last time. To-morrow night a wonderful Broadway feature production will be presented, entitled, "413".

THEATRE ROYAL

The Theatre Royal was well attended last night, when "The Tattooed Hand", another series of the famous lady detective dramas, was reeled off. The programme was bright and entertaining.

IN NATURE'S OWN TINTS - TOWN HALL

Kinemacolor, or natural colour, pictures, entitled "With the Fighting Forces of Europe" will be shown at the Town Hall on Wednesday and Thursday next week. The public have become so used to the black and white picture that they have come to be regarded as the all and end of picturedom; but in the Kinemacolor "With the Fighting Forces in Europe" the public will see that pictures so wrought must claim the attention of the intelligent. It is all very well seeing the black figure of a man walking down a white road into a black forest, but it is a different thing entirely when one is able to pick out the exact tones and texture of the clothes the man is wearing, when the green fields and the muddy-grey of the ditches form a natural setting for the brown dusty road, and a dozen tints of green gleam from the forest in the distance. The box plans for the two nights open at Paul's Book Arcade to-morrow morning. The advertised prices are 3s, 2s 1s.

DANCE AT ODDFELLOW'S HALL

Messrs Killip and Best's fortnightly dance takes place on Friday next at the Oddfellows' Hall. A waltzing competition will be held for which good prizes will be given.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

The festival of Ireland's patron saint has come to be observed almost throughout the English-speaking world as a general holiday. It is invariably a fixture for sports events, and in Waikato has for years been the day of the great Ngaruawahia Regatta. St Mary's Catholic Church has also adopted it for the occasion of the annual picnic, which is being held at Knighton, while special trains are running to Paeroa for the Ohinemuri races. A bowling match was played between Morrinsville and Whitiara at Whitiara this morning, and between Hamilton and Morrinsville at Hamilton this afternoon, while a series of tennis matches are being played on the Hamilton courts.



[Seven Days' Leave. From the Hamilton City Libraries ephemera collection: Ephemera - theatre]

RAILWAY EXCURSIONS

WEEKEND TRIPS

It is announced by the Railway Department that on and after next Saturday week-end excursion tickets will be issued on Saturdays and Sunday mornings from any station to any station covered by the train services. The return journey must be completed on the following Monday. The issue of the week-end excursion tickets marks the introduction of a new policy, through which people will be allowed to visit the hot springs and health resorts, such as Rotorua, Te Aroha and Helensville, at reduced rates.



Picnics were a common form of socialising. Here a picnic is held at the Hamilton High School tennis courts c1915.



Hamilton residents gather in Victoria Street to watch the Labour Day procession in 1913.

DECLARATION DAY

CELEBRATIONS IN HAMILTON

At 2.30 o'clock this afternoon a public meeting convened by his Worship the Mayor (Mr A.E. Manning), at the request of the Prime Minister, was held outside the Town Hall.

There was a large concourse present, representative of the town and the various outlying districts, and the proceedings were most impressive, being marked with both solemnity and earnestness.

Punctually at 2 p.m. the local branch of the National Reserve, under Major Reid, and the High School and 5th and 89th Companies of Cadets and Boy Scouts assembled at the Horse Bazaar and marched to the hall.

The proceedings started with the singing of that grand old hymn "O God our help in ages past." After which Rev. T.J. Wallis (Methodist) briefly engaged in prayer. The 16th Regimental Band then played the National Anthems of the Allies, the vast concourse reverently standing. Terse patriotic and inspiring addresses were delivered by Revs. G.F. Harvic (Anglican) and H.G. Hereus (Baptist), at the conclusion of which his Worship the Mayor moved the following resolution: "That on this anniversary of righteous war

this meeting of the burgesses of Hamilton records its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle in maintenance of those ideals of liberty and justice which are the common and sacred cause of the Allies." This was seconded by the Deputy-Mayor (Mr J.E. Hammond), and carried with much enthusiasm. The hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers" followed, and after a short prayer, offered by Rev. H. Miller (Church of Christ), the National Anthem brought a memorable meeting to a conclusion.

