

TOKOMARU BAY

Tokomaru bay is a small township on the East Coast situated six miles South East of A. B. Williams, eighteen miles East of Jimmy Mill, twenty six miles South of George Nepia and is the home of John Collins and Buff Milner.

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Edward Deacon opened the first store at Te Puka Tokomaru Bay. Moses Yule was next and then came George Babbington. Wi Potae born 1885 told the Land Court that the Elders had informed him that Deacon paid rent in calico and shirts. Deacon kept a store at Waipiro Bay in the 1840's. Deacon then settled in Poverty Bay. Ref. Pg. 137 Historic P.B.

Tokomaru Bay Freezing Company at Waima was managed by Mr. Dawson.

The N.Z. Shipping Company was managed by Mr. Cameron.

Te Puka Hotel was managed by Mr. A.H. Airey and G. SHaskey, Stenner Geary and others worked there.

Mr. Eric Morse ran the Mill and produced timber for the area. C.O. Morse Tokomaru Bay Farmers Co-op was managed by Mr. T.G. Buchanan

Messers Scott and Hanlon were decorators and painters and Mr. Hanlon's residence was near the Watch Office.

Oates's Business Block included Joe Oates the butcher, Oates's Store and the Bank of New Zealand.

Tokomaru Bay 1985

Even with the introduction of forestry into Tokomaru Bay there has not been much progress. There has been and there is still new homes being constructed but the school roll continues to fall and businesses close. The latest shop to close was the Crown Farmers leaving the surrounding farm land without a farm service. Farm supplies are now purchased in Ruatoria or Tolaga Bay and even as far as Gisborne as there is no longer such a service in Tokomaru Bay.

The main occupations in Tokomaru Bay today are teaching, nursing, shop assistants, farm laborers, power board laborers with the County Council or Ministry of Works and laborers with the forestry. Forestry has given many young men the opportunity to work but many young ladies have to leave the area or go on to the Work Skills or P.E.P.

There are now only three shops serving the area. There is the Milk Bar known as the Mayfair and owned by Mike Ransley, the Fish Shop owned by Charlie Hayes and the Foodmarket owned by Martin Christensen.

The Post Office which is the oldest service to the Bay is run by Mark Johnson.

Tokomaru Bay still has the only Chemist on the Coast and it is run by Peter Barron.

There has been an increase in crafts and pottery with three small part time craft shops in the Bay. Other services to the bay are the library, T.A.B. , McCullochs accountants offering a part time service the garage, a machinery service at Waima and the Te Puka Tavern.

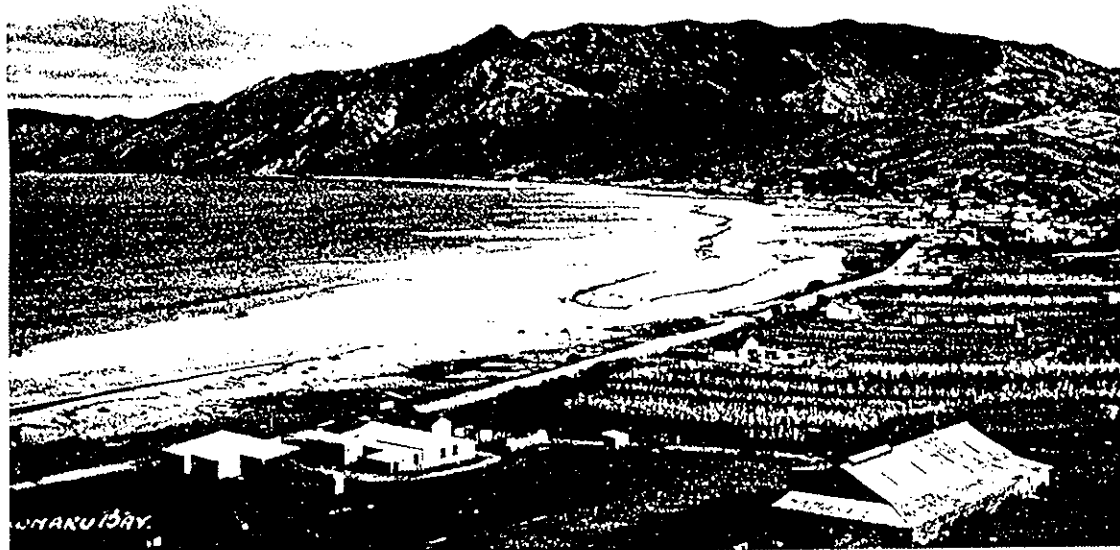
Crayfishing does well and trawlers still use the wharf occasionally. There has been as many as eight licenced crayfishmen working out of Tokomaru Bay.

Besides the above services and occupations Mr. McCarthy is a builder and also makes concrete tanks.

Mr. B.Fawcett has also opened a plumbing business.

TIMBER MILL

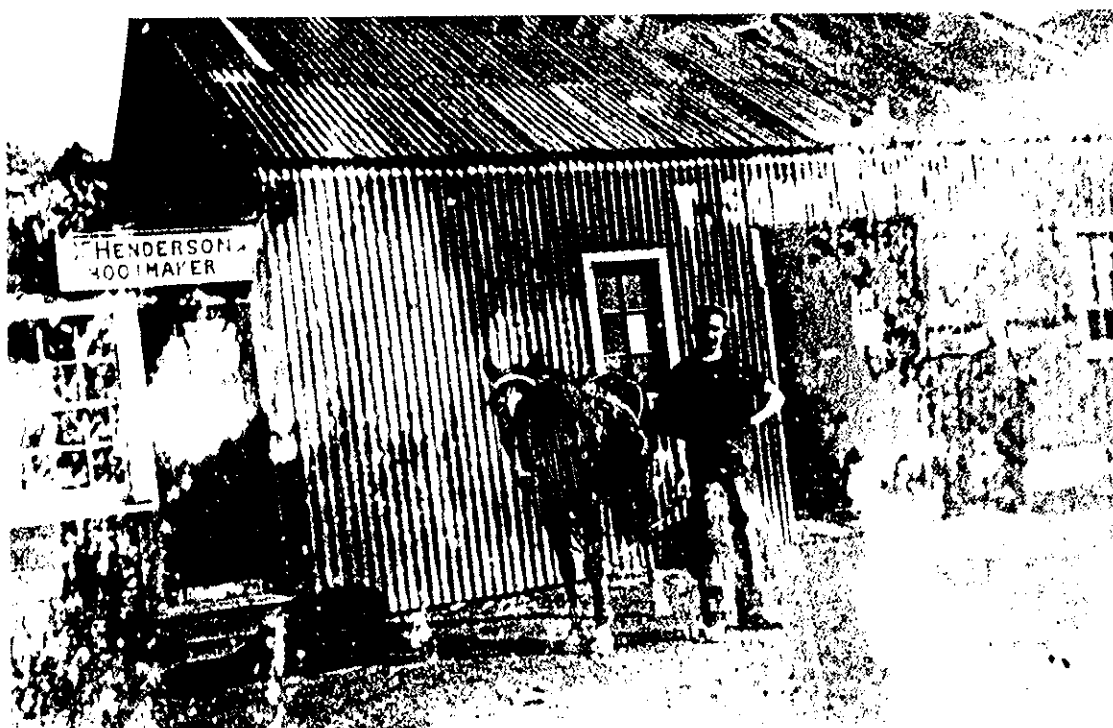
The Tokomaru Bay timber mill was established in 1850 by the brothers Eric and Charlie Morse. The mill was located at the mouth of the Waikoko Stream about where the Whaitiris have their garage. The timber was sawn and cut into lengths then taken down the beach to be loaded on boats. The timber was taken to the loading ramp at TePuka by a type of railway line called the horse line. When they finished loading the horse line was easily removed. Timber for the mill was obtained locally as well as from other areas of the Coast. Most of the bigger and older houses in the Bay today were made from the timber milled at this mill. In 1930 Mr. Frank Thompson came into management of the mill. Beside milling Mr. Thompson had an Undertaking business and made coffins at the mill. In 1950 Mr. Thompson sold out and the business closed down.



