

Billy Goat
Carluka
Flat Creek
Kaiuma Flat Creek
Rimu Gully
Ronga Valley
Tinline Valley
Tunakino
Opouri Upper
Opouri Valley
Pelorus Bridge
Rai Valley

Papers Past didn't include articles from the **Pelorus Guardian and Miners' Advocate** (1890 to 1910) until 2016 and in 2017 1911 to 1919 when a lot of research had been done. I have selected relevant items from this paper using this font and placed them at the end of the relevant schools, there will be some repetition.

Billy Goat Creek

Undated Newspaper cutting included the following information on the Bill Goat Creek supplied by Linden Armstrong, Havelock Museum

Apart from mentions in this paper I cannot find any mentions anywhere else about a Billy Goat Creek School or even a school with a different name and the teachers involved. Any help appreciated

Contacted Marlborough District Council re situation of school with the following Email but they needed more information

I am doing research on all the Marlborough State Schools 1877 to 1923 and have discovered a school called Billy Goat Creek School

The Sharland's sold the land to Baigent's

Land was previously owned by Mrs. Beardsley before she walked off and was purchased by C F Sharland and his 2 sons

Sections 9 and 10, Block VII Heringa S.D.; 1123 acres (capital value, £600) half-yearly rent on lease £13 10. 0d 3 applications 8 rejected or withdrawn;' C F.

Sharland, Nelson. 13th May 1920

Could you please tell me where this section is? According to the only report it is 3 miles from Pelorus Bridge School?

- Mr. Sharland had 3 children attending the Pelorus Bridge School
- Mrs. McDowall who farmed next to Mr Sharland agreed to board the teacher
- First Teacher was Mr. Aldis. Presumably William Charles Arthur Aldis who graduated as a teacher in 1927
- First Day Scholars were Mary and Alex McDowell, Leonie and Myrtle Foreman, Joy and Faith Baigent, Darey and Nola Griffiths, Alan, Harold, Ron and Keith Sharland
- After two years Pig Hunters who were allowed to live in the school during the weekend burnt the school down

- An empty two roomed cottage was converted to a school by removing an inside wall
 - The second teacher was Mr. Roberts and he had to make many a manoeuvre to maintain the school's average attendance
 - About 1936 Baigents stopped milling and the school closed down
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Carluke (1908-1923)

See Rimu Gully First Name of the Carluke School

About 4 Kilometres East of Rai Valley

1908	32	Carluke	Foley	Hugh	Licensed	Master	£ 123.10	£20.00
1909	45	Carluke	Foley	Hugh	B4	Head Master	£ 155.00	£20.00
1909	45	Carluke	Scott	Mary		Assistant Female	£ 90.00	
1910	48	Carluke	Foley BA	Hugh M	B4	Head Master	£ 180.00	£25.00
1910	48	Carluke	Scott	Mary		Assistant Female	£ 90.00	
1911	51	Carluke	Foley BA	Hugh	B3	Head Master	£ 185.00	£25.00
1911	50	Carluke	Kelleher	Marguerite		Assistant Female	£ 90.00	
1912	50	Carluke	Reader	Guy H		Head Master	£ 162.00	£25.00
1912	50	Carluke	Kelleher	Marguerite		Assistant Female	£ 94.10	
1913	43	Carluke	Reader	Guy H		Head Master	£ 162.00	£25.00
1913	43	Carluke	Kelleher	Marguerite		Assistant Female	£ 99.00	
1914	39	Carluke	Reader	Guy H		Head Master	£ 190.00	£25.00
1914	39	Carluke	Kelleher	Marguerite		Assistant Female	£ 108.00	
1915	37	Carluke	Reader	Guy H	C5	Head Master	£ 200.00	£30.00
1915	37	Carluke	Morris	Geraldine		Assistant Female	£ 110.00	
1917	42	Carluke	Reader	Guy H	C-64	Head	£220.00	
1917	42	Carluke	King	Isabel		Assistant	£117.00	
1919	44	Carluke	Greig	Arthur G	C-72	Head	£265.00	
1919	44	Carluke	King	Isobel		Assistant	£170.00	
Carluke Flat								
1921	54	Creek	Greig	Arthur G	C	Head	£330.00	
1923	56	Carluke	Greig	Arthur G	C-135	Head	£333.00	
1923	56	Carluke	Radford	Nellie W B	C-210	Assistant	£213.00	

Papers Past

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18th February 1908 The new settlement in the Ronga is to be known as “ Carluke,” a town of that name in Scotland having been the birthplace of Mr. W. Brownlee, to whose energy and enterprise the settlement owes its existence. The original Carluke is a town in Lanarkshire, within five miles of the county town of Lanark, and about 20 miles south of Glasgow. The town is the centre of a thriving fruit-growing district, and has a large preserve factory. In the neighborhood are coal and iron, mines and engineering works; and it has a population of 5000. Other natives of Carluke now resident in this district are Messrs. Robert Forrest, David Young, and James Wilson

10th March 1908 CARLUKE SCHOOL.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,— Could you kindly inform the residents of Carluke why the Education Board do not move in the matter of getting the contractor to complete the Carluke School? It was supposed to be opened by the beginning of this year, but it still remains uncompleted. There are about forty children attending the present schoolroom, which is totally unfit for a third of that number. The Board boast of the well-ventilated schools in their district: Well, I only wish they would take a trip to Carluke and hold one of their monthly meetings in the room at present used as a schoolroom. This room measures 23 foot x 11 foot 6 inches, with 8 foot stud, two windows (of which only the bottom sash opens), and one door. Do you think it is right that parents should be compelled to send their children to a dungeon like this and have doctors' bills to pay, besides ruining the child's health? Hoping the Education Board will move in the matter. —I am, etc., Interested.

17th April 1908 Marlborough Education Board: Carluke.—A suggestion to change the name of Rimu Gully to Carluke was agreed to.—The appointment of a teacher was left 1 over for the incoming Committee to deal with.

14th May 1908 A certificated teacher is wanted .for the Carluke School. Particulars are advertised to-day.

5th June 1908 Carluke's Progress,— A couple of years ago the present site of Carluke township, in the Ronga, was mostly dead trees and stumps, unless one excepts a blacksmith's shop, where the horses used in the bush used to be shod. Today the township boasts of thirty or forty neat cottages, a school, a large boarding-house, a splendid band-saw mill, and a general store. The last named evidence of progress has been established by Mr. Orsman, of Havelock, and was opened on Monday last with a good all-round stock. We learn that Messrs. Brownlee and Co. also intend opening an upto-date branch of their Havelock business in a few weeks' time

14th July 1908 Mr. Parker moved that a tank be sent to Carluke and another one to Blind River if available

14th August 1908 Mr. Foley's appointment to Carluke was approved

25th August 1908 A most enjoyable social and dance was tendered to Miss E. Storey, who is leaving the Carluke school, by the children and their parents, in the new store now being erected in Carluke, kindly lent by Mr. A. Reade. During the evening a presentation was made to Miss Storey of a silver watch and chain given by the scholars and parents of Carluke. Mr. G. Kearny made the presentation, and spoke feelingly of Miss Storey's good work during the twelve months she was here. Despite the bad weather there was a large attendance. Messrs. M. Bourke and A. Laurence (accordion), and Mr. G. Brown (piano), were the musicians. W. Simpson was M.C. After the presentation Mr. J. Lambert responded on behalf of Miss Storey, and Mrs. Leonard made a few remarks in reference to Miss Storey's good work during her stay here. During the small hours supper was handed round, and later on people wended their way home in the pouring rain. The children occupied the floor till ten o'clock and then the adults.

2nd October 1908 The dominion medals were distributed to the schoolchildren on Saturday, 26th September. Some prizes were also given. The little people rushed home when dismissed, and related to their parents the words of encouragement and advice which Mr. Kearney, Chairman of the School Committee, had spoken to them. They exhibited the medals and prizes with much satisfaction, and the parents rejoiced in their joy

12th January 1909 PICNIC AT CARLUKE.

('Contributed). The Carluke School picnic and sports were held in Mr. C. Turner's paddock, and were a great success. The weather was all that could be desired, and people came from all parts of the valley, also from Nelson, Havelock, and Canvastown. The Committee had prepared a very nice programme and the children enjoyed it immensely. The chief events of the day were

Girls over 8; L. Walker 1, C Beal 2, G. Beal 3

Boys over 8: A. Boyd 1, W. Mears 2, R. Mears H.

Boys' 12-inch underhand chop: H. Simpson 1, A. Beal 2, R. Mills 3.

D. H. Sawing for boys under 16, 12 inch log: H. Simpson and A. Beal 1, W. Mears and R. Mills 2. (*D H = Double handed*)

Tilting at the ring for men (horseback) : E. Dalton 1, W. Wadey 2.

Young ladies' race: Miss E. Blanchard 1, Miss G. Leonard 2, Miss R. Wickins 3.

Married ladies' race: Mrs. Hubbard 1, Mrs. Lafrantz 2, Mrs. Moul 3

Cotton-winding for ladies: Mrs. Butterworth 1, Mrs. Picard 2.

High jump, boys under 16: W. Boyd 1, H Simpson 2.

Hop, step, and jump for boys; Leslie Amos 1, R. Mills 2.

Men's underhand chop, 12-inch log: S. .Morris 1, J. Wratt 2.

Numerous other races were run during the day by the younger children, each child getting a prize. Mr. A. Wadey had a "curiosity" that caused great amusement. The ladies provided plenty of good things to eat.

In the evening a dance took place and was largely attended. Mr. G. Brown played first-class music, the piano being kindly lent by Mrs. G Brown, and Mr. T. Walker's violin playing was also greatly enjoyed. Mr. A. P. Wickins, who acted as secretary to the Sports Committee, deserves hearty praise.

16th March 1909 The name of Mr. H. Foley, B.A., Carluke School, has appeared in the list of successful candidates for the B certificate at the Teachers' Examinations, 1909. This is the highest examination which can be taken under the Education Department. We congratulate Mr. Foley on his success. If we do not mistake he is the only teacher holding this certificate in the Marlborough District at present, but no doubt his example will be quickly followed by some of the clever men engaged in the noble occupation of training the men and women of the future.

5th April 1909 The football match which was to have taken place on Saturday afternoon at Brownlee Park between the boys of Carluke School and Havelock School was unavoidably postponed, owing to the men who were going to bring the visitors into Havelock upon the "oilpot" (*Oil Pot*) having to work in the afternoon. Nevertheless, our boys are looking forward to meeting them at an early date

4th May 1909 The term of office of the first school committee in Carluke came to an end on Monday, and an election of new members took place. Three of the former committee —Messrs. Keaney, Russell, and Leonard—would not consent to be nominated again, but Messrs. Pope and Butterworth were elected for a second year. Mr. H. Pope is chairman for the year 1909-1910, and Mr. J. Lambert secretary. The other members are Messrs. W. Mears, W. Simpson, D. Gould, and A. Pope. The members of the retiring committee deserve commendation for their regular attendance at the meetings, and for the absence of all bickering or disunion when they met. The chairman, Mr. Keaney, and the secretary, Mr. Russell, showed much tact and sound commonsense in the discharge of their duties. They gave money prizes to the children for good attendance, and contributed freely towards the school picnics and games. Among the works done during the year were the fencing of the

school ground, the building of a shelter shed, providing fuel for last year and this year, partial clearing of a playground, and providing for cleaning and repairs of the school. The committee carried on their work steadily, without friction with the parents, teacher, or Education Board, and never neglected the interests of children. The new committee will, it is confidently believed, be equally efficient when they settle to business.