The Hamilton branch of the Victorian League had charge of the arrangements, which were most complete.

At 3 p.m. the gasworks whistle was sounded, and while the band played "Dead March," in honour of the fallen brave, all work in the borough, in factory, workshop, office, and street ceased.

Intercessory services and meetings for prayer for the Divine blessing upon the arms and efforts of the Allies were held in several of the churches during the day, and will be continued this evening. A meeting was also held at Frankton Town Hall at 4 p.m., a report of which will appear tomorrow.

WELCOME BACK TO RETURNED WOUNDED SOLDIERS

The 16th Regimental Band will take part in the welcome to returned wounded soldiers on Sunday next, meeting at the band room at 9.30 a.m. In the afternoon at 2.30 a programme will be submitted at Ferry Bank. Where, if necessary, seating accommodation will be provided. A feature of the programme will be the patriotic numbers, including: "Won't you join in the army?," "A Paen of Victory," "Friends in Peace, Friends in War," "England's Call," and "Under Freedom's Flag," a selection embracing the national airs and anthems of all British dominions and dependencies.

FAREWELL FOR AMBULANCE CORPS VOLUNTEERS

The members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Choir, at the invitation of the choirmaster (Mr Madill), met at the Kia Ora tea-rooms on Thursday evening to bid farewell to Messrs T.H. Pearson and J. Smyth, two of their members, prior to leaving by the midnight express for Trentham to join the Ambulance Corps. After light refreshments Mr Madill, on behalf of the choir, presented Mr Pearson with a wristlet watch, and referred to the long and faithful service he had rendered the choir. Mr Smyth was the recipient of a silver pencil case.

BROTHERS SIGN UP FOR WAR



The Monkman brothers, Ernest (standing on the left) and Alfred (standing on the right), with their father James, mother Katherine (Kate) and sister Vivian before they departed to join the war.



A nurse prepares a meal in the kitchen of Ward 8 at Waikato Hospital, where wartime crippled soldiers were cared for.

PUBLIC OPINION

As expressed by correspondents, whose letters are welcome, but for whose views we have no responsibility.

WHITE FEATHERS

To the Editor.

Sir, - During the course of the last few weeks I have had sent to me through the post, on two occasions, a white feather enclosed in an envelope. I have heard of other young men receiving a feather sent openly without any covering whatever, and what I want to know is, how long is Defence Minister Allen going to allow this sort of thing to continue? And is the post office going to be used as a means to openly insult members of the community by receiving and delivering such epistles of savage ignorance? If this degrading practice - no doubt the doings of a few irresponsible and very ignorant persons - is allowed to continue, then I fear that recruiting is not likely to benefit thereby in the future, for any young man receiving such a contemptible insult would seriously think twice before volunteering for the front whilst such miserable specimens of humanity remained at home in safety and comfort. As for me, I have this to say: If the waster - male or female - who sent me that white feather last week will guarantee to support my widowed mother I will gladly go to the front to-morrow, - I am, etc.,
DISGUSTED

GUNNER LESLIE GOWER

Private advice was received in Hamilton this morning stating that Gunner Leslie Gower, of No. 3 Battery, New Zealand Field Artillery, had died of wounds received in Gallipoli. The deceased was a younger brother of Dr Gower, who left Hamilton yesterday en route for England to join the R.A.M.C.



TO THE FRONT

"Now tell me where you're going, lad," she whispered soft and low;
"I've been watchin' at the barracks, for I heard the bugles blow,"
"Oh, we've just received our orders, so, darlin', I must go,
For we're marchin' to the front in the mornin'."

Your King and Your Country Need You!



¶ This clarion call, like a veritable fiery cross, has gone from one end of the Empire to the other, burning its stirring message into the hearts of Britons all over the world.

¶ And already thousands have answered the call and donned the khaki uniforms of the King.

¶ In Scotland, England, Wales, and Ireland men are flocking to the standard in their hundreds of thousands.

¶ Large Expeditionary Forces from the over-seas Dominions have been despatched to swell Lord Kitchener's Armies.

¶ And still the call comes - "Your King and your Country need you!"