Timber Mill

BLACKSMITHS

Because of the isolation of the area horses for work, transport and pleasure were most important. Tokomaru Bay during the early 1900's had a forge and stables at TePuka and a Blacksmith was located by the Maitai Stream where Kingis now have their residence. Messers Wilson and Don Felton were two of the blacksmiths. Mr. Fred Hale ran the stables at TePuka.



STONE CRUSHER

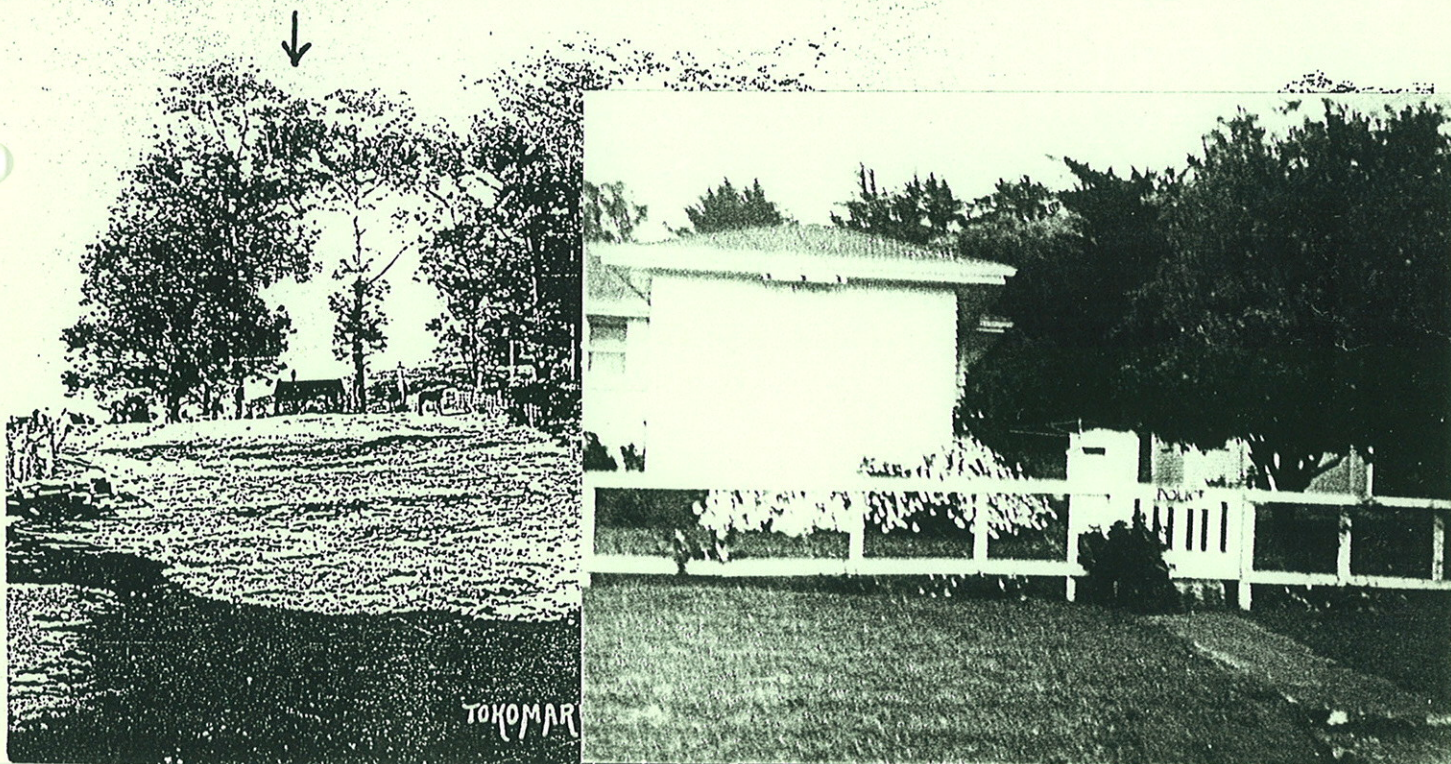
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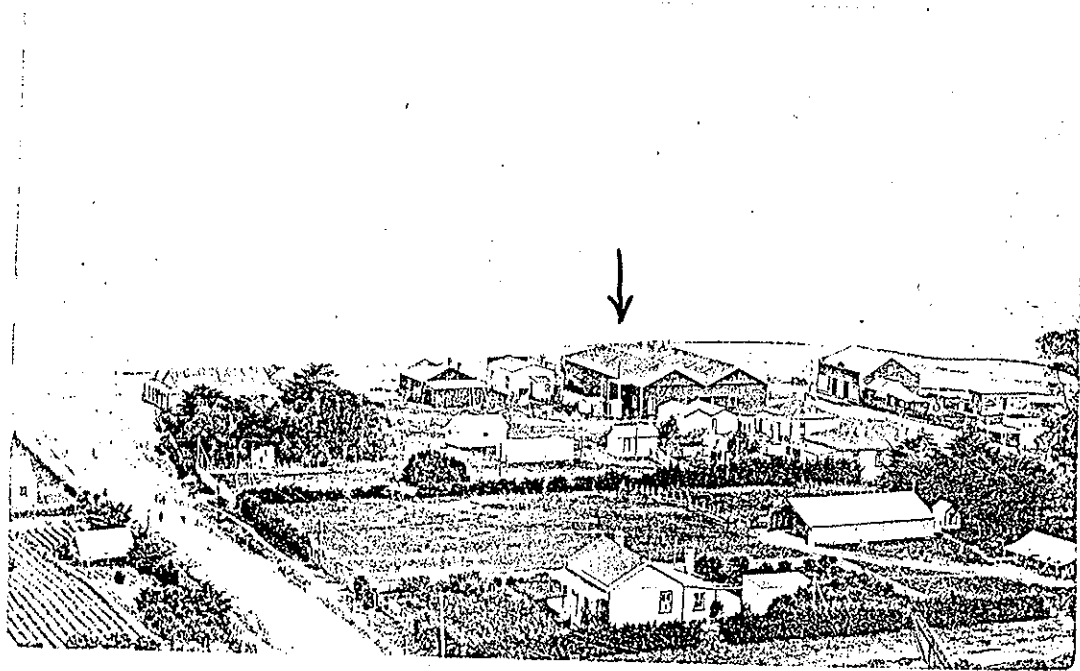
GISBORNE SHEEPFARMERS.

