



THE OPENING OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON—HARBOUR EXCURSIONISTS IN AUCKLAND.

A public holiday with fine weather—and the excursion steamers are packed with thousands of picnickers hunt for the various bays and islands about the gulf. It is a pastime of which Aucklanders never tire, and many times during the year—for public holidays are numerous—these beautiful picnic grounds are thronged with happy crowds. (1) The forward deck of the "Wellington," bound for Waiheke. (2) Walking to get ashore. (3) A splendid beach for the children. (4) Early morning in sea bathing. (5) Part of the beach at Cowe's Bay. (6) Under the willows. (7) A picnic party. (8) An amateur crew. (9) A group of people.