¶ Among the employers who are showing practical patriotism in this crisis is the firm of Lipton Ltd., which employs something like 50,000 people in different parts of the British Empire. The large number of Lipton employees who have gone on active service are drawing half salaries and are assured of full re-instatement upon return to business.

¶ Since the outbreak of War there has been a steady increase in the sales of the world famous Liptons Tea, grown on British soil, tended by British labour, and enjoyed by Britons of every degree, from King to cottager.

¶ Uniform quality - and that of the highest - is the unique feature of Liptons Tea, which, by the way, is still sold at the popular prices that obtained prior to the War.

¶ Ask the Grocer for Liptons Tea - Either at 1/6, 1/8, 1/10 or 2/-

¶ Send two penny stamps to Lipton Ltd. Box 222, Wellington, for free 1/4 lb. sample of the 2/- grade.

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"The Footform"
"The Bostock"

Makes in Men's Footwear. Every shape. All sizes.

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7 to 10	4/11
11 to 1	5/6

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SHOEISTS.

HAMILTON.

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DAILY LIFE



For most people life went on as normal in Hamilton, with a focus on raising money to help the war effort. Children went to school and people shopped and went about their daily tasks. There was no radio or television so people relied on the Waikato Times and telegrams for news, while small informative newsreels were shown between films at the local theatres.

There was no shortage of food. In fact New Zealand was called upon to supply goods overseas. There seemed to be plenty of money around for charity, balls, carnivals and sporting events. Many projects continued, such as the lowering of southern Victoria Street and the installation of a public telephone and telegraph bureau.

RULES FOR TEACHERS

1. You will NOT marry during the term of your contract.
2. You are NOT to keep company with men.
3. You MUST be home between the hours of 8pm and 6am unless attending a school function.
4. You MAY NOT loiter downtown in ice-cream stores.
5. You MAY NOT travel beyond the city limits without the permission of the chairman of the board.
6. You MAY NOT ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother.
7. You MAY NOT smoke cigarettes.

8. You MAY NOT dress in bright colours.
9. You may, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, dye your hair.
10. You must wear AT LEAST two petticoats.
11. Your dresses must NOT be any shorter than two inches above your ankle.
12. To keep the school room clean you must:-
 - Sweep the floor at least once daily
 - Scrub the floor with hot, soapy water at least once a week
 - Clean the blackboard at least once a day
 - Start the fire at 7am so that the room will be warm by 8am.

1915, Reproduced by Tauranga District Museum



Visitors to the Waikato Winter Show take a look at an early model car.

WHITIORA LAGOON TO BE FENCED

The Whitiora Lagoon is to be fenced in the immediate future, the Beautifying Society having so decided last evening. The fence facing Victoria and Abbotsford streets is to be of five wires with dressed rimu-heart posts, six to the chain. In the future scheme the area of five acres inside the fence will be dealt with, and the locality in question will then prove an acquisition as a recreation area for that portion of Hamilton.

HAMILTON'S OLDEST RESIDENT

At the residence of Mr and Mrs Pickup, at Kirikiriroa, an interesting birthday gathering was held last evening to celebrate the attainment by Mr G.S. Barker of his 99th birthday. Mr. Barker, who is Hamilton's oldest resident, retains his faculties to a remarkable degree in spite of his weight in advanced years.

BROKEN CART BRINGS TEARS

A little lad was found on the street crying very bitterly because his cart was broken. A kindly stranger endeavoured to cheer up the little fellow by saying - "Never mind, my boy, your father can easily mend that." "No, he can't," sobbed the boy. "My father is a preacher, and don't know about anything."

STREET NAMES

To the Editor.

Sir,- In the name of all that is wonderful, to whom are we indebted for the spelling of our street names - "Anglesea" and "Thackery?" I know O Anglesey, and have heard of an author called Thackeray, but who the deuce these others are I cannot for the life of me tell! Perhaps some old identity will confute me, and inform me that these present names are those of some defunct councillor, but I do not think so. This end of the town has quite a number of disabilities to put up with in the past, but this is the limit. - I am etc.,

C.J.W. BARTON

Thackeray street, leading out of Anglesey street.

