

enable vessels of any size to load. This will be a great advantage, particularly as the Union Steamship Company is now building two 3,000 ton steamers for the New Zealand and Australian timber trade. With proper facilities for loading steam colliers with despatch, the coal trade is bound to receive an impetus, and ocean-going vessels being able to load timber here, will bring Whangarei some of the over-



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sea trade. The deep-water extension will also ensure a daily steam service with Auckland without reference to the tides. At present Whangarei has a daily steam service, but it is a tidal one, and the steamers are not nearly large enough for the requirements of the trade. It is the largest passenger trade on the coast, over 15,000 people travelling annually between Auckland and Whangarei, and more might travel with better facilities, as Whangarei is not only a rising place, but it has the reputation of

being one of the prettiest places in the colony, and the celebrated Kamo Springs are becoming very popular with tourists and the travelling public. The town itself is in every way up-to-date, with kerbed and tarred footpaths, clean streets, a good gas service, and water is now being laid on.

The town has been almost destroyed by fire on two occasions, and both sides of the main street were improved out of existence. The borough having wisely decreed that all new buildings must be built in brick, the town



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