1919 - This was the Tokomaru Bay Farmers Co-op Co Ltd. and was run by a Mr. T.G. Buchanan. Since then it has become the Gisborne Sheepfarmers. There have been many managers but today 1978 Mr Kiely is the manager and has a staff of five.

1983 - Crown Farmers.

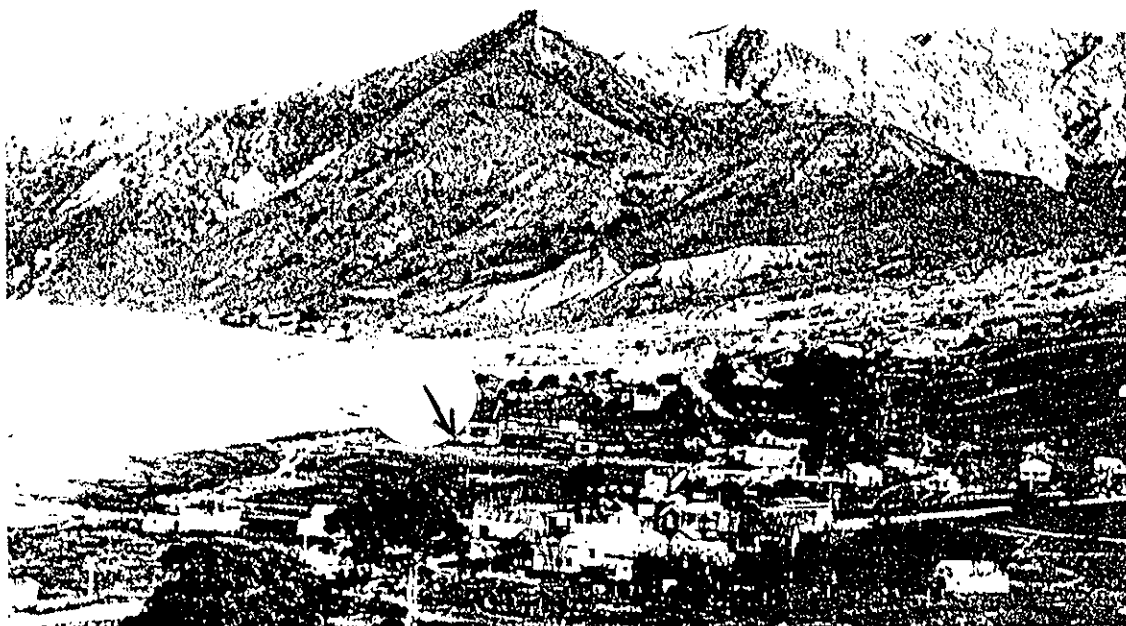
1984 - Closes.

1984 - Crown Farmers became Tomaru Tea Rooms under Lincoln Schnider-Bade.



PLUMBING

The Newspaper the Watch shows that a Mr. Sid G. Doig was the plumber in Tokomaru Bay during the period of time from 1919 to 1929. His plumbing business was located in the large vacant shed by Api Bradley's residence. This shed was later used by a Mr. Tom Edge to start his Four Square business in Tokomaru Bay. During the 1950's Mr. Charlie Calder was the plumber and had his business in the building opposite Tuatini Cafe that was used by F. Wiggins as a garage. This building was burnt and the concrete building erected, was and is still owned by Mr. Calder. Mr. Brian McCarthy a builder also does plumbing today. (1976) Other plumbers come from Gisborne.