R. CHILCOTT
BUTCHER, HAMILTON
Breeder of Pedigree Berkshire Pigs.
SOWS AND BOARS ALWAYS
ON HAND
INSPECTION INVITED

This prediction by a Portuguese priest made in 1901 appeared in the Waikato Times on 16th February 1915.

(The following prediction made by Don Basco, who died 10 years ago, was published in the Matin in June 1901):

"A European war will break out in 1913 or 1914. Germany will be dismembered, not, however, before she shall have penetrated in the heart of France. There a mighty army will hurl the Germans back across the Rhine. The man of pride will see his tree shattered and crushed to the roots, and trodden underfoot by all. The great battle will take place between the two days of our Lady, namely between August 15th and September 15th, when the Pope shall be dead and live again. Belgium will undergo great suffering from which she shall emerge increased in strength and admired. Poland will regain her rights."



Boys participate in gym classes at Frankton Primary School.

FISHY STORY

The Maori is nothing if not cute. A crusade was organised against the depredations of the trout swallowing shag, and the local council was paying 3d a piece for the birds' heads. The office abutted onto the river and the clerk would consign them back to the waters. A Maori, who was handicapped about the pedal extremities, was a frequent visitor to the office, usually taking in a dozen heads, and they were invariably wet. The clerk became suspicious of this man, and set a watch. When he came in one day with his dozen heads he was followed. The heads were duly cast out and Hori was observed to be recatching them with a net attached to a Manuka pole. Next day he went back to the office but this time he did not get his 3d.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

WARNING TO TAXI DRIVERS

Local inspector under the Health Act writes:

Sir,- I would like to make public: Conveyance of infectious disease patients by hired motor-cars and their failure to have their vehicles disinfected. The Act provides: -

1. The person who engages a public vehicle for removal of a person suffering from an infectious disease must notify the driver of the fact.
2. Any person, being the owner, driver, or conductor of a public vehicle, fails or neglects to effectually disinfect the vehicle forthwith after it has to his knowledge been entered by any person suffering as aforesaid. The penalty in each case is £10. Sec.34 (b), (d), P.H.A., 1908.

HAMILTON HOUSE

With the view of meeting the needs of the travelling public a handsome new building known as "Hamilton House," has just been opened on what is perhaps the most central site in Hamilton. The design of the building is quite unique to Hamilton, and bears resemblance, in outward appearance, to the chalets of Switzerland. Situated in Hood street, only a few minutes' walk from the post office and main thoroughfare.

WEDDING

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnised at St. John's Methodist Church, Hamilton East, on Wednesday, January 6th, the contracting parties being Miss Catherine Hardy Quinn, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Quinn, Fox street, Hamilton East, and Mr Joseph Conder, of Cambridge. The officiating minister was Rev. J. Clover. The bride; who was attired in a white embroidered dress and wore the usual veil and orange blossoms, was attended by her cousin, Miss Howie, and her sister, Miss Nora Quinn, as bridesmaids. The best man was Mr. H. Condor, brother of the bridegroom, Mr. W. Quinn being groomsman. After the wedding ceremony the guests adjourned to the residence of the bride's parents where a sumptuous breakfast was partaken of, Mr Burns Smith being caterer.

CHRISTMAS FRUIT

Fruit ought to be cheap this Christmas if the quantities going into the markets are anything to go by. There is a great variety, ranging from exceptionally fine Fiji bananas to Australian cherries. Strawberries are still coming in good supply from Auckland, and in excellent condition. Raspberries are also on the market in buckets. Peaches, plums and gooseberries are also available. Californian oranges and apples from the state of Washington are still on the market.

NB: The article goes on to state that there are now other nationalities in the fruit market other than the Chinese.

It also mentions that the "fruit barrow" has been blotted out by the number of fruit shops around.