The young ladies of Carluke intend to form a Hockey Club if they can enrol a sufficient number of members. They held a preliminary meeting on Saturday, 1st May, when they chose an appropriate Maori name, and selected Mr. Keaney as vice-president; he will probably find it more difficult to control those sprightly damsels than to direct the staid, serious members of the school committee, but he is just the man to undertake such duties with a light heart. —

11th May 1909 The Carluke Committee wrote recommending Miss Mary Scott for the position of assistant at their school.— Appointed

6th July 1909 Carluke.—Mr. J. Lambert, secretary of the Carluke School Committee, stated that the tank which was sent to Carluke from Havelock was in a bad state, and asked that the Board supply them with a corrugated iron tank. The letter also applied for more accommodation, as the present room was inadequate.—The Secretary of the Board was instructed to enquire where the second tank sent from Okaramio had gone to. With regard to the accommodation it was decided to inform the Committee that they should make application to the Government for a grant of £150 similar to the Seddon School Committee.

13th July 1909 Mr. J. A. Lambert, secretary of the Carluke School Committee, forwarded a plan and estimate of the proposed additions to the Carluke School.—Mr. Leonard also submitted a plan of the proposed addition to the Carluke School.—The Chairman said that too much money was being wasted by Education Boards, and he thought proper inquiries should be made into this school, so that the secretary would be able to satisfy the Government that the Board is not wasting any money. That suggestion was adopted

17th August 1909 The local school is to be visited by Mr. Strachan on Tuesday, and no doubt the day is being looked forward to with apprehension by pupils and teachers. Apparently the proposed addition to the school has been laid aside, as nothing more has been heard of it since it came up before the Education Board last month. Surely such a necessary improvement should meet the approval of those who have power to act

7th September 1909 The local school was examined a short time ago and the inspector's report was very favourable, Mr. Strachan having reported that he was very pleased with the progress that had been made," and also that there had been a great improvement in the school since his last visit a short time previously.

14th September 1909 PUMP GRANTED The Carluke School Committee forwarded an estimate of the cost of installing a pump at the school, which was £7. This amount was granted by the Board. It was also decided that the additions to the school be approved.

28th September 1909 The addition to the local school has been granted by the Education Department, and will soon be started. I omitted to mention in my former reports that one "proficiency " and two " competency " certificates were gained by

three pupils of the Carluke school at the examination held by Mr. Strachan, on 17th August.

12th October 1909 Some tenders were received for additions to the Carluke school, but were held over pending a reply from the Government with regard to a grant for the work

21st December 1909 The Carluke school-children gave a concert on Friday night. This concert was held to obtain funds for the spoils to be held here on New Year's Bay. The school closed down for the. midsummer holidays on Friday. Mr. Foley (the head teacher) is remaining in Carluke, whilst Miss Scott (the assistant teacher) leaves on Monday for Invercargill. The Rai Valley school is to close down on Wednesday. Two pupils from Carluke and two from the Rai Valley school sat for the sixth standard examination at Canvastown on Friday last. One pupil from each school passed.

30th December 1909 the central examination at Canvastown two candidates from the Carluke School presented themselves one of whom obtained a Proficiency certificate and the other a Competency certificate in the Sixth Standard. As Proficiency and a Competency were also obtained in August, this makes a total of two Proficiency and two Competency certificates in the Sixth Standard awarded to. the pupils of this school during the year 1909.

31st December 1909 SCHOOL CONCERT AT CARLUKE

(Contributed). On Friday, 17th December, Carluke School closed for the midsummer holidays. The headmaster, Mr. H. Foley, B.A., spoke a few words in which he wished the pupils a very satisfactory time during their period of absence from books and study. Master Fred Mears, the oldest boy in the school, responded by calling for a cheer for Mr. Foley, which was given with much heartiness and vigour. Cheers were also given for the assistant, Miss Scott, and Christmas cards were presented to the teachers by several pupils. The prizes for good attendance, etc., will be presented on New Year's Day, at the children's sports. Of the two pupils from the Carluke School who presented themselves at the central examination in Canvastown that day, Miss Rose Wickens obtained a proficiency certificate and Master Robert Mills a competency certificate. As Miss Jeanette Leonard obtained a proficiency certificate earlier in the year and Miss Wickens a competency certificate, this makes a total of two proficiency and two competency certificates for the school for the year 1909. 1 The prizes for best school gardens were presented to Masters Fred Mears, Albert Simpson, Roy Mears, and Robert Mills.

The children's concert on Friday night was a great success. This is chiefly due to the energy displayed by the members of the School Committee in the matter. Mr. H. Pope spared no pains in making the preliminary arrangements, while Mr. J. Lambert acted as chairman and Mr. W. Mears as doorkeeper. Over three pounds were collected. Mrs. Melville and Mr. Brown presided at the piano, and songs were sung by Messrs. Melville, Brown, and Thompson, which were much appreciated by the audience. Among the items given by the schoolchildren were a song, "Say, Schoolmates, have you seen Vacation?" by girls and boys dialogue, "Across the fields of Barley," by Ruby Beal and Lily Walker; recitation, "I'll do as Mother did," by Hilda Leonard; song, "When there's love at Home," by Lily Walker, Agnes Blanchett, Ruby Beal, and Hilda Leonard; recitation, "Hiccups," by Agnes Blanchett; recitation, "A Truthful Witness," by Hilda Leonard; song, "Drive the Nail," by six boys; dialogue by Fred Mears, Albert Simpson, Roy Mears, Bert Boyd, and Mervyn Scott; "Ten Little Niggers," by ten boys; dialogue by Arthur Pope and Walter Pope; dialogue by Fred Mears and Albert Simpson; recitation, "Dirty Jack," by Reta Leonard; "Action Song" by infants; recitation by Enid Scott; action recitation by infants; recitation by Vera Butterworth; song, "Isle of Beauty," by infants; song, "Christmas Time is coming," by

infants. Mr. J. Lambert, secretary of the School Committee, expressed the pleasure all present had received from the performance of the children, and Mr. H. Pope, chairman of the Committee, congratulated Mr. Foley on the successful carrying out of the programme, saying that it showed clearly how carefully the pupils had been prepared by their teachers. After the concert a dance was started, which was much enjoyed by those present, and which was continued until midnight, when all retired to their homes feeling very pleased with the way in which they had spent the evening.

21st January 1910 The name of Miss Jeanette Leonard, of Carluke, appears in the list of those who passed the Junior Civil Service examination. She was during the last year and a quarter a pupil of Carluke School, and trended at the Nelson Centre.' Since the examination she has been appointed teacher of Cape Campbell School, under the Marlborough Board of Education.

3rd February 1910 Miss Scott, assistant teacher at Carluke, has returned from her holiday at Invercargill

15th February 1910 The Marlborough Education Board yesterday granted the Carluke School Committee to use as they consider advisable nine acres of the school reserve. The chairman, Mr. Fulton, waited upon the Board and explained that they wanted to let the ground so as to raise some money with which to improve the playground

26th April 1910 The name of Mr. H. I. Foley, B.A., of Carluke, appears in the list of those admitted to the ad eundem in the University of New Zealand at the meeting of the Senate in January.

29th April 1910 CARLUKE. The following gentlemen being the only householders present, and on their signifying their willingness to act, the chairman, Mr. Pope, declared them elected for the ensuing year. Mr. Pope was elected chairman and Mr. J. Lambert secretary:—Henry Pope, Arthur Boon, John Butterworth, William Mears, Alfred Pope, Frederick Scott, John A. Lambert

12th July 1910 A REQUEST REFUSED. / The Carluke School Committee applied for a grant of £4 for the purpose of rebuilding a defective chimney at the school. The Chairman said that he could not 'agree to this request, being granted; and the Board; could not go back <m a previous resolution dealing with this matter. The letter was received, as the Board had decided not to go beyond £3

2nd August 1910 FOOTBALL.

SCHOOLBOYS' MATCH. A team of youngsters from the Carluke School visited Havelock on Saturday to try conclusions with the local School fifteen, and were defeated by 12 points to 8. The game was controlled by Mr. J. Campbell, who had no end of a task to convince some of the boys that he at least knew the difference between the goal-posts and the line umpires. It was a strenuous game at times, but several of the lads showed a rare turn of speed and not a little agility in dodging. For Havelock, Leslie Walker kicked a goal from the field and also scored a try, and Eric Buckman scored two tries. These were the best individual players on the ground. Roy Mears scored two tries for Carluke, and played a pretty game; Pope kicked a goal from the second try. Others from the bush village who played well were "Kruger" Simpson, Mears, jun., and Pope. After the match the boys were entertained at the school by several ladies.

10th August 1910 The chairman of the Carluke Committee, wrote_ advising the Board that Messrs. J. Lambert, A. Pope, A. J. Brown, W Mears, J. Butterworth and H Pope had resigned their position as committeemen as a protest- against; the Board's action regarding

the chimney at the school; which was in a dangerous condition, and also on the ground of the unfair treatment meted out to it by' the Board. The resignation was accompanied by a financial statement Mr. Reader moved that the resignation be accepted, and that Mr. F. Scott be written to and asked to act as correspondent and to call another meeting of householders. Mr. White seconded the motion. Mr. Reader said that the Carluke Committee had received everything it had asked for. Mr. Storey said they had been well treated. ~ Mr. Strachan pointed out that the chimney was defective, and that at present it was propped up with sticks. The motion was carried. It was decided to have the chimney pulled down and rebuilt

16th August 1910 The local school was examined by Mr. Strachan about a fortnight ago, and I hear that the teachers have nothing to complain of in regard to his report

6th September 1910 It must not be forgotten that a number of other schools carry on* the education of pupils- beyond S. 6. During recent years the Blenheim girls' school, Canvastown and Carluke have all passed pupils through Civil Service Junior and teachers' examinations.

14th March 1911 WATER WANTED. The chairman of the Carluke School Committee wrote pointing out that since the mid-summer holidays the pupils had had to endure much inconvenience owing to there, being an insufficient supply of water. He understood that Mr. McIsaac had power, according to an agreement, to turn off the water whenever he chose to do so. He asked if this were the case. In connection with this matter Mr. J. H. Lambert forwarded a copy of an agreement entered into by the Carluke School Committee with Mr. McIsaac,, which stated that Mr. McIsaac had power to use the water only for his own house, but that the Committee should not interfere with his water-supply. The Chairman, moved, and Mr. Reader seconded, that the Board provide a tank for the school; in the meantime the secretary to inquire, into the cause of the shortage of water.—Carried

23rd March 1911 The Education Board invite applications for the position of assistant teacher at Carluke.