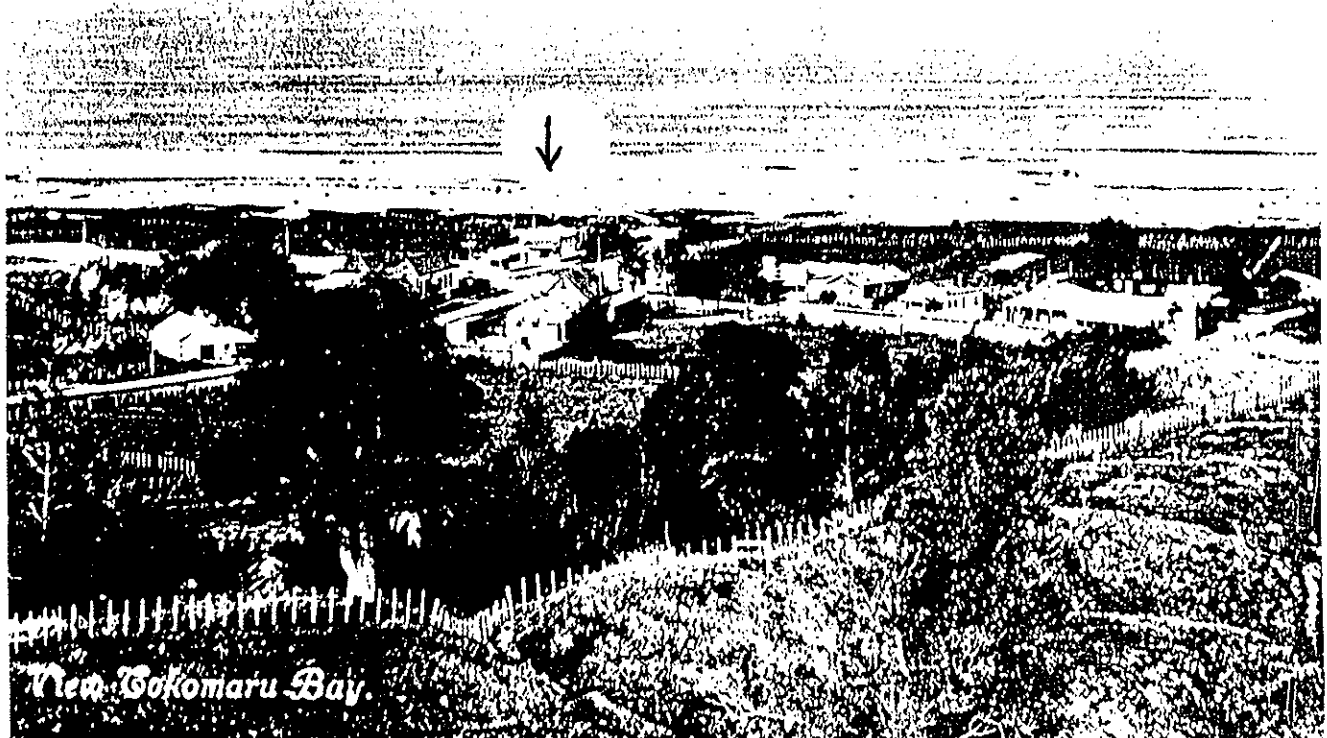


MCKEES STORES

Mr. Sam McKee was a taylor by trade and ran a business making and selling clothes. Mr. McKee owned a large drapery-factory on the vacant area immediately north of the Art and Craft centre. When this burnt down he acquired premises by the then Timber Mill, in the old Tearooms complex and in the now vacant store opposite the Tuatini Cafe used by Mr. N. Truman for storage. Mr. McKee also had a store at Waima and though it is vacant today it is still standing. Mr. McKee also opened a store in TePuia. None of the buildings used by Mr. McKee are used (1977) today as stores. During the early 1960's the Tepuia and one of the Tokomaru Bay stores were still being run by the McKee family.

PEPPERS STORES

During the early part of the 1900's the PEPPERS owned two stores in the Bay. One was a Footwear store and the other a Book and Stationery shop. These two shops were located on the area of road opposite the Tuatini Cafe. The shop used by Mr. S. McKee and Mr. N. Truman was one of the buildings and was moved back from the road to where it is today. The other shop was dismantled about the late forties and early fifties.



RELIGION

In 1838 Williams and Colenso left the Bay of Islands to visit the East Coast. When Colenso arrived at Tokomaru Bay he prepared to cook the Codfish given to him as a gift from a chief at Whareponga. He asked the slave carrying the fish when it was caught and on hearing it was the sabbath the fish was abandoned. From this visit the missionaries taught many Maoris the Gospel. The party left Tokomaru Bay for Uawa by canoe and called in at Motukaroro where a white man who was proposing setting up a whaling station was living. It has been suggested that Motukaroro might apply to the island on the Anaura side of Mawhai.

Ref. Pg. 60

1838 the missionaries called at Tokomaru Bay and visited Robert Espy's whaling station and held a service with two Europeans. Taylor expressed his repugnance at the condition of Espy's house. Ref. Pg 66

1840 the missionaries again visited Tokomaru Bay. At sunset we pitched our tent just as the natives were gathering for prayers. " At this place there is much improvement from when I last visited." Most of the people come together for prayers and school and a chapel is being built. The cry was for books. At Motukaroro the chief Potae had been supplied with books but there were not enough. At Tokomaru Bay they also wanted books. Ref. Pg. 104

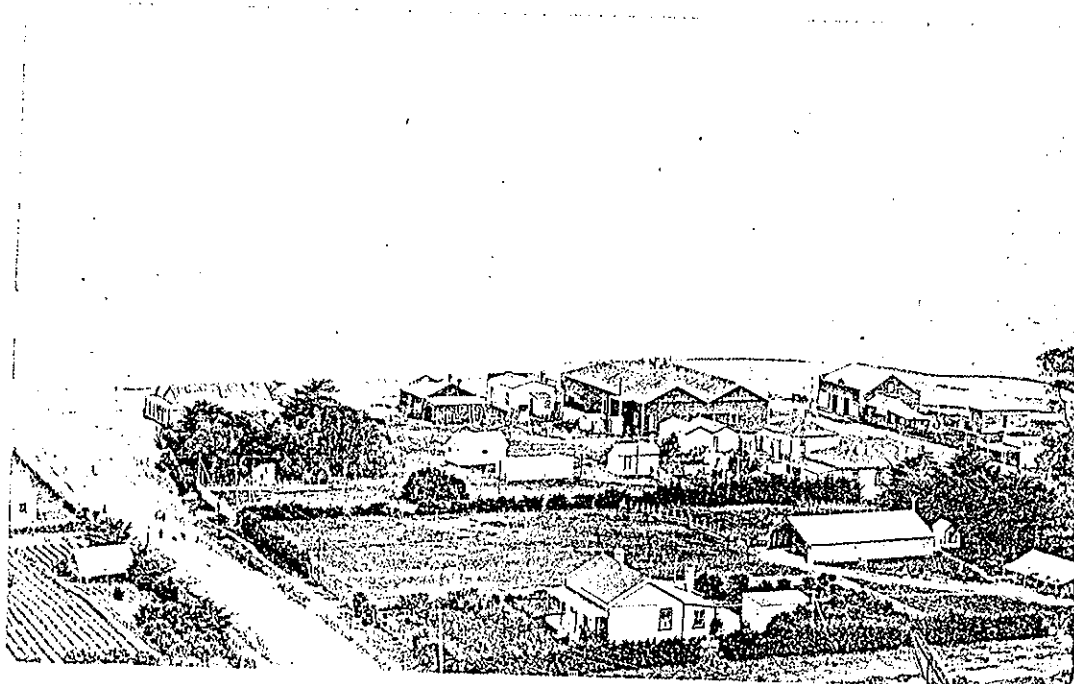
Went to Tuatini within a mile of Ariuru the Pa of Tokomaru. Then they went to Ariuru. Held Sunday service with a congregation of four hundred. After the service the party went to Waipiro Bay. Ref. pg. 166-167

Nov. 26 1844 Visited the Chapel at Tuatini. It is well built with a communion rail. Mr. Baker and Williams had travelled to Tokomaru " by a good road recently made," and arrived at Tokomaru at sunset. Mr. Williams then addressed those assembled in the Chapel. They sheltered in a small house Mr. Baker had erected for his accomodation.

1877. Today the main religious groups in Tokomaru Bay are the Catholics, Anglicans and Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints. These three groups have their own meeting houses in the Ongaruru area and the Anglicans also have chapels at Tuatini and Te Ariuru. Other religious groups include Presbyterians, Ringatu and Ratana.

TEAROOMS COMPLEX

The tearooms was situated next to the old butcher shop where the play park is today. The tearooms was much bigger than the Tuatini Cafe and the building took up most of the area used by the play park. Over the years there has been many owners of the tearooms. The tearooms serviced the local people, Service car passengers and tourists with teas, dinners, confectionery, icecream, drinks and newspapers. Over the years the building has included a saddlery(Andy Morgan) Taxi Depot Anaura Office, Chemist, Hairdresser and Solicitor. The resident Solicitors were a Mr. James Todd and a Mr. Nugent for Nolan and Skeet.