"THE HAMILTON PEOPLE ARE ASLEEP AND HAVE BEEN FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS"

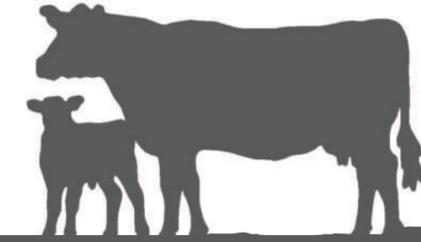
When the matter of train arrangements were being discussed at the meeting of the Waikato Hospital Board this morning, the chairman pointed out that previously the members of the Board were able to catch a train at Hamilton at 12.30 p.m. and connect with another leaving Frankton to complete their journey home. The former train had been taken off, but was subsequently reinstated, but it now reached Frankton ten minutes after the train for Auckland had left. This had been going on for three years, and the Hamilton people were apparently not aware of the fact until he had pointed it out the other day. "The Hamilton people are asleep and have been for the last three years," concluded the chairman. "There's too much truth in what you say," added Mr Tidd.

St. George Stewart,
Piano and organ Tuner and
Repairer, from Brinsmead's,
London, may be consulted at
No 1, Vulcan Place, Hamilton.



A wedding in the garden of Hockin House, the residence of the Waikato Hospital Medical Superintendent, c1910.

FARMING



Farming has always been an important industry in the Waikato region. Stock was sold in Hamilton at the saleyards and exported meat was shipped overseas. Numerous advertisements appeared in the local paper selling everything from seeds and hay to animals and land.

Shows with an agricultural theme such as the Waikato Winter Show and the Waikato Agricultural Show were as popular as ever with entries exceeding expectations. In 1915 directors of the Auckland Farmers' Freezing Works were investigating Horotiu as a proposed site for a new Waikato freezing works.

AGRICULTURE AND WAR - NEED FOR A CENSUS

OPINION OF MINISTER

The Hon. W. D. S. MacDonald, the new Minister for Agriculture, interviewed recently, made reference to a war census.

It now seemed absolutely necessary to take a war census to find out exactly our position as to the number of men eligible for service, said the Minister. He felt that if a man was passed as medically fit he should be sent, if he desired, straight to training camp. The census would also show the industrial strength of the country, and the organisation of such was equally as important at this juncture as the sending away of reinforcements. This brought him to agriculture. One prevailing opinion that he agreed with was that every possible effort should be put forward to assist production. It was hoped that the difficult position of purchasing grain last year was a lesson to the farming community. It was realised by everyone that the present war would largely command the attention of Government -

no doubt, provision would be made in the usual way for the carrying on of the public works of the country as far as the lands would permit. It was also to be admitted that if they asked the farming community to do its utmost in the way of production, then there was also a duty cast on the Government of the day to do its utmost to provide transport facilities to carry the produce to the markets of the world, and in this connection farmers would be interested to learn that arrangements had been made in the matter of ships were as follows:

August:

5 ships, 443,000 carcasses.

September:

9 ships, 797,500 carcasses.

October:

10 ships, 946,500 carcasses.

The cold storage capacity of the Dominion was also being augmented by the different freezing companies to the extent of 1,000,000 additional carcasses for next season.



An early milking machine operated by foot power, c1912.

ROTOTUNA

The local school has re-opened after the Christmas holidays with an increasing roll, and the fact that the present building is altogether too small for requirements, is again forcibly impressed upon the mind. Monday, opening day, was a half-holiday, the presentation of prizes taking place, and the pupils were entertained to afternoon tea by the adult portion of the community.

The milk supply at the creamery has fallen off very rapidly this season, and in numerous cases the herds are down by about half of what the yield would be in an ordinary season. The long continued drought was felt very much in more ways than one. Not only was the milk yield affected, but owing to the poor growth of grass, the hay crops were very poor, in some cases not worth the cost of harvesting, so the outlook for wintering stock is a serious one. There is a much larger area being sown in turnips than has been the case of recent years, and some splendid strikes are reported. The two heavy rainfalls, the one on the 29th and one some weeks previously, were responsible for some failures, the seed being buried too deeply or destroyed by too great moisture at a critical time.

The potato crops throughout Rototuna are excellent, there being heavy yields and free from blight. The dry season has suited this crop, inasmuch as it is always during wet weather that it is attacked by disease.

