

"In consequence of the delay in this payment I put off getting in supplies until this month, when I sent an order for goods to Westport to be forwarded to me by the p.s. 'Result,' a boat subsidized by the County Council, but my goods were refused, and Mr. Bailie, the merchant at Westport, was told that no goods would be taken for me.

"The goods brought here per 'Result' by Mr. Stitt were sold wholesale and for cash on the wharf at prices varying very little from mine. Some things were sold for the same price, others slightly cheaper, and others dearer, than I have been charging on a retail and long-credit system since last March.

"A number of the poorer settlers whom I have trusted have been unable to obtain any supplies from Mr. Stitt, and care was taken that I should not obtain any by the boat to meet their wants. The greater number of the settlers having received large supplies by the 'Result,' they will not require much for the next three months.

"I have, &c.,

"H. DOLPHIN."

"That the subsidizing of a steamer to call periodically at the port, and the outlay of a moderate sum of money on public works within the Karamea District will make the settlement a success."—It is very important, in the interest of the place, that a steamer should be subsidized to call there periodically. At present, owing to the Karamea being a new and comparatively unknown port, combined with the want of inducement, owners of steamers are disinclined to send a boat there without a subsidy, and, unless an arrangement of this kind can be made, the settlers will be cut off from communication from other places. Moreover, Government, having established a settlement in so isolated a place, cannot in justice to the people located there relinquish their charge until the usual operations of trade induce private individuals to undertake to supply the want now felt. I purpose recommending in my report that a small sum of money should be expended on public works.

A. MACKAY.

COMPARATIVE LIST OF PRICES at KARAMEA, WESTPORT, and MOKIHINUI.

	Karamea.		Westport.	Mokihinui.
	Government Store.	Dolphin's.		
Axes	9s. ...	9s. ...	8s. 6d. to 9s.	
Axe-handles	1s. 6d. ...	1s. 6d. ...	1s. 6d. ...	
Bacon	1s. 6d. ...	1s. 1d. ...	1s. ...	1s. 2d. to 1s. 3d.
Butter	1s. 6d. ...	1s. 6d. ...	1s. 6d. ...	1s. 6d.
Beef	6d. ...	5d. to 6d. ...	7d. to 9d. ...	8d.
Candles	1s. 3d. ...	1s. 3d. ...	1s. 3d. ...	1s. 3d.
Castor oil	1s. ...	1s. ...	1s. ...	1s.
Cheese	1s. 3d. ...	1s. 1d. ...	1s. ...	1s. 3d.
Coffee	1s. 9d. ...	1s. 9d. ...	1s. 9d. ...	1s. 9d. to 2s.
Currants	8d. ...	8d. ...	8d. ...	9d.
Biscuits ... ..	...	4d. per lb. ...	6d. to 9d. ...	9d.
Flour	21s. per 100 lbs.	22s. to 26s. ...	22s. to 25s. ...	27s. to 30s.
Jam ... ..	...	1s. per lb. ...	1s. ...	1s.
Hops	3s. per lb. ...	3s. ...	2s. ...	
Dried apples	1s. 3d. per lb.	1s. ...	10d. ...	
Kerosine	3s. per gal. ...	4s. per gal. ...	3s. to 4s. ...	4s. 3d. per gal.
Hams	1s. 6d. ...	...	1s. ...	
Maizena	1s. ...	1s. ...	...
Matches	3d. per box ...	3d. to 4d. p. box	2s. 6d. per doz.	4d. per box.
Mustard	1s. 3d. per tin	1s. 9d. ...	2s. ...	
Mutton	6d. per lb. ...	5d. to 6d. ...	6d. to 8d. ...	8d.
Oatmeal	4½d. " ...	4½d. " ...	4d. ...	8s. per 25 lbs.
Onions	4d. " ...	2d. ...	3d. ...	
Pepper	2s. ...	2s. ...	2s. ...	
Potatoes ... ..	...	6s. per cwt. ...	6s. to 7s. ...	
Pick-handles	1s. 6d. ...	1s. ...	1s. ...	
Painkiller	1s. 6d. ...	1s. 6d. ...	1s. 6d. ...	
Pills	2s. ...	2s. ...	1s. 6d. ...	
Raisins	9d. per lb. ...	9d. per lb. ...	9d. to 10d. ...	1s.
Rice	4d. " ...	4½d. " ...	5d. to 6d. ...	5d.
Salt	2d. " ...	2d. " ...	3d. per lb. ...	4d.
Soap	1s. per bar ...	1s. ...	1s. ...	1s. 6d.
Soda	4d. per lb. ...	2d. " ...	4d. ...	
Sugar	6d. " ...	6d. to 6½d. ...	5d. to 6d. ...	6d.
Tea	3s. " ...	3s. to 3s. 6d.	3s. to 3s. 6d.	3s. 6d.
Tobacco	5s. " ...	6s. ...	5s. 6d. ...	6s.
Treacle	6d. " ...	6d. per lb. ...	6d. per lb. ...	
Vinegar	1s. a bottle ...	1s. ...	1s. ...	1s.
Salad oil	1s. ...	1s. ...	1s. ...	1s.
Steadman's powders	2s. ...	2s. ...	...
Nails	5d. per lb. ...	6d. ...	4d. to 6d. ...	