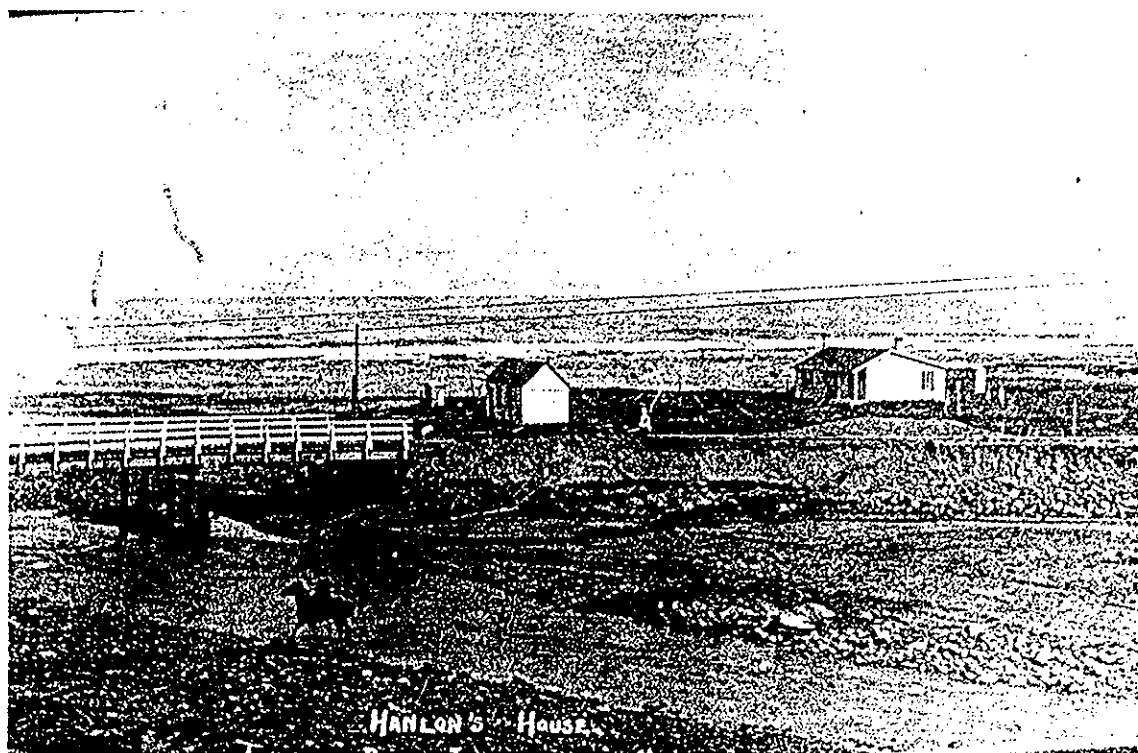


NEWSPAPER.

Tokomaru Day first published its own newspaper in 1915. The paper was then known as the East Coast Watch. By 1925 the paper had become THE EAST COAST NEWS AND WAIAPU COUNTY GAZETTE. The newspaper was located in a small red building on the southern approach of the Mangahauini Bridge. Next to the Newspaper was the Hanlons' residence which was later used by a Mr. Kato the Dentist.

Although the newspaper building was small there was the main room the printing room and a spare room. The newspaper reporter was a Mr. Smythe. The Printer-Publisher and proprietor of the first East Coast Watch was Robert Crebbin. In 1925 the East Cost News was published Friday January 11th by William Pollock and printed by Harold Wilson.

The building was demolished during the early 1960's to make way for the Mangahauini Bridge opened in 1966.



CORDIAL FACTORY

The cordial factory was owned by a Mr. D.J. Barry and thus was named after him. The factory was located on the Campbell residence wher Mr. B. Campbell has his garage. Mr. Martin Jeir wasa manager and when he retired Mr. Ted Handky became manager. Two of the staff were a Mr. Jim Collier and Mr. Jimmy Crockery. For a while deliveries were made by dray but a truck was used later. Mr. B. Campbell was a truck driver for D.J. Barry until he retired. Two buildings made up the factory. Water so impotant to the industry was obtained from a spring on the hill behind the factory. The factory opened in 1906 and closed in 1947. The factory produced cordial, aerated drinks, wines and other alcoholic beverages.

Hotel

Tokomaru Bay
Picture Theatre

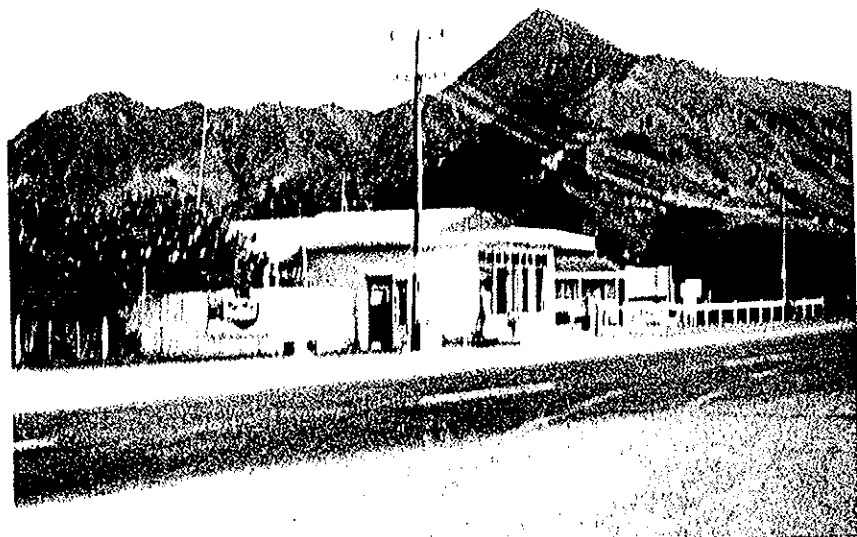
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Cordial Factory



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MAYFAIR.

Mayfair as we know it today is a store selling confectionary, fruit, milk, bread, books and petrol. In conjunction with the store there is a camping ground, cabins and caravan parks. The cabins were built when Mr Capon was the owner. Mr L. Miller took over from Mr Capon, V. Wilson and Mrs O'Connor from Mr Miller and in 1978 Mr & Mrs Bradbury became the owners.
1980 82 Mike Ransley as owner.



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TOHOMARU BAY POST OFFICE.

No. 8B.107.

MANGAHAUINI INCORPORATED BLOCKS.

In 1876 the area surrounding Tokomaru Bay was officially surveyed. Henare Potae instigated this and it was carried out during the months of May to November. After the survey of Mangahauini and Tawhiti the owners occupied their land and farmed it individually. In the 1890's they banded together and farmed their land as one under the direction of a committee. They also opened a store which was called the Houtaketake Co-operative Company. This group farmed and operated until 1910 when the Mangahauini Incorporated Blocks was inaugurated. The first meeting to form the Incorporation was held December 7 1910. The first meeting was held in the Te Ariuru Meeting house January 14 1911. Herbert Fairlie was elected as chairman, Hutana Ihaia as secretary and Rihi White as head shepherd.