The prices realised by stock of recent months have been very poor. Calves have hardly paid for time and trouble extended in the rearing of them.

WAIKATO SHOW

SATISFACTORY ENTRIES

The entries for the Waikato Agricultural Show have exceeded the expectations of the officials. There is practically no falling off in any of the classes, and a number of the more important sections are well ahead of previous years. The entries in the cattle sections are particularly good, and it is expected the exhibition of Jerseys will outclass any previous exhibit. Amongst the sheep the Leicesters are exceedingly strong. Entries in the pig section, home industries, and needlework are all well sustained. The show dates are Tuesday and Wednesday November 16 and 17. Special railway facilities have been arranged and excursion rates will be charged.

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PICNIC TO TE AROHA

WINTER SHOW WORKERS ENTERTAINED

Thirteen motor-cars conveyed about 40 ladies who assisted at the recent Waikato Winter Show, to Te Aroha yesterday. The picnic was arranged by the committee of the Show Association as a practical appreciation of the excellent services given by the ladies, especially in the arrangement and control of the refreshment room, which proved so successful from a financial standpoint, and gave such general satisfaction to the visiting public. The weather was typical of spring, bright sunshine with occasional showers, and although the roads were in anything but perfect condition, the journey, proved very enjoyable, though with so unlucky a number as thirteen, it was not to be expected that all the cars would get through without a mishap. The first hitch was when Mr Simms was held up by a blow-out, about three miles from Hamilton. Mr MacGregor was the next to come to grief, by breaking a front spring, shortly before reaching Morrinsville. By careful manipulation however, he managed to get his car through. Mr Kenny was called upon to mend another puncture and Mr Simms had to house his vehicle for repairs to his back wheel on return.

The party had lunched at Hot Springs Hotel, where complimentary references were made to the work of the ladies at the show by Mr W.J. McKee, president and Mr A.C. Atkin, vice-president. Afterwards the party enjoyed the beauties of the grounds where the group was photographed.



HCL_00225 Roose Album

Haymaking on the Roose Farm.

WAIKATO FREEZING WORKS

VISIT OF INSPECTION

DIRECTORS PLEASED WITH THE SITE

The directors and complimentary directors of the Auckland Farmers' Freezing Works visited Ngaruawahia yesterday and inspected the site proposed for the Waikato freezing works at Horotiu. Dr. Makgill, as a shareholder, was present for the purpose of inspecting outlets, etc., in connection with health requirements.

Mr J. Hetherington conducted the party to the site, where the engineers explained the plans. From the discussion which followed it was apparent that the directors were determined to erect the works in the most up-to-date manner in order to ensure economical running in the years to come. No expense will be spared in achieving this object. The directors were obviously pleased with the railway, water, drainage, and other facilities the site offered.

PROPERTY MARKET PICKS UP

Messrs Hurrell and Mason draw the attention of farmers to their advertisements in this issue. The firm invites farmers to send particulars of their properties to them. The property market appears to be rapidly recovering from the effects of the war and the dry season, and the firm reports that business in January was better than could have been expected, and that February promises a record business month with them.

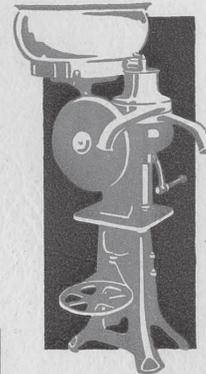


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Haymaking in front of Waikato Hospital, c1915.