11th April 1911 Miss M; Kelleher applied for the position of assistant teacher at the Carluke school. 'Miss O. O. Jones also applied for this position. Inspector Strachan reported that Miss Jones was ineligible, and that Miss Kelleher, although having had a number of years' experience at le Awaite, had not a certificate. _ , It was decided to forward Miss Kelleher's application to the Carluke Committee

Miss Scott forwarded her resignation as assistant teacher at Carluke, which was accepted

9th May 1911 The Carluke Committee applied for a grant of £3 for firewood. • The Chairman moved, and Mr. White seconded, that an advance on the next quarter's subsidy be made.

10th June 1911 Two attempts to burn down schools have; recently been reported to the Education Department. One was in Southland., --The Board, owing to the movement "of population, had decided to remove a school for some distance, despite protests on the part of some of the parents concerned, and let a contract for the removal. While the work was, in progress the building was twice" discovered to be on fire, under circumstances which pointed to incendiarism, but it was found impossible to fix the blame on anybody. - Another case was in Marlborough, at Carluke, on March 21st, and occurred just before the children assembled for school The fire was right underneath the school, where the flooring was only a few inches from the ground. In this instance also no trace of the offender was discovered, although the police made a searching inquiry into the matter. This was dealt with in committee by the Marlborough Education Board and the press was requested, to make no mention of the occurrence pending investigations.

15th August 1911 A CHIMNEY. The Carluke Committee applied for £1 for repairs to f the school chimney. This was referred to the secretary

14th November 1911 CARLUKE SCHOOL. The Carluke School Committee applied for a grant of £2 for painting outhouses and shelter shed, and a further grant of £1 for conveying the pupils in Standard V. to Canvastown -for the purposes of examination. The first application was granted. In reference to the second application a letter was read from the Committee re the conveyance of pupils to Canvastown for examination

2nd January 1912 A correspondent writes:—On Friday, December 10th, the annual distribution of prizes took place in the Carluke school. The prizes were presented by. the headmaster, owing to the unavoidable absence, of Mr. Pope, Chairman of the. School .Committee. When the prizes had been distributed hearty cheers were. given foe Mr. Pope, the teachers, and the prize-winners. Miss Kelleher, the assistant, .set-out the same day for her home in" Blenheim, and a few days later Mr. H. Foley, B.A., the headmaster, proceeded to Auckland for the holidays

20th January 1912 FOLEY—JAMES.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland-, on January 10th, a quiet wedding was celebrated, when Miss Anstice James, youngest daughter of Mr. R. James, of Auckland, was married to Mr. Hugh Foley, B.A., headmaster of Carluke School, Marlborough, youngest son of the late J. Foley, headmaster of Shragarn School, County Leitrim, Ireland. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. F. Holbrook. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in cream glaze silk, trimmed with silk lace and pearl trimmings. She also wore the customary veil and orange blossoms. The Misses Esme and Marcia Crean, nieces of the bride, wore, as bridesmaids pretty embroidered frocks of white muslin, and pink silk hats. Mr. Cyril James, brother of the bride, officiated as best man. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a long gold muff-chain, and to the bridesmaids gold brooches. The happy couple left for their honeymoon by the express train for Wellington.

13th February 1912 An account of £3 for the painting of the shelter-shed and out-offices was forwarded by the Carluke Committee and passed for payment.

14th May 1912 The combined tennis, cricket, and football clubs of Carluke recently presented Mr. H. Foley with a silver tea service to mark their appreciation: oi' the encouragement he had always given to their, games. . Mr. Field was selected to make the presentation. An agreeable supper in the Carluke Hall, followed by an enjoyable dance, brought the social evening to a close.

21st May 1912 A debt of £3 5s remained due for the prizes presented by the Carluke School Committee to the school children last Christmas. A school concert was accordingly held at the beginning of May for the purpose of raising funds. The items contributed by the school children, consisting of dialogues, recitations, and songs, were very satisfactory, and some of them excellent. A sum of £4 12s was received, so that after all expenses are paid there will still be a small balance in hand towards the next distribution of prizes. The School Committee, through Mr. H. Pope, the chairman, sent a letter to Mr. H. Foley, B.A., headmaster, and Miss M. Kelleher, assistant, thanking them for the pains they had taken in preparing the children.,

11th June 1912 Mr. H. Foley, B. A., headmaster of the Carluke School,-recently received word from Ireland that his nephew, Mr. James Foley, had passed very, successfully the Examination for the B A. degree," for which he sat at Maynooth. Mr. James Foley is son of Mr.. and Mrs. Foley. teachers of the Fearglass National School, whoso work has been highly praised by the Commissioners of National Education

5th July 1912 CARLUKE SCHOOL CHIMNEY.

TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—The of the Carluke School Committee for 1910, for which I was chairman, wish it "to be clearly understood that during the time we acted as School Committee we received no grant from the Education Board for building a new chimney. HENRY POPE, Chairman, Carluke School Carluke. Committee. June 18th, 1912.

[In connection with the above, the Secretary of the Education Board says: 'Vin'J-910 the School Committee reported that the chimney was defective, and asked for a, grant of £4 to .have- it rebuilt. As the Committee had been entrusted with the supervision of the work in the first place, Committee resigned, and the Board subsequently authorised the Commissioner to have the chimney rebuilt:"- Shortly, afterwards we were informed that the chimney had been repaired at a cost of £3."—Ed.] '

9th July 1912 CARLUKE. The Chairman of, the Carluke. Committee wrote reporting that a fire, caused by a defective chimney, broke out behind the Mantelpiece of the school on June 11th, destroying a portion of the building. The cost of repairs was estimated at about) £12. j But for the action of Mr. Hadfield Smith and the employees of Brownlee ! and Co/, the school would have been I totally destroyed. The Committee | wished to draw attention to the slovenly way in which the defective chimney was erected, its foundation having been discovered to rest on a stump. As the stump rotted the chimney sank down. j

The Chairman wrote commending the action of Mr. Donald McIsaac on the occasion of the fire at the school. In endeavoring to extinguish the fire, Mr. McIsaac sustained injuries to his hand, and septic poisoning supervened.

(The action of the Chairman and Secretary of the Board in authorising repairs was confirmed; and it was resolved that the correspondence relating to Mr. McIsaacs case he forwarded to the Department, with a recommendation that he be compensated

13th August 1912 Mr. H. Foley notified that he was leaving Carluke for the North Island. Mr. Ferguson said it had been reported that a superannuated teacher had been sent to Carluke to relieve Mr. Foley.

Mr. Ferguson protested against the employment of pensioners as a wrong principle. The Chairman said that he sympathised with Mr. Ferguson's contention. But he agreed to the appointment only .when- assured by the Inspector and Secretary that the services of no one else could be obtained. . In the course of discussion members . generally agreed to the principle that in such cases one of the Board s young teachers should be sent forward to fill the vacancy. It was resolved to call for applications for the Carluke position

21st August 1921 The Secretary of the Marlborough Education Board has been advised that the Government has granted to Mr. Donald McIsaac a gratuity of £5 for loss of employment occasioned by injuries sustained while assisting to extinguish the fire that occurred in the Carluke School more than two months ago. As a result of these injuries Mr. McIsaac suffered from septic poisoning; and the Board communicated the circumstances to the Education Department

10th September 1912 The names of three male applicants for the teachership at Carluke were ordered to be forwarded to the Committee.

The Carluke Committee was granted 15s 9d to defray the cost of window blinds.

17th September 1912 At a special meeting of the Carluke School Committee, held last Friday to consider the applications for the position of headmaster at the school, it was unanimously decided to recommend Mr. G. H. Reader for the position.

11th March 1913 The Carluke Committee applied for a grant; of £10 to. clear logs off the school property. The ward members were deputed to inspect the grounds and have power to expend up to £6 if they thought advisable

15th April 1913 Mr. Nees reported on an inspection of the Carluke school-ground, and recommended that the application of the committee for £10 for the clearance of the ground be granted.—The motion was carried

3rd May 1913 At the meeting of householders at Carluke on Monday night the following committee was elected: Messrs. H. Pope (chairman), W. W. Mears, A. J. Pope, D. McIsaac, T. J. Mosen, W. Simpson, and R. Maule (secretary).

27th May 1913 SCHOOLBOYS AT RUGBY.

Our Canvastown correspondent writes:—A football match was played here on Saturday between, the Canvastown and Carluke schoolboys. The local team proved its superiority by winning by 12 points to 6. Luncheon was provided for the visiting team by the parents of the Canvastown players, after which the Carluke boys left for home.

10th June 1913 CARLUKE

. Requests from the committee, for a tank and for a grant for the flooring of the shelter shed were deferred, for a report from the ward members

14th October 1913 PELORUS BRIDGE. Mr. Nees reported that he visited the Pelorus Bridge School and satisfied himself that clearing to the value of £10 had been done. A small garden was fenced. He suggested that £12 be granted to fence some level ground for the scholars' horses. He visited Carluke, and found that the clearing authorised had not yet been carried out.

9th December 1913 Several changes in the personnel of the Carluke Committee were notified, and were approved

13th January 1914 CARLUKE. The sum of £2 was granted for the fencing of the school garden.

10th February 1914 An application from Carluke for a grant, for fencing work was referred to the Inspector for a report

16th April 1914 An account for £1 9s 8d for repairs at -Carluke was passed for payment, and the sum of £1 10s was granted for the fencing of the school garden

15th May 1914 Boys from Carluke, Canvastown, Havelock, Okaramio, drill centres, will travel by special conveyances leaving on 26th May as follows:— Carluke 9.45 a.m., Canvastown 11.15 a.m., Havelock 00 p.m., Okaramio 3 p.m. Boys will parade at these! places accordingly. The conveyances will leave Blenheim on the return trip on the morning of 28th May

9th June 1914 The usual library subsidy was granted for the Carluke School on a sum of £3 18s 6d

21st December 1914 The following donations to the poor of Britain and Belgium Relief Fund have been received:— The following amounts have been received from Miss Kelleher, assistant teacher at the Carluke school: Children's subscriptions, £1 17s; proceeds from children's fancy dress dance. £4 8s 6d; Sunday-school children, £5; total £11 5s 6d.

22nd June 1915 The name of Mr. H. Foley appeared in the list of those who obtained the degree of Master of Arts at the last meeting of the University Senate. Mr. Foley was for some years headmaster of the Carluke school under the Marlborough Education Board. He is now teaching near Hokianga

14th September 1915 Miss G Morris appointed

20th April 1916 School Committee Carluke: Messrs. W. Mears (chairman), W. Simpson, J. Twidle, - G. Boverly, and R. Maule

2nd November 1916 Tenders for the installation of septic tank system at Carluke school will be received by the Wellington Education Board up till November 7

2nd December 1916 Mr. G. Reader, head teacher at Timitanga (Carluke), has been granted leave of absence by the Wellington Education Board in order that he may enlist.

