

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, 1899-1900.

EXCURSION FARES.

Holiday Excursion Tickets will be issued from ANY STATION to ANY STATION on Hurunui-Bluff section, from Monday, 18th December, 1899, to Tuesday, 2nd January, 1900.

The Return Fares will be:—

First Class.	Second Class.
2d per Mile.	1d per Mile.

The minimum being 4s and 2s respectively.

These tickets will be available for return up to and including Tuesday, 30th January, and may be extended to make them available for return for a further period of 14 days on payment of the difference in value between an Ordinary Single Ticket and half the Excursion Fare. Persons desiring an extension of time must apply at the station to which the ticket was issued on or before 30th January.

The journey must be commenced on the date that ticket is taken out, and may be broken at any station where the train is timed to stop after travelling 25 miles from the original starting station, provided the specified time is not exceeded.

On 23rd and 30th December SPECIAL NIGHT TRAINS will run as under:—

Dunedin dep. 10.35 p.m., Palmerston dep. 12.45 a.m., Oamaru dep. 2.35 a.m., Christchurch arr. 8.50 a.m.
Christchurch dep. 10.40 p.m., Oamaru dep. 4.45 a.m., Palmerston dep. 6.45 a.m., Dunedin arr. 9.0 a.m.
Dunedin dep. 11.20 p.m., Mosgiel dep. 12.20 a.m., Milton dep. 2.10 a.m., Balclutha dep. 3.25 a.m., Invercargill arr. 8.20 a.m.
Invercargill dep. 11.15 p.m., Balclutha dep. 3.55 a.m., Milton dep. 4.55 a.m., Dunedin arr. 7.10 a.m.

Goods and Live Stock Traffic will be suspended on December 25 and 26 and on January 1 and 2.

By Order.

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From Wednesday, 20th December, 1899, to Tuesday, 9th January, 1900, inclusive,

FAST PASSENGER TRAINS

Will run daily (Sundays excepted) as under:—

DUNEDIN TO OAMARU.

Dunedin depart 10.20 a.m., Waitati 11.23 a.m., Seacliff 11.50 a.m., Waikouaiti, 12.9 p.m., Palmerston, 12.35 p.m., Hampden 1.14 p.m., Herbert 1.39 p.m., Maheno 1.49 p.m., Oamaru arrive 2.10 p.m. This train will stop at the stations named, and at Upper Port Chalmers, Shag Point Junction, and Hillgrove to pick up passengers for Oamaru, also to pick up and set down passengers for and from stations at which train stops.

OAMARU TO CHRISTCHURCH.

Oamaru depart 2.25 p.m., Christchurch arrive 8.25 p.m. This train will take passengers for Glenavy, Studholme, Makikihi, St. Andrews, Timaru, Temuka, Winchester, Orari, Rangitata, Hinds, Ashburton, Chertsey, Rakaia, Dunsandel, Rolleston, Hornby, and Christchurch.

OAMARU TO DUNEDIN.

Oamaru depart 4.40 p.m., Maheno 5.6 p.m., Herbert 5.19 p.m., Hampden, 5.44 p.m., Palmerston 6.26 p.m., Waikouaiti 6.49 p.m., Seacliff 7.18 p.m., Waitati 7.37 p.m., Dunedin arrive 8.30 p.m. This train will stop at the stations named, and at Hillgrove, Shag Point Junction, and Upper Port Chalmers to pick up passengers for Dunedin, also to pick up and set down passengers for and from stations at which the train stops.

ALTERATIONS TO ORDINARY TRAINS.

The following alterations in the ordinary Time Table will be observed from Wednesday, 20th December, 1899, till Tuesday, 9th January, 1900, inclusive:—

Holiday Excursion Tickets will not be issued for, nor will return halves of such tickets be available by the North Express train, excepting from stations south of Oamaru to stations north of Oamaru.

Holiday Excursion Tickets will not be issued for, nor will return halves of such tickets be available by the South Express train, excepting from stations north of Oamaru to stations south of Oamaru.

The train usually leaving Oamaru for Kurow at 4 p.m. will not leave until 4.30 p.m., running 30 minutes later than Time Table times to destination.

The train usually leaving Oamaru for Ngapara and Tokarahi at 4.30 p.m. will not leave until 4.50 p.m., running to destination and back to Oamaru 20 minutes later than Time Table times.

The train usually leaving Oamaru for Palmerston at 4.10 p.m. will not leave until 5.55 p.m., Maheno 7.0 p.m., Herbert 7.25 p.m., Hampden 8.0 p.m., arriving Palmerston 9.20 p.m.

The train usually leaving Palmerston for Oamaru at 5.32 p.m. will not leave until 5.40 p.m., Hampden 6.50 p.m., Herbert 7.22 p.m., Maheno 7.44 p.m., arriving Oamaru 8.15 p.m.

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MOUNT COOK HERMITAGE.

THE season for ALPINE WORK commenced on 1st November. The Hotel is in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Ross, as before. Mr. Clark will act as guide up till the end of February. The huts have been provisioned to meet the wants of tourists and climbers.

HANMER SPRINGS.

The daily coaching season commenced on 1st November. For Invalids afflicted with RHEUMATISM, SKIN DISEASES, etc., the BATHS are ample, and are still in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers. The SANATORIUM has accommodation for visitors, and is in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald. A new building for board and lodging at lower rates will be ready about the New Year.

There are other houses where ample accommodation and excellent rooms may be obtained.

For Coach and railway fares and time-table see *Railway Time-table and Tourist Guide*.

S. WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART,

TIMARU.

THE ANNUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR LADIES preached by the Rev. Father J. COLGAN, S.J., will begin on the Evening of MONDAY, January 8, and end on SATURDAY, January 13.

Ladies who wish to attend should apply as soon as possible to the Reverend Mother.

DEATHS.

CARTER.—On the 20th ult., at his residence, Duncan street, Albinus (Dick), the beloved husband of Ellen Carter; aged 42 years. Deeply regretted.—R.I.P.

BYRNE.—On December 5, at her residence, Lawrence, Liz, the beloved wife of F. M. Byrne, aged 40 years.—R.I.P.

MELODY.—Accidentally drowned in the Wanganui River on November 4, 1899, William Melody, aged 70 years.—R.I.P.

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FIAT JUSTITIA.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1899.

A LESSON FROM THE ELECTIONS.



THE general elections have come and gone. They are an old story now. But they will long be remembered for this: that they have supplied, in their results, one of the sharpest surprises in the political history of New Zealand. Mr. SEDDON's victory has been overwhelmingly complete. The Opposition has passed through its Sedan: its fate has been not so much a defeat as a disaster. It has been reduced from a powerful and energetic minority to a small and inoperative 'corner,' deprived of most of the leaders that gave a soul of energy to its work and an element of piquancy to the parliamentary debates of the past few years. As is usual in such cases, the party that is left in the minority and its organs in the Press have set themselves the task of accounting for a defeat that was as unexpected as it was complete. And thus we hear of the relative disorganisation of the Opposition forces; the preparedness and energy of the Government and its supporters; the absence of burning questions; and a continent of other reasons why. All these things had, perhaps, their due weight in determining the startling results of the campaign. But deep at the root

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