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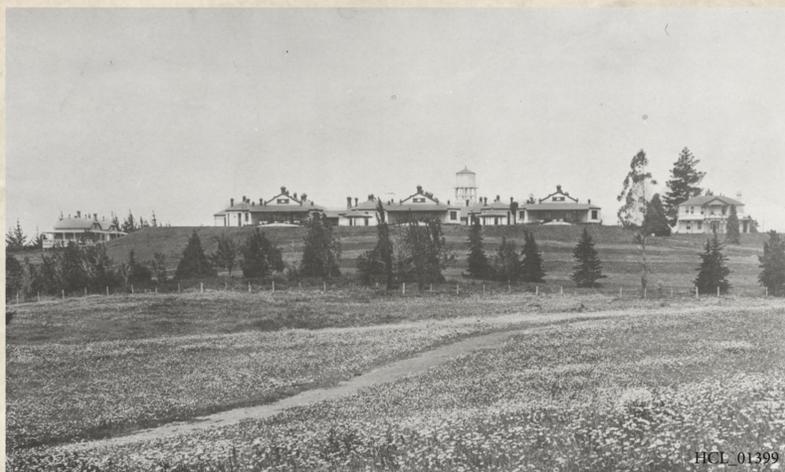


There was only one ambulance in Hamilton, run by the St John Ambulance Organisation, which also helped train nurses for the war. The small fire station was inadequate and fire-fighters relied on help from taxi drivers to pull their reel. It wasn't until the end of the year that a motorised chemical fire engine was ordered. Six firemen had enlisted for the war, leaving them short-staffed.

Police however were not allowed to enlist. Although most citizens were law abiding, some young people still caused problems, often thanks to alcohol. Homicides and serious assaults were unusual and it was often minor offences that kept the courts busy. Vagrancy was common and also against the law, as was working on a Sunday.

NEW POLICE BARRACKS**MUCH-NEEDED
ACCOMMODATION**

Although Hamilton, so far as serious crime is concerned is practically crimeless, a full complement of police has to be maintained in the town, and for these, up till the present, the accommodation at the local station has been entirely inadequate. Especially since the town was created a police centre and the headquarters removed from Thames to Hamilton has the need for a police barracks and offices been felt, Inspector Wright having had to be content, up till the present, with quarters in the Public Works buildings, which are inconveniently situated from the police station. The Department has now recognised the necessity for conducting the police work of the district under one roof, and a few days ago a start was made, on the site of the present police office, with the erection of a thoroughly modern barracks. The building, which will have a concrete foundation, will be finished in rough cast and have lath and plaster walls throughout. In addition to bath and lavatory conveniences, it will contain fifteen spacious rooms, eight on the lower storey and seven above. Entrance will be gained to the building through a wide portico, supported by totara pillars. The inspector will have his office to the right on entering, while the senior sergeant will be located in the room opposite. There will also be an office for the police clerks on the floor, together with one for the constables, a detectives office, a storeroom and at the extreme end a watchhouse, with stairs to the upper storey. Provision has been made upstairs for housing four single constables, a sitting room, a large recreation room and bath. The portion will be level with the street base. The building, which is of pleasing design is being erected under supervision of Mr Champness of the Public Works Department, by Messrs Andrew Bros. and Barton of Hamilton. The contract price is £1800, and the building will be ready for occupation in about five months.



Waikato Hospital and Nurses Home, c1910.

HAMILTON FIRE ALARMS

A correspondent has drawn attention to a serious defect in the Hamilton fire alarm system – one which should receive the immediate attention of the Fire Board. The correspondent states that upon the discovery of a fire on Wednesday afternoon immediate and sustained efforts were made by telephone to get into touch with the fire brigade station without avail. Many previous minutes were thus lost and the Brigade considerably delayed. We learn that there is no one in attendance at the station during the daytime; hence the trouble. The Fire Brigade is composed of volunteers, who are dependent upon their daily labour. They therefore cannot be expected to remain in attendance at the station, but it is somewhat of a surprise to find that there are absolutely no arrangements for giving an alarm in the daytime, and no precautions exist to secure the prompt attendance of the Brigade. Adequate provision has been made to meet nightly calls, and when the new brigade station is erected somebody will be in constant attendance. And the present difficulty will be met. But in the meantime prompt steps should be taken by the Board to guard against a repetition of last Wednesday's unfortunate occurrence. It should not be a difficult matter to arrange with some person located in close proximity to the firebell to give the alarm during business hours. Failing this, somebody should be in constant attendance at the fire brigade station. The expense would not be a large item, and it might be the means of saving considerable valuable property.