19th December 1919 Mrs.. Williams's Belgian coin afternoons are still popular. Another donation of £1 2s 6d has been forwarded from the Carluke School children. This was a special effort for the festive season, and the amount brings their donations up to £11 0s 5d for the year, which is very creditable to them.. The pupils of the Pelorus Bridge School forwarded 2s 9d collected by them in pennies, and they wished the Belgian children a Happy Christmas.

2nd February 1917 Miss G Morris Assistant Carluke resigns

8th March 1917 Tender Carluke School Ward and Co. Blenheim

29th March 1917 Miss Hornsby appointed

24th November 1917 Fences are to be renewed at Carluke and an exchange of sites at Tunakino (in the Carluke district) ,was -the new site being more central than the one originally .selected.

Tunakino being used more often as name for Carluke.

8th January 1918 Proficiency Certificates Carluke: George Pearce, Margaret Dooley, Frances Woodward

24th January 1918 Mr. G. H. Reader (Carluke) applied for leave of absence for military service, but in view of the plentiful lack of teachers the Board decided to appeal in his case..

21st March 1918 G H Reader returned to school from the Armed Forces

3rd February 1919 Mr. G. H, Reader, who has filled! the position of master at the Carluke school for the past six years, was the guest of a valedictory gathering at Carluke on 'Thursday week' on the> occasion of his departure to take up another appointment in the North: Island. During the evening Mr. OF. Woodward (chairman of the school committee), in behalf of Carluke residents, presented Mr. Reader with a rug, and the local footballers expressed their goodwill by the gift off a. case of pipes. Special reference was made to Mr. Reader's patriotic; activities during the war.. *Mr. Reader went to Dyer School south of Martinborough*

3rd July 1919 Mr. A G Greig appointed

17th October 1919 The question of the teacher's residence at Carluke was held over pending further negotiations in the matter.

22nd April 1920 An offer of a residence for removal at Carluke was declined

28th June 1920 Carluke rugby club had affiliated with the Nelson Rugby Union

12th November 1920 As a, result of the recent visit to Marlborough of Messrs. Forsyth, .Stewart, and McDougall, of the "Wellington Education Board, tenders arc invited in this issue for several new works and additions. Included is a teacher's residence at Carluke, which is of the bungalow type and equipped with all modern conveniences

17th March 1911 The chairman of the Carluke School Committee wrote pointing out that since the mid-summer holidays the pupils had had to endure much inconvenience owing to there being an, insufficient supply of water. He understood that Mr. Mclsaac had power, according to an agreement, to turn off the water whenever he chose to do so. He asked if this were the case. In connection with this matter Mr. J. H. Lambert forwarded a copy of an agreement entered, into by the Carluke School Committee and Mr. Mclsaac, which stated that Mr. Mclsaac had power to use the water only for his own house, but that the committee should not interfere with his water-supply. The chairman moved, and Mr. Reader seconded, that the Board provide a tank for the school; in the meantime the secretary to inquire into the cause of the shortage of water.—Carried

24th March 1911 What appears to have been a deliberate attempt to burn the Carluke school was discovered yesterday morning (Tuesday). On some of the scholars going to school a little early about 8 a.m.—smoke was observed issuing

from under the building. The boys, with commendable promptitude, extinguished the flames. On examination it was found that a quantity of paper and wood, etc., had been placed around one of the piles about the centre of the building, and, being set alight, had burned so far as to char the pile to the depth of half an inch, also the sleeper and floor. The boys had some trouble in carrying water under the building. It is a pity that the miscreants cannot be caught and punished

14th April 1911 Miss M. Kelleher applied for the position of assistant teacher at the Carluke school. Miss C C Jones also applied for this position. Inspector Strachan reported that Miss Jones was ineligible, and, that Miss Kelleher, although having had a number of years' experience at Te Awaite, had not a certificate. It was decided to forward Miss Kelleher's application to the Carluke Committee

THE CARLUKE SCHOOL.' Mr. Scott reported that he had inspected the pipes in the water-supply scheme, and found that some of them leaked. These he had had repaired, and there was now a sufficient supply of water. The report was received. A further report was received from Mr. Scott to the effect that an attempt, had been, made to burn the school on 21st March.' The secretary stated that the sergeant of police had promised to investigate this matter personally. It was decided to defer discussion on this matter until Sergeant Hanson had reported upon it

21st April 1911 There is very little interest taken in the forthcoming school committee election

28th April 1911 The annual meeting of householders was held in the Carluke schoolroom on Monday evening last. Very little interest seemed to be taken in the election of a school committee, only about twelve electors being present. Mr. Lambert was voted to the chair and Mr. Russell acted as secretary to the meeting. The report and balance sheet were read and adopted. The following gentlemen were nominated:—Messrs. H. Pope, A. Pope, W. Simpson, A. Parsons, D. McIsaac, R. Maule, and T. Walker, and as there were only seven nominations, the number required to form a committee, the chairman declared them duly elected for the ensuing year. At a meeting of the newly-elected committee Mr. H. Pope was elected chairman and Mr. A. Pope secretary and treasurer. The committee decided to call tenders for a supply of firewood for the school. On Mr. Russell's proposition a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Scott, who has acted as correspondent to the Education Board since the late committee resigned

9th May 1911 The annual meeting of the Ronga Defence Rifle Club took place in the Carluke Hall on Saturday evening last. There were a good number of members present. The report and balance sheet, showing a credit balance of £5 8s, was adopted. A letter was received from the chairman of the Carluke School Committee, asking what aid financially the Club would be prepared to give in assisting to procure a miniature rifle range for the schoolboys. Several members spoke in favour of assisting the scheme, but the matter was held over till next meeting of the committee.

16th May 1911 The Carluke Committee applied for a grant of £3 for firewood. The Chairman moved, and Mr. White seconded, that an advance on the next quarter's subsidy be made

23rd May 1911 SCHOOLBOYS' MATCH. A match between the Havelock schoolboys and boys from the Carluke School was played at Canvastown on Saturday. Though

the Havelock boys played up pluckily they were outclassed by their bigger opponents, who won by 14 points to nil. Lack of practice was the real cause of Havelock's failure

17th November 1911 The Carluke , School committee applied for a grant of £2 for painting outhouses and shelter, shed, and a farther grant of £1 for conveying the pupils in Standard V. to Canvastown for the purposes of examination. . The first application was granted. In reference to the Second application a letter was read from the' Committee re the conveyance of pupils to Canvastown for examination. The letter was received

5th January 1912 The annual distribution of prizes in Carluke School took place on 15th December, before the breaking-up for the Christmas holidays. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Pope, chairman of the school committee, the prizes were presented by the headmaster, Mr. Foley. The prize-winners were : —Good conduct, Leonard Nel, Maud Pope; good attendance, Sidney Blanchett, James Gardiner ; plasticine work, Cyril Watson; good answering, Allison Lambert, Colin Lambert; arithmetic and English, Edith Mosen, Beta Leonard ; gardening, Arthur Pope, Leonard Neal, Mervyn. Scott, Walter Pope, Colin Lambert; writing, Transvaal Simpson, Grace Blanchett; drawing, Francis Mills, Douglas Walker, Ruby Hermansen ; recitation, David Gardner, James Gardner; arithmetic, Enid Scott, Willie Mosen; reading, Doris Sigglekow, Beta Leonard ; spelling, James Walker, Grace Blanchett; needlework, Edith Mosen, Agnes Simpson'; grammar, Arthur Pope ; geography, Mervyn Scott; neat exercise books, Norman Hears; composition, Walter Pope; History, Sidney Blanchett. When the prizes had been distributed hearty cheers were given for the chairman of the school committee, the teachers, and the prize-winners. Mirk Kelleher immediately set out by coach for her home in Blenheim; and a few days later Mr. Foley proceeded to Auckland for the holidays. (Contributed),

12th January 1912 The Inspector reported on the matter referred to him regarding his remarks in his annual report on the Carluke School. The letter was referred to [the Carluke School Committee, with a request to terminate the correspondence

23rd January 1912 FOLEY—JAMES. A quiet wedding was solemnised in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland, by Rev. H. F. Holbrook on 10th January, when Mr. Hugh Foley, B.A., headmaster Carluke School, Marlborough, youngest son of the late Mr. J. Foley, headmaster Shragarn' School, Co. Leitrim, Ireland, was married to Miss Anstice James, youngest daughter of Mr. Richard James, Customs Street, Auckland. The bride, who was dressed in cream glaze silk, carried a shower bouquet, and wore the customary wreath and. veil. She was given away by her father, Mr. Cyril James, brother of the bride, acted as best man. The two little bridesmaids, Misses Esma and Marcia Green, nieces of, the bride, looked very dainty in white embroidered muslins and pink silk hats, and carried baskets prettily decorated with pink ribbon and sweet pea. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a long gold muff-chain, and to each of the bridesmaids a gold brooch. The bride received several valuable presents from her many friends in Auckland. Her travelling dress was blue taffeta. The happy couple left in the evening express for their honeymoon in Wellington.

21st May 1912 Concert at Carluke.—A correspondent sends the following A debt of £3 5s remained due for the prizes presented by the Carluke school committee to the

school children last Christmas. A school concert was accordingly held at the beginning of May for the purpose of raising funds. The items contributed by the school children, consisting of dialogues, recitations and songs, were very satisfactory and some excellent. A sum of £4 12s was received, so that after all expenses are paid there will still be a small balance in hand towards the next distribution of prizes. The School Committee through Mr. H. Pope, chairman, sent a letter to Mr. Foley, Headmaster, and Miss Kelleher the assistant, thanking them for the pains they had token, preparing the children.

5th July 1912 Neglecting School- Attendance. — At the Magistrate's Court on Wednesday, William Simpson, Carluke, was fined 4s with 7s costs for failing to send his two children to school regularly as required by the Education Act. The evidence showed that the offender had been previously convicted and fined for a similar offence

12th July 1912 The Chairman of the Carluke Committee wrote reporting that a fire, caused by a defective chimney, broke out behind the mantelpiece of the school on June 11th, destroying a portion of the building. The cost of repairs was estimated at about £12. But for the action of Mr. Hadfield Smith and the employees of Brownlee and Co. the school would have been totally destroyed. The Committee wished to draw attention to the slovenly way in which the defective chimney was erected, its foundation having been discovered to rest on a stump. As the stump rotted the chimney sank down. The Chairman wrote commending the action of Mr. Donald McIsaac on the occasion of the fire at the school. In endeavouring to extinguish the fire, Mr. McIsaac sustained injuries to his hand, and septic poisoning supervened. The action of the Chairman and Secretary of the Board in authorising repairs was confirmed; and it was resolved that the correspondence relating to Mr. McIsaac's case be forwarded to the Department, with a recommendation that he be compensated

16th August 1912 Mr. H. Foley notified that he was leaving Carluke for the North Island. Mr. Ferguson said it had been reported that a superannuated teacher had been sent to Carluke to relieve Mr. Foley. He protested against the employment of pensioners as a wrong principle. The Chairman said that he sympathised with Mr. Ferguson's contention. But he agreed to the appointment only when assured by the Inspector and Secretary that the services of no one else could be obtained. In the course of discussion members generally agreed to the principle that in such cases one of the Board's young teacher's should be sent forward to fill the vacancy. It was resolved to call for applications for the Carluke position

13th September 1912 The names of three Applicants for the teachership at Carluke were ordered to be forwarded to the committee

The Carluke Committee was granted: 15s 9d to defray the cost of window blinds

17th September 1912 The many friends of Mr. Howard Reader will be pleased to hear of his appointment as master of the Carluke school. Mr. Reader who is a son of Mr. H. M. Reader, and is only 19 years of age, received his early schooling at the Havelock school, and afterwards served twelve months in the High School, Blenheim, and two years at the Training College, Wellington. He was also for a short period on the local teaching staff (*Havelock*) as a probationer

20th September 1912 The paragraph appearing in our previous issue, relating to Mr. Howard Reader's qualifications were not quite correct. Mr. Howard received his proficiency pass under Miss Matthews at Havelock Suburban School, and from there attended the Math borough High School for three years. He was then one of the first two appointed as probationer, and served one year at this' Havelock School, gaining his "D" certificate. From Havelock he attended the Wellington Training College, gaining at the end of that term a full "C" certificate

18th October 1912 The Carluke Committee notified the appointment of Mr. R. Moule as secretary, vice Mr. J. Horton, resigned; and the resignation of Mr. A. Hull as a member of the committee.