The second committee meeting was held at Pakirikiri and at that meeting they decided to build the office they are still using today.

The first Annual General Meeting was held at Pakirikiri 24 July 1911. Assets at the meeting were £27,795.

They decided to close the Houtaketake Store.

August 7 1911 the committee accepted the tender of Read Bros. to build the woolshed for £499.

2nd A.G.M. April 13 1912 held in the Maui Meeting House. The woolshed was completed and at that time was the most up-to-date woolshed in the Northland.

The Manager for 1977 Mr. S. Whaitiri.

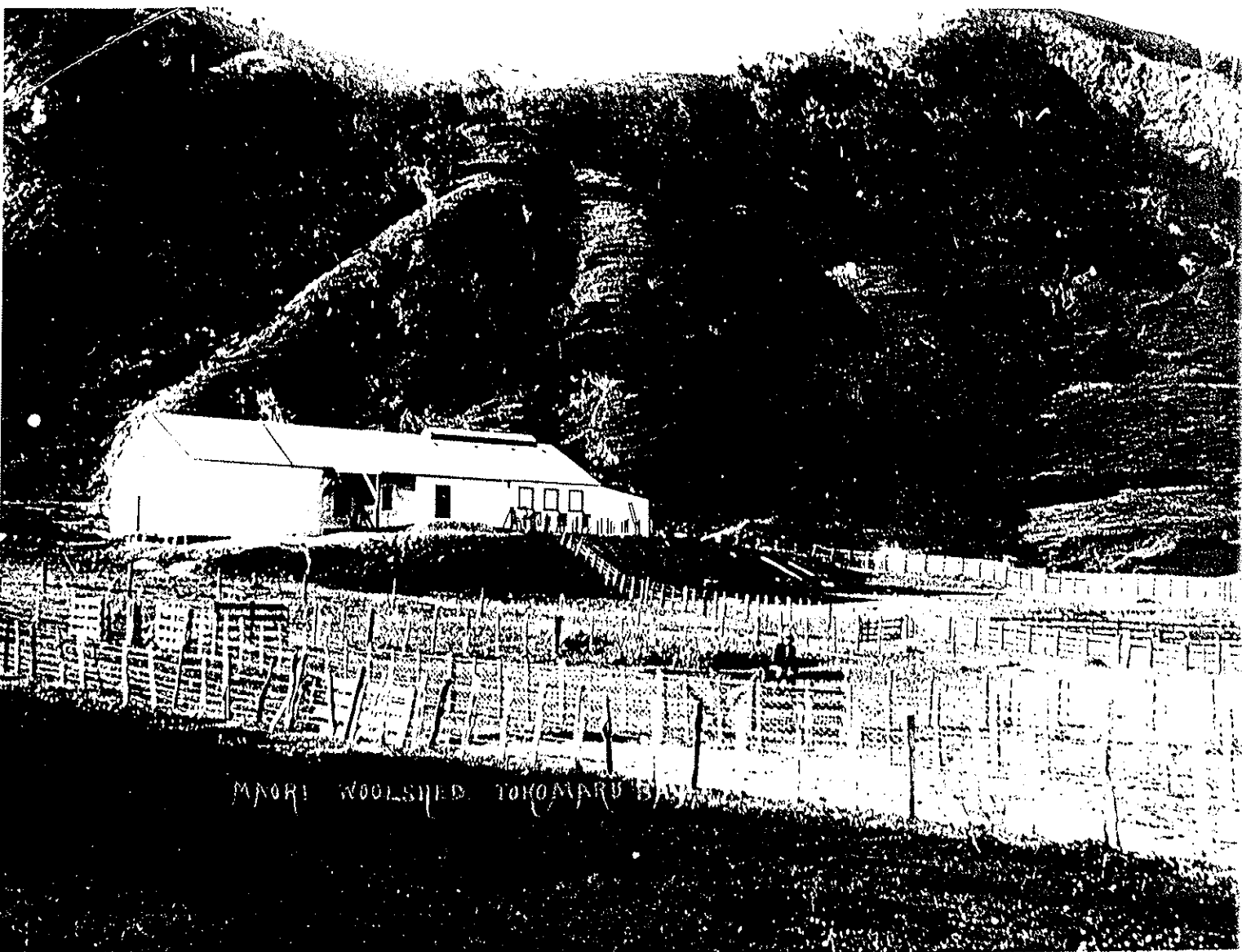
The Committee for 1977 Tate Pewhairangi, T.A.K. Paerata M. Awarau, Ben Pewhairangi Duke Matahiki [Deceased] Piripi Aspinall (Sec)

Assets 1976 \$386333

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Manager 1982 Mr J. Kirkpatrick.

