



AN IMPORTANT EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF WHANGAREI—FROZEN MEAT FOR THE HOME MARKETS.

The Shaw Savill steamer Kumara arrived at the new Whangarei Heads freezing works on June 19, to take the first load of frozen beef from the district. A large number of guests attended the official opening, the arrival of the big ocean-going steamer being generally conceded to be the most important event in the history of the district for many years past. (1) and (2) Two of the quarters of beef from the new works, which were conveyed by lighters from the shore to the Kumara. (3) A general view, looking towards the Heads, showing the Kumara in the stream and lighters at the freezing works taking in beef. In the foreground are some of the school-children of the Heads, who had a picnic and holiday to commemorate the arrival of the first Home liner at Whangarei. (4) Loading the quarters of beef on to the lighters. (5) Lighters alongside the Kumara unloading the beef. (6) Trucking frozen meat from the works to the lighters. (7) A view of the works from the sea.