18th October 1912 CARLUKE The committee advised that the miniature rifle range was on the point of completion, and asking that it be approved. It was resolved to refer the matter to Captain Avery, officer commanding the district, and that he be asked to have the necessary rifles and ammunition supplied.

14th March 1913 The Carluke Committee applied for a grant of £10 to clear logs off the school property. The! ward members were deputed to inspect the grounds and have power to expend up to £& if they thought advisable

18th April 1913 Mr. Nees reported on an inspection of the Carluke school-ground, and moved that the application of the committee for £10 for the clearance of the ground be granted.—The motion was carried

6th June 1913 NOTICE. OWNERS, whose stock are found trespassing on the Carluke School Grounds will be prosecuted. All dogs found straying -on the said grounds will be immediately destroyed. HENRY POPE, Chairman

18th July 1913 CARLUKE An application from the Carluke Committee for grants of £7 10s to build a concrete dam so as to ensure a better water supply, £4 5s for flooring the shelter-shed, and for three coils of rabbit-proof netting to prevent dogs entering the children's garden, was granted, on the motion of Messrs. Storey and Fulton

8th July 1913 Hockey Last Saturday the Havelock schoolboys met a team from the Carluke school at Canvastown and defeated them by 7 goals to nil. Goals were secured by F. Henderson (4), E. Buckman (2), O. Congdon (1). Mr. O. Pickering refereed

28th October 1913 The people of Carluke have caught the prevailing craze and intend holding a " Hard-up " and comic dress dance at Carluke next Friday, 31st inst. Prizes are offered for the best dresses, and 'the proceeds of the function are in aid of the school library fund

16th January 1914 CARLUKE. The sum of £2 was granted for the fencing of the school garden

13th November 1914 CARLUKE It was resolved to reply to the committee that the Board could not see its way to pay for a vacuum cleaner

22nd June 1915 Carluke applied for a grant of £10 to clean the school and also for a septic tank. It was decided to renew the grant, and in reference to the septic tank it was decided to write to the committee asking if it was willing to pay the usual £3 per year.

16th July 1915 Miss M. Kelleher tendered her resignation as assistant at Carluke school.—

17th September 1915 Miss G Morris appointed

In connection "with necessary, works required at Carluke, including a permanent water supply, the members spoke favourably of the request for a monetary grant, which was agreed to without dissent. The works comprise new water supply, including concrete reservoir, new piping, labour, etc.; clearing further area of school site, painting exterior of school, and putting five ventilators in the class-rooms.

10th March 1916 Belgian Food Fund. —We have to acknowledge receipt of 6s 6d from Miss G. Morris, Timatanga, being the amount collected during the month of February by the Carluke school children for the Belgian Food Fund. The amount will be handed over to the local secretary of the Belgian Relief Fund

28th January 1919 A very large and representative gathering assembled in the Carluke Hall last Thursday evening to bid farewell to Mr. G. H. Reader, who is leaving the district to take up an appointment in the North Island. The proceedings took the form of a dance, and young and old were present in full force. # Mr. Reader has held the position of master at the Carluke public school for over six years, and' his records stamp him as a teacher of no mean ability. As a citizen he has associated himself with and liberally assisted many local movements. He was treasurer to all patriotic functions held in the district, and secretary to the Wounded Soldiers' Fund while it lasted. He was also secretary and caretaker of the hall for two years. Mr. Reader took a keen interest in all sport, and wholeheartedly entered into the children's games, whose welfare out of school claimed much of his attention. The children themselves have expressed genuine regret that their teacher is leaving them —perhaps the most pleasing testimonial that a departing teacher could have. The children were given the floor up till 10 p.m., after which a liberal supper was handed round. Dancing was then kept up by the adults until a late hour.

During the evening Mr. C. F. Woodward (chairman of the School Committee) presented Mr. Reader with a rug, on behalf of his Carluke friends. Also a case of pipes from the footballers. Mr. Woodward expressed the regret they (including the children) all felt at his departure. This was followed by the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and three hearty cheers (and a special from the footballers). In his reply Mr. Reader made an excellent speech. He heartily thanked the donors of the gifts, and x also the members of the school committee for the valuable help they had rendered him during his six years of work in Carluke. To the children he gave some good advice. He hoped that they would always bear in mind that they did not come to school to pass their standards only, but to be taught to become good citizens and good men and women—which he was sure they would all become. He emphasised the importance of more co-operation between parents and the teacher. A child may have a little peculiarity in its nature, and a little understanding between parent and teacher in such cases is very helpful. He was a believer in plenty of healthy sport and exercise, not only for children and growing men but for young women. He was afraid that in providing sport for young men the physical development of young women was often neglected. In .conclusion Mr. Reader suggested that a tablet be erected to commemorate the men who had left the district to serve their country. The tablet should be something substantial—to last for all time—and' should bear the names of all who served, with special distinction to those who have fallen. Mr. Reader's remarks were received with loud applause

Mr. Reader went to Dyer school in the Wellington Education Board area just south of Martinborough and by 1921 was back in Marlborough at Tua Marina School

All below are from the Evening Post on Papers Past

18th February 1921 Miss I J King resigns

4th May 1923 Miss N. W. Radford, infant mistress, Carluke;

2nd June 1925 Miss E J Morgan Infant Mistress Carluke

11th February 1926 Head Teacher Mr. J Burt

15th November Miss M A J Pennall Infant Mistress

21st December 1929 Mr. D McRae Head Teacher. Carluke

25th March 1930 Miss D M Gale Infant Mistress Carluke

26th August 1932 Miss E M Fittal appointed Carluke

30th April 1935 Mr. A W McSweeney sole teacher at Carluke

1st April 1937 Mrs. E Skoglund Additional assistant appointed to Carluke

4th June 1937 Miss D R Wells appointed additional assistant Carluke

21st June 1937 CONSOLIDATION

MARLBOROUGH MOVE

SEVERAL SCHOOLS CLOSED

(By Telegraph.) (Special to the "Evening Post.")

BLLENHEIM, This Day.

As a result of consultations between the Marlborough representatives on the Wellington Education Board and the parents of children attending several of the country schools in the district, the policy of consolidation introduced by the Minister of Education (the Hon. P. Fraser) is to be brought into effect in the Ward, Seddon, and Rai Valley districts.

In the Ward district two small schools have already been closed, the pupils being conveyed to the Ward School by motor-bus, and in the Seddon and Rai Valley districts several schools will be closed as from the beginning of the new school year. At Rai Valley the schools affected will be those at Opouri, Pelorus Bridge, Ronga, and Carluke. Pupils at present attending the schools mentioned will be conveyed to Rai Valley School by three separate bus services, one for Pelorus Bridge, one for Opouri, and one for Ronga and Carluke. The attendance roll of the Rai Valley School will thus increase from 37 to 122. The provision of extra accommodation at Rai Valley will be necessary, and a building programme will shortly be put into operation, the intention being to build along open-air lines as far as possible.

Taimate and Mirza Schools, in the Ward district, have already been closed. The pupils are being brought into the Ward School by two motor-bus services.

It is intended to adopt the consolidation policy to a further degree in one area in the Seddon district. Seaview, Marama, Blind River, Grassmere, and Tetley Brook Schools will be closed as from the beginning of the new school year. The attendance rolls at Ward and Seddon Schools will be increased from 86 to 111 and from 91 to 145 respectively. Education Board representatives commented that in a very great majority of cases parents appeared to agree with the Minister and the Wellington Education Board, which was strongly in favour of the scheme. The policy had been in operation in a number of districts in the North Island, and a start had also been made in Canterbury. This was the first occasion that anything of the kind had been attempted in Marlborough

National Archives:

27th January 1921 Mrs Strack will start as temporary teacher on February 1st

15th February Telegram to C F Woodward Carluke Flat Creek Can send certified assistant provided suitable accommodation available at Flat Creek or Carluke

Telegram reply Suitable accommodation Not Available Woodward

16th October 1922 Extract from Inspector Warren After a good deal of trouble I have managed to secure accommodation for Mrs Bannerman and her boy at Carluke

11th November 1922 Relieving assistant required Carluke immediately for month Warren Telegram

22nd March 1923 Miss King resigns as assistant from Carluke School from end of month

29th March 1923 Mrs Bannerman appointed Infant Mistress. Mr. A G Greig Head Teacher

9th October 1923 Arthur G Greig As only 18 out of roll of 63 the rest suffering from Influenza the school was closed on the 2nd August

29th April 1925 Miss E J Morgan appointed Infant Mistress. 4 years' experience. Being appointed early as temporary appointment

Telegram Miss Morgan proceeding by Mail Car Tuesday morning. Please arrange lodging and meet her at Flat Creek

3rd July 1925 Wellington Education Board questions attendance figures. Too high. Mr. Greig replies that they were accurate. Currently 58

11th November 1925 H Coventry Acting Head Carluke School Rai Valley (Note change of name)

18th December 1925 Mr. Greig will resign from the end of Marc and we will advertise for a new head teacher

27th January 1926 Mr. J Burt Head Teacher Rua Roa (Near Dannevirke) appointed to Carluke 15 ½ years' service

Telegram Is J Burt married. Would prefer a married man from Maule Carluke. Reply he is single and Wellington Education Board cannot choose a married man

25th February 1926 Telegram from Arthur Greig asking when relieving teacher coming

21st April Mr. F J Proctor appointed 27 ½ years' service 1st assistant Mt Cook School Wellington

27th May Mr. Proctor ben given special leave cannot start until Friday 4th June

13th December 1 926. School closed Case of Scarlet Fever at school. Reply School should not be closed. Contacts cannot attend

17th October 1928 Miss M A J Pennall Sole Teacher Upper Opouri appointed Infant Mistress 6 years' service

