

## Servicing the Area: By Jack Algie

My dad **Merve** had the contract to do the mail on horse-back from 1927 to the end of 1934 when the road was metaled.

All our main supplies came by steamer from Auckland and was unloaded using the punt, a 16ft flat bottomed pulling boat.



Our cream was loaded on as were **Goldsworthys**, the **Scandretts** and **Martins (Davey Martin.)**

Timber and manure came by scour boats.

In 1927, Grandpa & Will got a visit from **Ev Carran** to see if we would supply the Rodney Dairy Co starting up in Warkworth.

Grandpa said “if you can get it there as easy as it goes to Auckland its yours.”

**Wavern Martin** who was a couple of years older than dad (**Merve**), left **Martins** cowshed with 2 horses and a sledge with their cream, picked up **Scandretts**, **Goldsworthys**, ours and **Frank Bells** who was at that time was breaking in the land of Mariners Grove and Highfield. He then went down Dawsons road and met the cream launch which took it up to Warkworth.

When the road was metaled in 1934, **Tom Dawson** got the contract to carry the cream by road.

His brother **Percy** had run the cream launch before that, also **Fred Anderson** and **Nat Hamilton**.

There was a school launch as well and **Bert Duke** ran it and also **Ray Vile**.

Dad's brother **Steve** went to high school on the school launch. **Jim Sullivan** from Sullivan's bay had a parcel and he and **Steve** were walking up to the school in Percy street and as they passed the butchers shop Jim went in and gave the parcel of meat to **Mr. Stubbs** and said "mum says if you cut the tits off she will keep it."



**Whale washed up at Goldsworthy Bay in 1905**