

The Rangitikei Advocate

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DRIFTING SAND ON KOITIATA SECTIONS

A meeting of Koitiata Domain Board committee (which is composed of Rangitikei County Councillors) was held yesterday, when J. F. Morris was granted permission to transfer lease of section 16 of the Domain to Arthur Way. Mr Way waited on the committee and pointed out that during the past few years sand has drifted over sections 23 to 41 which are now practically useless for building or camping sites. Out of 41 sections surveyed there are only a dozen of any use for building sites. It was resolved that Crs. Simpson, Stuart, Dalrymple and Coleman visit the reserve and bring a report before the committee as to the most satisfactory manner of dealing with the drifting sand.

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KOITIATA TOWNSHIP

A committee of the Koitiata Domain Board visited the township at the mouth of Turakina river yesterday. There were present Messrs A. G. Simpson, A. Stuart, K. W. Dalrymple, H. H. Richardson and A. Thoms. Mr A. Way was present as representative of holders of building allotment leases in the township. The site where the township is laid off had been as far back as could be remembered, a grass valley and a favourite camping ground. During the last two years, however, the position has changed and the sand has encroached on the seaward side of the township. The committee decided to recommend that planting with marram grass or other similar plants be put in hand, also that further sections be laid off on landward side and that lessees of sections on seaward side of Rapaki Street be given opportunity to exchange their sections for sections to be laid off on landward side.

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DRIFTING SAND AT KOITIATA

The drifting sand at Koitiata, the settlement at the mouth of Turakina River, has caused considerable damage during the last two years, and yesterday Messrs K. W. Dalrymple, A. Stuart, H. H. Richardson and S. A. R. Mair, of Rangitikei County Council, inspected the locality to report on the advisability of Rangitikei County Council undertaking clearance work. It was decided that sand-grass be planted and the cost of this will be borne by money accrued from the rent of sections in the township.

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BETTER ROAD NEEDED FOR KOITIATA

At the annual meeting of the Koitiata Domain Board to-day the annual report disclosed that the year commenced with a credit of £7 and concluded with £24. Further planting of grass to counteract sand drift had been carried out but further activity was still necessary to deal with this problem. The Domain was used as a seaside resort but better road access is necessary.

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POMPEII IN THE SAND

Report by County Overseer Arthur Thoms to today's Rangitikei County Council meeting:-

“In company with Cr. Stuart I recently went down to the Koitiata township. The road was very dry for this season of the year and it would not require much work to put it in fair order. The township itself is in a bad way. All the houses are practically buried with sand excepting three cottages, two of which have been recently built further back from the beach.”—
The County Overseer.

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A Peculiar Choice.

“Personally I would rather be in the middle of a grass paddock than at the seaside, but there are many who like a day at the beach, and we should try to make the Koitiata township as attractive as possible,” said Cr. A. Stuart to yesterday’s Council meeting, in referring to the problem of sand drift.