25th June 1929 Letter from F J Proctor re probationer Elvia Maule stating she is punctual and attentive to both school duty and study H W Watson appointed 15 ¾ years' service Previous Head Teacher at Flat Creek

26th October 1929 As Carluke roll is dropping it may not be able to proceed with Mr. Watson's appointment

29th October 1929 Miss J E May appointed 23 years' service presently at Okaramio. Miss May is transferring as Okaramio is dropping in grade

30th October Mr. Proctor has gone to Ward. Present roll is 48

Probable role 1930 -41

I have also heard that if Mr. Watson comes to Carluke some of his present pupils will attend this school

Mr. Watson is not coming to Carluke as it is not a promotion for him. I am proceeding with Miss May from Okaramio

5th November 1929 Letter from R Maule Secretary of Carluke That they don't want Miss May to come as they don't want a woman as Head Teacher 220th November

20th November Miss May not available Mr. White selected

6th December 1929 Mr. White not available; Board has selected Mr. McRae

26th February 1930 Miss D M Dale appointed 4 years' service. Presently unemployed

6th October 1930 Mrs McRae appointed relieving Head Teacher

9th February 1931 Mr. W Mitchell appointed as relieving Head teacher Vice Mr. McRae

25th February 1931 Mr. McCrae will be in Christchurch Hospital at least another month and we apply for a relieving teacher

Mr. Mitchell wants to be back in Wellington for the opening of varsity. Mrs McRae is not applying for the relieving position as she may be required in Christchurch

27th February 1931 Mrs Savage proceeding Saturday Boat

28th March 1931 Mrs N McRae appointed relieving assistant vice Mrs Savage)

5th August 1932 Miss E M Fittall appointed assistant 8 years' service Sole Teacher Whangamoa School (Nelson)

2nd March 1933 Mr. D McCrae is back as head teacher (From When?)

16th May 1934 Miss C E Harvey appointed assistant. Currently Sole Teacher Akitio School . 10 ½ years' service

17th January 1935 Roll is at least 33 Mr. McRae wants to know if he can have an assistant. Reply you won't get an assistant unless roll becomes at least 36 to 40

27th March 1935 Miss B Hille appointed relieving Sole Teacher

17th April 1935 Mr. A W McSweeney appointed Sole Teacher Mikimiki School (Wairarapa) 1 ¼ years' service

12th November 1935 Letter from Mr. Taylor Chairman School Committee Carluke included

- a) Some children arrive at 8 O'clock in the morning and some even at 7.30
- b) Can the school prevent them coming so early
- c) What authority have we when we can clear the school grounds after school

31st January 1936 Miss L Hill appointed as additional assistant

25th March Miss Hill withdrawn from Carluke and appointed somewhere else. May return later

9th February 1937 Appointment of Miss K Wallace as additional assistant

17th March 1937 Appointment of additional assistant Miss E Skoglund 11 ½ years' service. Currently at Hopelands School Hawkes Bay. Didn't come went to a position in Wanganui

4th May 1937 Mr. S A Johnson appointed Sole Teacher 14 years' service. Presently Sole Teacher Punakaiki School

4th May Miss D R Wells appointed additional assistant 6 years' service. Relieving

26th August 1937 Roll has fallen to 34 No further appointment of additional assistant

26th January Miss B Samuels appointed as Supernumerary Teacher

14th February 1938 Roll is 32

15th February 1939 Mr. Schroeder advising that Mr. S A Johnson had handed the school over in good order.

BUILDINGS

24th June Applying for a new school at Rimu Gully applying for £182

Application for Rimu Gully from Parents (*NB Rimu Gully is stored in Carlisle file so name must have changed at some time*)

Wm Aitken Russell made application with a long list of names aged 14 years to 3 months

Rimu Gully Rai Valley

16 Families in settlement

20 Children to attend

10 on rolls of other schools

Rai Valley 2 ½ miles by dangerous tram track

Canvastown Over 10 miles

Croiselles Native January Over 10 miles

School size 1 room 16 foot x 20 foot (11 foot stud Porch 8 foot x 8 foot

Wood (Rimu) iron roof, Porch 8 x 8 foot

2 Out Offices. 1 Shelter Shed

Section 7 (a) Block 2 Wakamarina Survey District Area: 11 acres

Education Reserve Land

22 chains of wire fencing

Cost £125 Building, £20 Furniture, £22 Fencing, Outbuildings £15 Total £182

This is a new settlement surrounding sawmills. In the neighbouring valleys there is some 300 Million feet of timber therefore the settlement is expected to be permanent

The Rai river flows between the proposed site and the Rai School. It is mountainous country and is liable to numerous floods. The school will probably continue about the present number but may increase for a time at least. Wellington Education Board Secretary

Application for all families showed Children who attended school attended Flat Creek (Rai Valley School) School

6th February 1907 A long letter from Mr. William Aitken Russell (*Date Order as in file*) included

- a) The Education Board does not usually approve a school within 5 miles of a current one but there are lots of difficulties in children getting to Flat Creek (Rai Valley)
- b) There are two ways to get to Flat Creek School
 - (1) Along Messrs. Brownlee's railway line The distance is about 3 miles But the line is too dangerous for children. There are several bridges to cross These bridges are not decked, only sleepers and the sleepers are too wide apart for children
 - (2) The other way is by Road Along Turner's Cross Road to Blenheim Nelson Road. The distance by road over three miles. The Rai River has to be crossed there is no bridge. The current is too strong for them to manage a boat
 - (3) The road in summer time are not too good In winter Turner's Cross Road is a line of mud and water holes.

(24) As it is nearly a mile long the board can consider some of the discomforts the children will suffer

- c) Brownlees are erecting cottages for their mills
 - d) Brownlees will deliver timber to the site at per 100 foot. 7 shillings and 6 pence for 1st class and 6 shillings for 2nd class
 - e) The school site is not far from the outside block
 - f) The teacher can have accommodation at any house a few minutes' walk from the school
- The charge for Board and Lodgings would be reasonable

Department of Lands and Surveys agreed with Mr. Russell's letter

16th July 1908 School approved by Department

15th August 1907 Letter from Marlborough Education Board thanking Minister for grant of £ 182 for erection of Rimu Valley School

24th May 1908 Letter from Marlborough Education Board asking that as the roll will be bigger need a bigger building of a room of 32 x 20

180

Under the circumstances it is hoped the Department will agree.

7th May 1908 Sum Granted

NAME NOW CHANGED TO CARLUKE SCHOOL IN Marlborough Education Board RECORDS

14th August Sum of \$15 asked for outbuildings is too small to build a shelter shed

Attendance 1907- 22, March 1908 26, June 1908 27

27th August Sum approved

24th July 1909 Application for extra room from Marlborough Education Board

- a) Total Floor space 640 square feet
- b) Average attendance March Quarter 46, June quarter 45. Roll number June Quarter 57
- c) 4 children over 14 years attending school
- d) It is proposed to put on one room 24 x 19 to be roofed with iron and to contain one brick chimney
- e) £180 applied for
- f) The school is growing rapidly There is already insufficient room for two teachers and two teachers should be needed for at least 20 years

26th May 1910 Extensions approved

The Old room reduced by 10 foot and adding 22 foot thereto

23rd March 1911 Telegram to Department of Ed Wellington from Marlborough Education Board Just received word of attempt to burn Carluke School Tuesday Morning have reported matter to police for investigation

New Zealand Police Report re fire included

- a) Emma Walker aged 8 was first to school at 8 a.m. Sitting on doorstep and noticed smoke coming under the building
- b) Then Edie Mosen, Dollie Mosen and William Mosen came to school
- c) Edith Mosen looked under the school

- d) Then Walter Pope, Mervan Scott and Douglas Walker Crawled under the school and pulled the burning wood out and wet it
- e) Miss Scott Mistress of Carluke school she had given Transval Simpson aged 11 years ago and was strapped the afternoon before, He left school and was away from school

There was long correspondence re the fire not recorded in this record

13th June 1912 Carluke School caught fire through defective chimney (Small Fire)

25th June Foundation for infant room was defective and the chimney fell away

The valley is very cold in winter fogs lasting late into the day, the room is large and firewood plentiful

29th December 1919 Plans for a school residence

23rd December 1919 Present teacher Mr. A G Greig is about to get married

The teacher is at present provided with Board and Lodging in the locality

There is no residence available

19th December 1919 The teacher is a returned soldier

Average attendance 1916 42, 1917 42, 1918 48, June 1919 39

18th August 1920 Department approves of building a house

10th December 1920 House put on hold Too dear a quote for the Department

29th November 1921 Residence erected Cost £1129

29th September 1926 New conveniences built

Roll 1923, 56, 1924 52, 1926, 56

22nd October 1926 Re Residence Built in 1921 and one room was left unfinished The former principal was a bachelor and the present one has two children

30th March 1927 Room approved to be finished including lining of the room

13th February 1930 Mr. R. Maule Secretary of the Carluke School saw the minister and stated the only exit from the school room was near the chimney

The Minister promised to see that alterations was affected

5th September 1944 Carluke School was closed in 1938 and properties put up for sale

25th January 1956 House retained for bus driver but most of land given to Domain Board

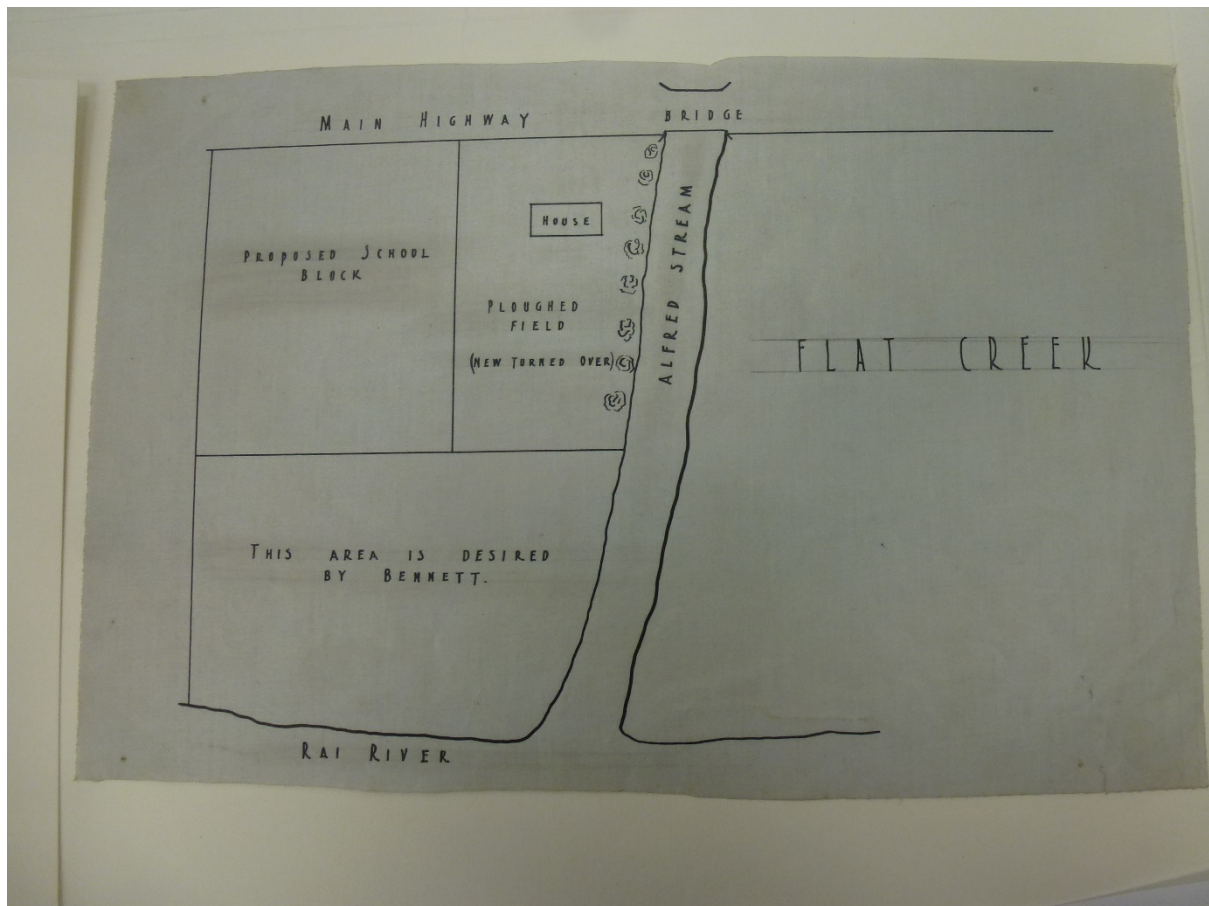
Flat Creek (1912-1923)