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WHALING

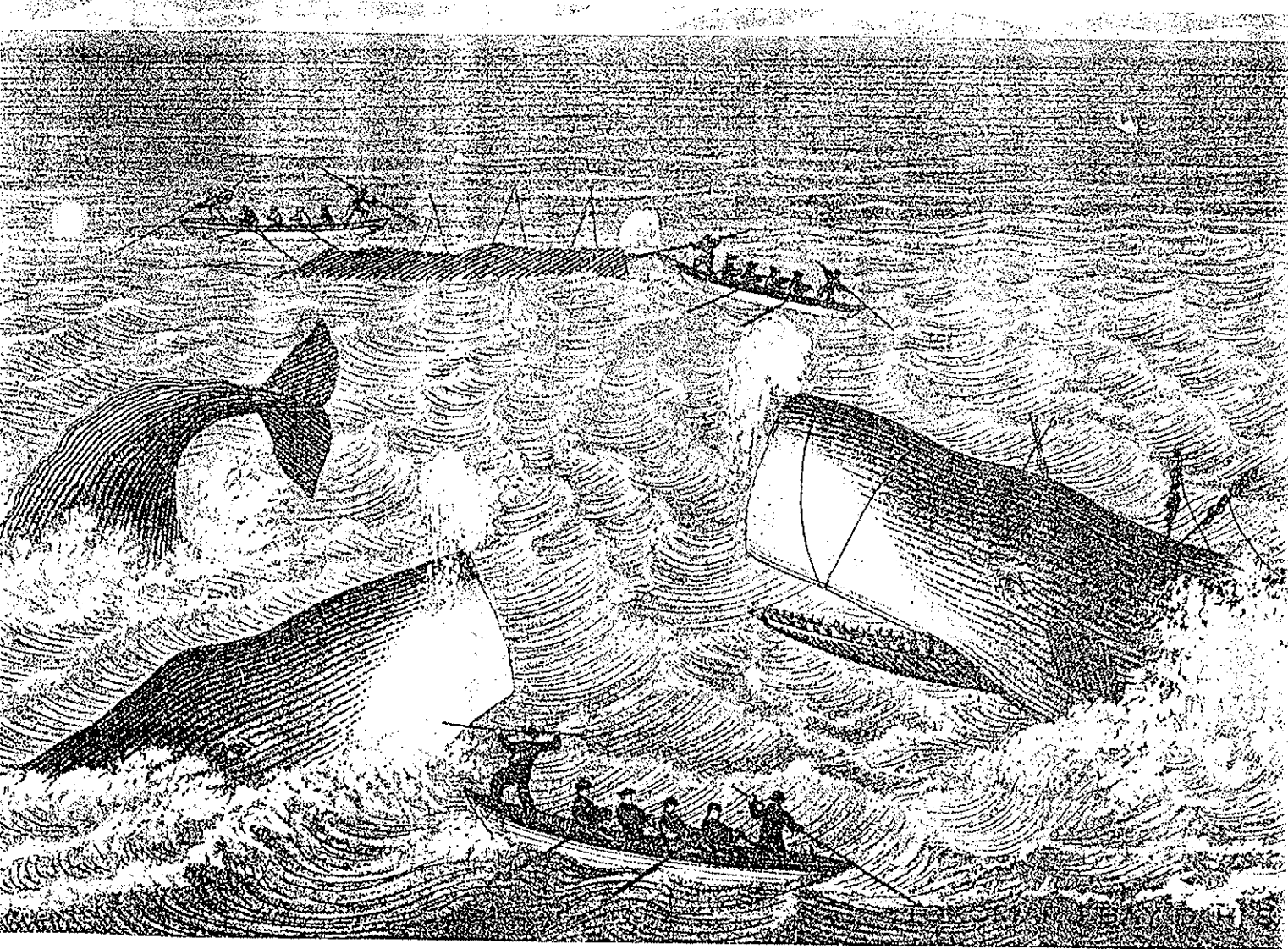
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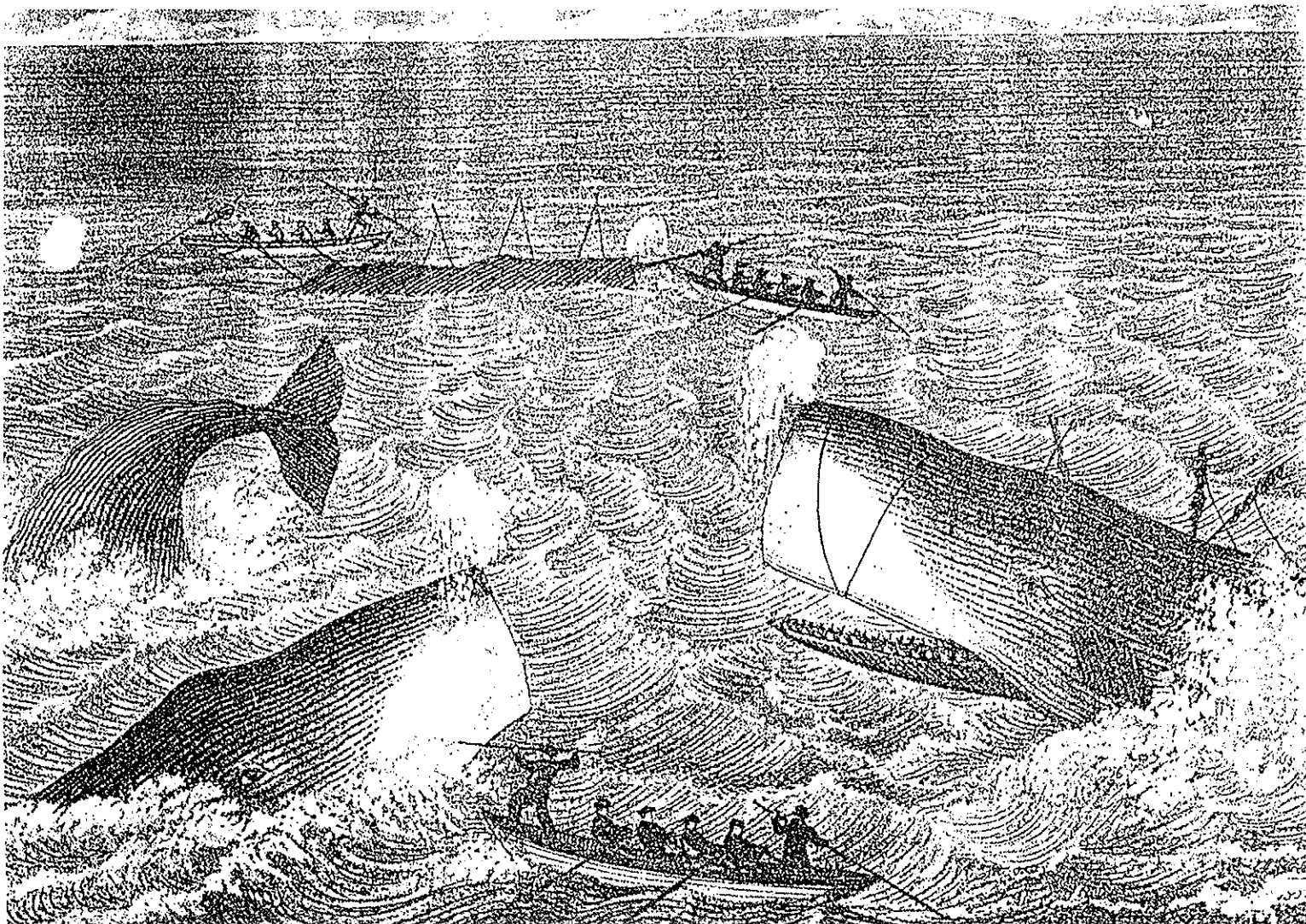
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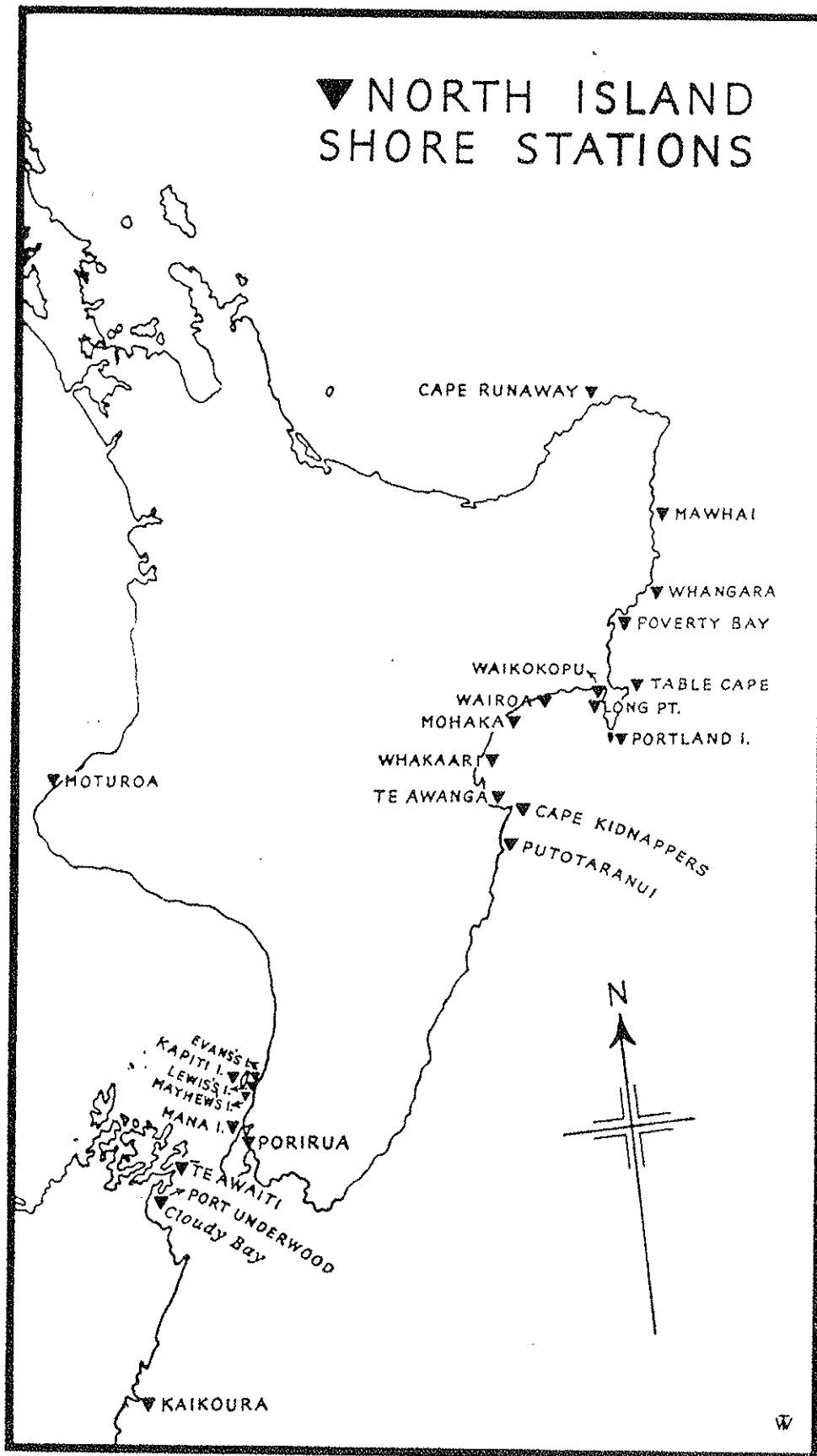
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WHALE SHOOTING STATIONS



