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THE magnificent sheet of water called Kawhia Harbour, situated about half-way between Onehunga and New Plymouth, has up to the present been little known. Only since the large areas of land have been thrown open round about the various inlets has the outside world begun to realise that there are great capabilities in the little spot. With a view to enable those whose interest is awakening to visit Kawhia and see some of its many charms, and at the same time enjoy themselves in a suitable manner, it has been determined to inaugurate an annual regatta and land sports. A large and influential meeting was held on Saturday evening for the purpose of discussing the matter. Mr. D'Arcy Hamilton was appointed chairman of the meeting, and introduced the subject by speaking of the strides which the district had made during the past few months, and the advisability of initiating some such yearly function. He said it was a sad fact that Kawhia was fast becoming Europeanised, and that soon the pleasing primitiveness which had been the great charm of the place would be gone. The rising generation were pakehas to all intents and purposes, and even the Maori language would cease to be heard. It was therefore the duty of those who took an interest in the Maori to try and preserve in every possible manner those customs and modes which are and have been peculiar to the Maori race. Among those was their mode of travelling on the water, namely, by canoe. He had noticed that lately a canoe had become almost a rarity. Almost every Maori had a boat, and as for a Maori fishing-net, or kupenga, it was now unknown. If a regatta were inaugurated the natives might again take an interest in Maori aquatics, and these customs would be preserved as long as the regatta was an institution. Mr. Langley approved of what Mr. Hamilton had said, and thought it was the same with all present. He thought, therefore, that it would be as well to appoint a committee to carry out the affair. As agent for the Northern Steamship Company he would endeavour to arrange that a steamer from Onehunga and one from New Plymouth, or

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perhaps from Waitara, would leave so as to bring passengers to Kawhia on the days appointed for the regatta and sports. If it were possible to get the steamers, he would suggest that the days be fixed for December 28 and 29. This would mean that the steamers would leave on the evening of the 27th (Thursday), and return on Sunday morning, or perhaps Saturday evening. Mr. Buckeridge also spoke at length on the subject, and proposed that Mr. Seddon be asked to be patron. It was also decided to ask Mr. F. W. Lang, the local member of the House of Representatives, to be vice-patron. At the suggestion of Mr. A. S. Ormsby, seconded by Mr. Tainui Wetere, it was decided to ask Mahuta, the Maori King, whose tribe, the Mahutas, have their headquarters here, to be president. Ways and means were then discussed, and it appears likely that from £300 to £400 will be given in prizes. A committee, or, rather, a working executive, was then formed, and Mr. G. H. Buckeridge was appointed secretary and Mr. James Scott treasurer. It seems from the enthusiasm displayed that this is likely to be a great success.—[Own Correspondent.]

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