An interchangeable name for Rai Valley School. Officially name changed in 1911 from Rai Valley to Flat Creek School but at times earlier the Education Board referred to Flat Creek School. Both names are recorded in a separate document called Rai Valley Flat Creek.

It is interesting in mail notifications Rai Valley was referred to as Rai Falls

Flat Creek aka Te Rai

National Archives: Yes



Kaiuma Flat Creek (1919-1923)

Not to be confused with above Kaiuma Bay School.

On Opouri Road corner with Kaiuma Road from Rai Valley a milling township.

Researcher's Sister of Aunty and Sister in Law's Mother in Law taught there , Lottie Mahood.. Kaiuma Road about 10 Kilometres from Rai Valley

1919	13	Kaiuma	Dyer	Edward J	Sole	£140.00
1921	13	Kaiuma Flat Creek	Stewart	Jessie	Sole	£170.00
1923	17	Kaiuma Flat Creek	Mahood	Charlotte H	C-222 Sole	£195.00

10th September 1919 Miss I N Burton appointed Kaiuma

20th June 1919 Iron for school at Kaiuma approved

3rd April 1920 Advertisement Kaiuma (Marlborough) £130 to £160 and £20 Housing allowance

22nd April 1920 Mr E J Dyer

7th May 1925 School Committee Kaiuma (Marlborough).—Messrs. J. Murray (chairman), G. Wells, T. Wallace,-D. Wallace, and J. Kerr

National Archives information

Application for new school Application 15th March 1917 Signed by George Wells

Head of Family	Occupation	Tenure	Distant from Proposed	Name of School	Distance From Home	Children	Age

			School				
James N Carpenter	Farmer	C R P	1 1/2 Miles	Carluke or Timatanga	5 Miles	May	13
						Alex	11
Thomas D Wells	Farmer	C R P	1 Mile	“”	4 ½ miles	William D	14
						Maurice Jack	12
						Tui	4 1/2
John Kerr	Farmer	CRP	¼ Miles	“	3 ¾ Miles	Mable	12
						Laurence	10
						Cecil	9
						Harry	7
						Clive	5
George T Wells	Farmer	CRP	¼ Mile		3 ½ Miles	Zena F	6
						Howard G	5
Thomas R Wallace	Farmer	CRP	¼ Mile		3 ¼ Mile	Irene	6
						Doris	6
						Maxwell	4
Gibbs	Arthur	CRP	¼ Mile		3 ¼ Mile	Leslie G	14
	Both Children attending Neighbouring school					Cyril A	11

30th October 1918 Application for grant for New School at Kaiuma

Carluke 4 Miles away Average attendance 25

Flat Creek 8 Miles

Ronga Valley 8 Miles

September 1918 Quarter Roll 12

No further correspondence until Mr W J Girling MP wrote requesting opening of a school at Opouri. Included There was a school at Kaiuma a few miles from Opouri. The building was not owned by the Board and besides it was quite unsuitable for a school. The settlers were of the opinion that the Kaiuma school should be closed and one established at Opouri

Footnote to Mr Girling's letter There is no application for Opouri School with the Wellington Education Board

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- The school was only got after Settlers had "button holed" Richard McCallum MP when he was electioneering in the district
- The settlers in a petition agreed to find a site for the annual rental of £5, they would supply the timber and free labour but asked the Education Board to provide roofing iron, windows and sashes
- The school was approved in 1917

- The settlers cut the timber and had it milled to length and then left it to be seasoned
 - The site chosen was on Mr. Kerr's place between two swing bridges
 - The first teacher was Miss Margaret Burton of Redwoodtown.
 - She first boarded with Mr. T Wells but found crossing the first swing bridge made her giddy so she removed to Mr. and Mrs George Well's home
 - The second bridge was OK she crossed the bridge 4 times a day. (Presumably she went home at lunch time.
 - Miss Mary Rennal was considered to be the last teacher of Kaiuma School
 - There was agitation for another school on the Education Reserve The settlers argued that the current school was only a makeshift school and a new school should be established on the Education Reserve 3 miles further up the valley
 - About 1927 The Kaiuma school closed down
 - The following is a list of teachers and relieving teachers: Margaret Burton, Murphy, Stewart, Heffer, Mahood and King, Mesdames Walsh, Helm, Cross. Messrs Dyer, Brooks and Duffy. Miss Mary Pennal
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Rimu Gully (1907)

Carluke. Carluke School started in 1908

1907	22	Rimu Gully	Storey	Elsie E	Female	£	117.00	£20.00
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Elsie E Storey went on to teach at Picton and Blenheim schools

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10th April 1907 Mr Hickey, Chairman of the Rai Valley School Committee, wrote requesting that the position of the school site at Rimu Gully be altered to a locality situated between Mr Brownlee's mill and the bush. —Mr Hickey to be notified that before the' site is finally settled the Commissioner will consult the School Committee

9th July 1907 Rimu Gully.—Mr Arthur Russell wrote on behalf of the settlers near Rimu Gully, Rai Valley, asking the Board to appoint a teacher, as the settlers were willing to rent a house large enough for a school.—Mr Storey reported on a visit to the locality. There was no doubt the original site for the new school was the proper one. —It was decided to fall in with the wishes of Mr Russell and the settlers

13th August 1907 RIMU GULLY. The Department intimated that a grant was available for the proposed new school at Rimu Gully. Mr Reader said they would need before long to accommodate forty children. He said he understood Miss Storey had been recommended for the teachership, and would be. pleased to move that she be appointed. It was resolved that a separate school district be gazetted; that the Government be thanked for the grant that the Committee suggested be appointed; that the residents be asked to submit a plan; and that the site furthest from Flat Creek school be chosen definitely.

15th October 1907 Havelock. —Mr Reid, contractor for twelve school-desks, asked where to send them.—Mr Storey reported having inspected the desks. He mentioned that Canvastown and Rimu Gully required desks.—The Secretary was instructed to send payment, and notify that the desks would soon be sent for.

11th April 1908 RIMU GULLY. BALLOT FOR SECTIONS.

Our Havelock correspondent writes: —A ballot was begun on Friday morning, under the supervision of the District Commissioner, for allotments in the Rimu Gully village settlement, which is situated about 23 miles from Havelock, close to Brownlee's new mill

14th April 1908 Mr Storey said that the Rimu Gully school was surrounded by rubbish

15th August 1908 The Education Board has received a notification from the Department of Lands and Survey that Section Block 1., Wakamarina Survey District, of rather more than five acres,- has been set apart as a school site for Rimu Gully (Carluke).

24th October 1908 LOCALITY AND DESCRIPTION. This land comprises the sawmilling area recently cut out by Messrs Robertson Bros., and is situated on the main road between Havelock and Nelson, being-distant 19 miles from Havelock and near the Rimu Gully Village Settlement (known locally as "Carluke")

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- Early in March 1907 a move was made to start a school at Rimu Gully. Brownlee's had increased their payroll and more families had arrived
- At an informal meeting it was announced that one of Brownlee's storage shed would become available and this could be used as a classroom.
- As soon as this became public the Flat Creek (Rai Valley) School Committee became upset
- Letters to the land Board and Marlborough Education Board pointing out there was no need for a second school were written
- At a meeting it was announced that not one Flat Creek child would be taken for a new school
- 9th July 1907 Mr. Russell conducted the Board asking for a teacher to be appointed as they could rent a suitable house for a school
- Settlers were asked for a plan for a new school on Section 32 Block 1 of the Wakamarina Survey District
- Mr. J A Lambert prepared plans and contracted to build it for £140. Accommodation was provided for 54 children Mr. Lambert would provide desks at 25 shillings each (*There was 20 shillings in a pound*)
- September 9th a new school district was formed for Rimu Valley
- Marlborough Education Board agree to start school in one of Brownlee's four roomed houses. This house was in the area called the Back Alley, overlooking the Carluke Domain
- The first teacher was Mrs Jack Doyle. Maiden name Elsie Storey, She had recently been relieving at Tua Marina . In July she travelled by Newman's Bus and took up living with Mrs Jack Scott. She was allocated £1 travelling money
- January 13th 1908 The School Committee reported the new school will soon be finished
- The Board told the School Committee that Miss Storey's appointment was temporary and when finished the Board would appoint a male teacher
- The School Committee expected 40 students on opening and wanted a male certificated teacher
- 13th April 1908 the building was finished at a cost of £175. The Board also wanted to put a ring fence around to keep out wandering cattle
- The school started with a roll of 24

- It was not until August that the Education Board found a Male Teacher to replace Miss Storey. Mr. Hugh Foley M A was an Irishman.
- He was single but during his stay he married and fathered twin boys

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1912/23684	Foley Eileen Elizabeth	Anstice Josephine Whelan	Hugh Mahon

- The following are the Head Teachers of Carluke: Mr. H Foley, G H Reader, Mrs Robinson, Arthur Greig, Thompson. Mrs Bannerman. Jean Pennal, Duncan McRae Mrs McRae (Relieving) Mrs Savage, Stanley Johnson, Mr. F J Proctor, Mc Sweeney and C Thorpe
- Infant Teachers Carluke School. Miss M Kelleher, G Morris, G Gallop, I King, W Twidle, W King, N Radford, E Morgan, F Horton, J Pennal, M Harvey, E Fittal, L Wells, R Godber, G Gale, E Maule, and B Hille This is not a complete list

Ronga Valley (1915-1919)

Ronga Valley runs off from Rai Valley to the Croisilles on the Ronga Road

1913	5	Ronga Valley	King	Mary	Female	£	30.00	
1914	6	Ronga Valley	King	Mary	Female	£	36.00	
1915	17	Ronga Valley	Woulfe	Kathleen	Female	£	126.00	£20.00
1917	15	Ronga Valley	Woulfe	Kathleen	Sole		£126.00	
1919	11	Ronga Valley	Stratford	Clarence F	Sole		£150.00	

13th May 1913 Mary King appointed

14th May Land Board W. H. Turner applied, to lease the eight acres of land north of the school site in the Ronga Valley (Block 1., Wakamarina S.D.), and adjoining the portion leased to D. Young, and offered to clear the scrub and blackberries and lay the land down in grass.—It was resolved that a year-to year lease at the pleasure of the Board be granted, on condition that the noxious weeds were kept down, the rental to be 2 shillings per acre.