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In 1835 when Espie went off to establish a whaling station at Mawhai Thomas Halbert took his place. Harris, it is stated by his son, had an interest at the start in the Mawhai station. Espie, however, claimed to have brought the site (100 acres) in 1838. It lay on the southern side of the peninsular and being well sheltered it was frequently used in later years, by small craft when they were unable to land cargo at Tokomaru Bay. Probably it was Espie who called the spot "St. Patrick's Cove" - he described it by that name in a letter which was sent to the Colonial Secretary of New South Wales in December 1840.

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ROBERT ESPIE. Born in County Tyrone Ulster 1811. He migrated to Tasmani with his parents in 1817 and was trained as a carpenter. He reached Poverty Bay in 1837. His first wife was Ani Umutapua of Waima. There were three children- Margaret (Mrs. Lockwood) Hannah (Mrs Arapeta Rangiuiaia) and a boy who was drowned.

In 1839 Rev. W. Williams called at Espie's whaling station at Mawhai. Mr. Williams states that the station asw located at Motukaroro- Motu an Island and Karoro a seabird. In his journal Mr. Taylor says that the station was at Maphi- Mawhai in a picturesque setting on a promontory and that Mr. Espy's abode is near a promontory close to which as a remarkable rock like a pyramidical column; a small part joins the promontory. The Espie abode is described as a wretched one.

Ref. Pg. 147- 150

CHARLES KYLAND. Born at Manchester in 1803. Whaled at Mahia before he moved to Mawhai in the 1840's. Afterwards he had a store at Te Puka, T Ariuru and Waima in that order. Henare Potae said he was driven away from Te Puka because he could not pay his rent. He married Hiria Kapaika. He died in 1886.

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JOHN ANDERSON. An Englishman, was one of the whaling fraternity at Mahia before he moved to Anaura Bay in the late 1840's. His wife was Peti Karotapapa. Two sons John and William were born at Mahia and Henry and Peti at Anaura. Anderson became a trader at Anaura in connection with Matthew Fox who also conducted a store at Puatai. Peti was reputed to have been over ninety when she died in Anaura. Peti... Lucy Anderson married Te Rawhiti Paerata.

INDUSTRY.

Ref: 1919 Advertising. EAST COAST WATCH.

1. Mrs. Burdett ... Private Hotel
2. S.G. Doig Plumber
3. P.D. Moore..... Te Puka Forge
4. John R. Hale..... Te Puka Stables
6. C.G. Morse..... Timber.Hardware.. Coal...Coke... Ironmongery.. Cement Drain pipes
6. Ford Motor Garage
- 7 . J.K. Popple.... Te Puka Store.. Clothing
8. G.J. Pepper ... Toko Footwear
9. John Wilson ... Blacksmith .. Toko
10. Joe Oates... Butcher
- 11.. Scott and Hanlon... Toko .. Painters.. Paperhangers.. Decorators
12. J.D. Kelley... Toko... Artist and portrait painter
13. Lyric Pictures
14. Mauna Library
14. Oates Bros. Toko. General Merchants
15. East Coast Watch... Robert Grebbin

Ref: 1929 Advertising EAST COAST NEWS

1. Oates Bros. .. Toko .. General
2. Goe. Chaffey... Toko.. Carrier.. Contractor.. Horse Dealer
3. Dignell and Holmes Garage..
4. S.G. Doig ... Plumber
5. Arthur Shepherd... Wool ..hides.. skins.. and tallow.
6. Tokomaru Bay Farmers' Co-op. Co. Ltd. Stock and Station agents.. Shipping General
7. S. McKee... Hats.
8. T.E. Hanlon ... Painter etc.
9. E. Pepper... Bookseller and stationer.
10. McDonalds Pharmacy ... Toko
11. George H Pufflett... Te Puka Hotel
12. Len Sampey ... Butcher
13. D.J. BarryLtd. .. Wines etc.. Cordial.. Aerated drinks.
14. Frank Thompson... Builder.. Joinery.. Cabinetmaker.. Undertaker.
15. J.J. Roberts... Mens wear
16. Andy Griffiths... Boot repairer