**ARRESTED AT
WHATAWHATA****A MAN AND HIS MONEY**

Patrick Lynch, described as a hard-working man, who is employed on a barge on the Waipa River, disembarked at Whatawhata on Tuesday night with £15 in his possession. The Hamilton police received word yesterday morning that the services of a constable were required at the hotel. Constable McIntosh made the journey out, and on the evidence of certain witnesses in the hotel arrested Lynch, who at this time had only 4s in his pocket, on charges of drunkenness and with using obscene language.

When charged before Messrs W. F. Mason and J. E. Tidd, J.S.P., at Hamilton to-day accused was asked by Mr Tidd what he had done with all his money.

Lynch: They kept me at the pub, all night, and when I was no further use to them they sent for the police.

Mr Mason: I see: when they had made you as drunk as possible and got all your money they had you arrested?

Lynch: That's so.

Senior Sergeant Cassells: He paid £5 to a storekeeper, and the remaining £10, all but 4s, went while he was in the hotel.

Accused was convicted and discharged for drunkenness, and fined 10s and costs for using obscene language. Defendant consented to a prohibition order being issued against him.

HORSE ACCIDENT

About 12 o'clock to-day, while a man was leading a horse by the halter along Victoria Street at the railway crossing the animal escaped from its keeper. The driver of a cart who happened to be on the spot, left his own horse to assist the other man to secure his. During his absence the horse yoked to the cart made off and at the corner of Bryce Street, turning to the left, the cart came into collision with a lamp post and knocked it over. The horse continued on its maddened career as far as Ellis and Burnand's factory, where it became entangled in the broken harness and fell on the roadway.

YOUTHFUL BURGLARS**A SUNDAY AFTERNOON
ADVENTURE DUE TO
THRASHY LITERATURE**

A fondness for mischievous adventure, stimulated by literature of the Dick Turpin and Claude Duval standard, led two brothers, aged 12 and 10 years respectively, with an able accomplice in their 13-year-old sister, to break into the grocery establishment of Parr Bros., Hood Street, Hamilton, a week last Sunday. The youthful miscreants, after forcing an entry into the store, skilfully removed a window pane from the office by scraping away the putty. With each other's assistance they then scrambled into the building and after commandeering sweetmeats to the value of 12s 6d, took their departure. The trio appeared before Mr E. Rawson to-day, in charge of their father, who attributed their burglarious act to the reading of trashy literature. He had, he said, discovered in the house a number of volumes setting out the adventure of Dick Turpin and Claude Duval, and had warned his children against reading books of this description.

The Magistrate admonished the children and discharged them, on the father undertaking to put the eldest son on a farm and to pay for the stolen articles and cost of the window, in all 21s.

FIRE IN HAMILTON**DWELLING DESTROYED**

A fire which broke out at 1 o'clock on Sunday morning totally destroyed the residence known as "Tiri," situated on the crest of the Thackeray Street hill. The dwelling was the property of Mr H.H. Howden, jeweller, and was occupied by Mr and Mrs Gardner. How the fire occurred is not known to the authorities, as nobody appeared to be on the premises at the time. The building was of well-seasoned timber, and a high wind blowing at the time, the residence was soon a mass of embers, while none of the furniture or effects were saved. Mrs Gardner was out of town at the time, while two boarders, who had resided in the house for several months, left the previous Saturday. The house was valued at about £650, and was insured in the South British Office for £325, while a policy for £250 in the Queensland Office was held over the furniture.

FOUND DROWNED**HAMILTON THIS DAY**

The body of Richard Hill, aged 30, driver for Innes's brewery, was recovered from the Waikato River yesterday. It was shown at the inquest that deceased was delirious and depressed, the results of influenza. He walked into the river in night attire. A verdict of found drowned was returned.

Source: Evening Post



Firefighters attend a house fire, c1920.



The Ellis and Burnand joinery factory goes up in flames in 1916.

A selection of articles and advertisements from the Waikato Times in 1915. Images are from the Hamilton City Libraries historic photographs, ephemera and archives collections.

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TE OHOMAURI O KIRIKIRIROA



The Hamilton Courthouse in Victoria Street, which was opened in 1906.