

In that tradition cradled, by that same tradition taught,  
Sailing over smiling waters, or with dirty seas athwart."  
And despite all such criticism we may all be confident that  
"when the waves run high with a tearing crash," when some  
frail human beings are at the mercy of the waves, while the  
critics are safely ashore, the volunteer crew of the Sumner  
Life-boat will be found at the point of duty, Ready aye ready.

For those who go down to the sea in "boats" in Sumner Bay,  
the Life Boat Institution provides an insurance against risk.  
For those who venture out beyond their depth or their capacity  
as swimmers the trained and experienced members of the Sum-  
ner and Taylor's Mistake Surf and Life Saving Clubs throw  
out the life lines and reel off yards of action (not words) in  
order to assist the brother or sister in distress back  
to safety. Much of interest and many stirring stories  
could be told of the sacrifices and noble work of these  
competent and enthusiastic life savers but lack of space forbids.  
The people of North Canterbury owe a debt to these. Some day  
perhaps, when the clouds of war have been dispersed, the all  
clear signal given, and the world, or this part of it in par-  
ticular, has settled down to its ordinary stride, thought may be  
given to the need for supporting an Emergency Precautions  
Scheme of a different nature from that at present before us.  
Thus shall we help liquidate what at present looks like a bad  
debt or in other terms insufficient recognition of services  
rendered by these institutions.

## MAYORS OF SUMNER

J. M. Wheeler	June 1891 to November 1891
F. Pratt	November 1891 to December 1891
W. Hayward	1892
Jas. Tait	January 1893 to December 1895
W. Kitson	1896
E. R. Deacon	1897
W. Rollitt	1898
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W. Rollitt	January 1, 1900 to July 26, 1904
R. Bradbury	August 9, 1904 to May 2, 1905
F. Pratt	May 1905 to 26/2/1906
G. Mitchell	26/2/1906 to 1/5/1906
C. A. Lees	May 1906 to 1/5/1908
G. Mitchell	May 1908 to 27/7/1908
E. Denham	28/7/1908 to 1/5/1909
E. Denham	May 1909 to 1911
H. J. Marriner	May 1911 to 1913
G. W. C. Smithson	May 1913 to 1915
J. B. Laurenson	May 1915 to 1917
John Barr, M.L.C.	May 1917 to 1923
W. H. Nicholson	1923 to 1935
Thos. Newburgh	May 1935 to 14/3/1938
Jno. E. Tait	23/3/1938 to 1941
Jno. E. Tait	May 1941

## TOWN CLERKS

James Crawford	1/6/1891 to 30/4/1905
J. F. Matthews.	1/5/1905 to January 1907
L. A. Stringer.	22/1/1907 to 21/2/1911
S. R. Wright	21/2/1911 to 16/6/1913
C. T. Middleton.	17/6/1913 to 27/9/1915
C. Dash	28/9/1915 to 16/9/1920
W. V. Siddall.	17/9/1920 to January, 1928
J. F. Menzies	1/2/1928

Mr A. A. Cheshire has been Engineer of the Gas, Elec-  
tricity, Water and Sewerage pumping departments since  
22/4/1918.

Mr G. E. Harper has been in charge of Roads and Streets,  
sewerage and water reticulation departments since 23/7/1923.

Miss Margaret McDougall, Assistant Town Clerk and Ac-  
countant, has been in the employ of the Council since January  
1925.

## AT 31st MAY, 1941

Dwellings in Sumner, 1081; Ratepayers, 1172; Rateable  
Properties, 1360; Area of Borough, 4,250 acres; Rateable Capital  
Value, £919,560; Unimproved Value, £272,725.

Annual rateable value of Borough in 1891 was—£6,005.

Annual rateable value of Borough in 1941 is—£54,138.

Population in 1891 was—614.

Population in 1941 is (approx)—3,600.