17th March 1914, An extension of time for a month was given, Education Board (*For what*)

16th April 1914 RONGA VALLEY. Messrs C. Nees, J. Storey, presented, a report on their visit to the Ronga Valley. They recommended the Board to secure a piece of land at the top corner of Mr B. Hughes's section and erect thereon a school to accommodate 36 children. They also suggested that the Ronga Valley watershed be declared a new and separate school district. It was, resolved that steps be taken for the acquisition of a suitable site and that a report be presented at the next meeting.-

12th May 1914 Arrangements were made for the clearance of the new school side at Ronga Valley at an expenditure not exceeding £10

20th June 1914 Money received for a school building from Department

11th August 1914 The Marlborough Education Board has been notified that the sum of £290 has been allocated for the erection of a school at Ronga Valley. It was resolved to have plans prepared and tenders invited. On the recommendation of the Committee it was resolved that tenders be called for the stumping -of the school ground at Ronga Valley, and that the work of fencing be held over

13th August 1914 Application for new teacher at Ronga Valley School

15th September 1915 A tender from R. Larrintz for the clearing of the Ronga Valley school ground for £10 was accepted.

13th October 1914 The architect reported that after signing contracts for the erection of schools at Fairhall, Ronga Valley, and Hillersden, Mr A. G. Mills (the successful tenderer) had applied to withdraw from these contracts, having made a mistake in submitting his tenders. The Town Executive had granted the application, and called for fresh tenders, the following being accepted Fairhall, Nicoll Bros. £224 10s; Ronga Valley, A. G. Mills £229 10s

12th January 1915 Miss K Woulfe was appointed

1st August 1916 The final meeting of Marlborough Education Board The Ronga Valley Committee was authorised to sink a well at a cost of about £10.

12th September 1918 The public school at Ronga Valley was completely destroyed by fire at about ten o'clock last night. The cause of the outbreak is unknown, as there had been no fire in the school since yesterday morning. The schoolmaster (Mr C. Stratford) lost property, chiefly books, to the value of £20. Steps were being taken to-day to establish a temporary school

21st September 1918 The destruction of the Ronga Valley School by fire was reported by the secretary, and it was decided to obtain a report from the Ward members on the circumstances, when application will be made to the Department for reinstatement of the building

7th October 1918 An inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the burning, of the Ronga public school was held at Ronga Valley by Messrs H. McCallum, M.P., E. H. Penny, and J. C Logan (the last named representing the Education Department), but no light was thrown on the origin of the fire.

18th February 1920 Miss I Woodhouse Temporary appointment

19th February 1920 Miss C M King temporary appointment

School was closed in 1921 and 1923 Mr Stratford went to Greytown School by 1921

26th June 1920 Report that a new school was built at Ronga Valley

25th March 1931 Mr T J Haughton appointed

23rd April 1931 Miss D N Shepherd appointed

National Archives

Part Section 9 Block 4 Tennyson SD 1 acre

1915 Closed 1920

Reopened 1926 June

Transferred to Rai Valley 1947

Consolidation on Rai Valley approved 19/10/1938

£ 290 spent on new school 27/06/1914

5th November 1918 £355 spent on building

21st September 1937 SEVERAL SCHOOLS CLOSED

(By Telegraph.) (Special to the Evening Post.)

BLenheim, This Day.

As a result of consultations between the Marlborough representatives on the Wellington Education Board and the parents of children attending several of the country schools in the district, the policy of consolidation introduced by the Minister of Education (the Hon. P. Fraser) is to be brought into effect in the Ward, Seddon, and Rai Valley districts.

In the Ward district two small schools have already been closed, the pupils being conveyed to the Ward School by motor-bus, and in the Seddon and Rai Valley districts several schools will be closed as from the beginning of the new school year. At Rai Valley the schools affected will be those at Opouri, Pelorus Bridge, Ronga, and Carluke. Pupils at present attending the schools mentioned will be conveyed to Rai Valley School by three separate bus services, one for Pelorus Bridge, one for Opouri, and one for Ronga and Carluke. The attendance roll of the Rai Valley School will thus increase from 37 to 122. The provision of extra accommodation at Rai Valley will be necessary, and a building programme will shortly be put into operation, the intention being to build along open-air lines as far as possible.

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- Between 1907 and 1910 Mr. W H Turner conducted a governess school in his own house and for his own family. The Governess was Miss King
- In April 1911 a land ballot was held but some farmers did not take up their land
- This history was compiled from the memories of Rudolf Lafrentz a settler in the area
- Most of the children were so shy that they took to the bush when strangers came by
- Mr. A J Hewetson erected a large board table under a lace-bark tree and five days a week conducted a school
- My brother William and I were invited to attend the school
- On arrival the school table consisted of William and "son" Lafrentz, Rona, Len and Stan Hewetson, Nessie Haswell, Toby and Ken Pope and "Sandy" Boyd
- Vera Hewetson could handle boys. She did not strap but threatened to call in her father the Manager of the sawmill
- The first school built by the Education Board in 1912 consisted on one room, a storage shed and school conveniences
- Miss Kathleen Woulfe was the first appointed teacher (*Not Correct*) She was a lively read headed and well informed mistress. She came from Mirza School
- The opening day roll was 15 in 1915 Miss Woulfe went to Korimako School
- The next teacher was Mr. Stratford where he introduced; rounders, tip cat, prisoner's base, cricket and football of a sort
- The school burnt down and we were taught in Mr. Bert Hughes's Whare below the old school site
- By October a new site had been selected and levelled. Mr. A G Mills built the school at a price of £229/1/0
- The building consisted of a classroom 15 foot x 14 foot, with a porch of 8 foot by 6 foot and a shelter shed 8 foot x 6 foot
- Mr. C F Stratford was Teacher and Miss Hewetson was sewing mistress
- In 1918 Mr. Sturrock School Inspector reported that Mill's School had been destroyed by fire
- The school teacher was without board and lodgings and there was no chance of getting a room open for opening day February 1920
- The Carluke School was 7 miles away from the Ronga School and the roads during winter were simply atrocious.
- Tenders wer called and closed on February 6th 1919. The tender of Mr. Thompson of £365 was accepted
- May 29th 1944 Messrs. Harry Duckworth and Stan Hyndman (Board Members) reported "Found School in a state of disrepair and neglect. Very rotten in parts. Recommend sound timber and sheets of iron be saved the balance to be sold and the school site

13th September 1912 RONGA. VALLEY. Mr. W. Aitken Russell, of Himitangi, Rai Valley, wrote in behalf of two settlers, asking that an aided school be established in the Ronga Valley. It was desired to make provision for seven children. Mr. Turner was willing to provide the necessary accommodation for the - school and teacher

18th October 1912 Mr. Nees presented a report on his investigation of the conditions at the Ronga Valley. He recommended that the aided school be established at Mr. Turner's place. He was convinced that, in view of the progress of settlement, a State school would require to be established at that locality in the near future.—The recommendation was adopted

7th February 1913 Miss King returned to the Ronga School last Friday,

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12th June 1914 RONGA VALLEY

A letter from the correspondent having been read, it was resolved to reply that, as soon as the question of the site had been settled, the Board would avail itself of the offer of the settlers in regard to the clearing and fencing of the ground preparatory to the erection of a school.

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10th September 1915 Pelorus Road Board Ronga Valley settlers, wrote re the state of the roads. A few days ago the school was closed for three days, as the roads were in such a state that neither scholars or teacher could get to school; and on another occasion the children went to school in the morning and could not get home again owing to rivers and creeks rising.

Mrs. Ada Pope, Ronga Valley, wrote asking the Board to put a footbridge over the creek called Campbell's Creek, as school children—if the water is too deep to wade through—have to cross on a broken log, which is not safe.—The secretary was instructed to attend to these requirements

13th September 1918 Word was received yesterday morning that the Ronga public school had been totally destroyed, together with its contents, at half-past ten on the previous evening. The only person who appears to have seen the outbreak was Mr. Charles Pickering, who lives nearby. The teacher (Mr. Clarence Stratford) reported the occurrence to the Havelock police by telephone.

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Tinline Valley (1923)

Road turning left at Pelorus Bridge off Highway 6 and then to Tinline Valley Road

1923 School 336 square feet

1952 Demolished Board authorised to demolish the building and make use of the salvaged materials

1949 Closed

This valley named after the Tinline family of Marlborough

1923 14 Tinline Valley Gibson Mary A R Sole £155.00

30th January 1924 M A R Gibson (Tinline Valley) appointed

13th March 1924 D V Sutton Sole Teacher appointed

27th May 1929 Miss A M Roche Sole Teacher

28th January 1932 Mr C M Lambert Sole Teacher

17th May 1933 Mr W J Scott Sole Teacher Tinline Valley. *I presume this is Walter Scott who was head at Wellington Training College in 1960 and 1961 when the researcher was there*

9th March 1937 Mr L Coup Sole Teacher Tinline Valley

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- Difficult to find school place as one map shows three sites and another two
- To those who took up land and tried to farm it proved difficult and most forfeited their farms and walked off
- The first school was five miles from Pelorus Bridge school. It was built by mill workers
- Miss M Gibson was first teacher and opened the school in February 1921 with 12 pupils
- In 1923 Mr. D V Sutton took over and was there for 6 years
- Then came Mr. C M Lambert who stayed till 1933
- Mr. W J Scott stayed until 1936 when the school closed for a term and he was transferred.
- The second school was opened and taught by Mrs. M A R Bryant (Nee Miss M Gibson) she continued until it closed in 1938

Tinline

This article is a summary of Correspondence between Wellington Education Board and Tinline School on a number of topics but mainly re furniture. All articles below are in summary form.

The originals are found at Marlborough Archives

12th November 1923 Telegram to J C Logan Blenheim (*Officer of Wellington Education Board for Marlborough with an office in Blenheim*) From Education Board in Wellington

Tinline Valley requires eight dual desks, one easel one blackboard chair and table. Desks could be procured from Havelock and Canvastown,. Arrange for supply

24th January 1924 Letter from Mr. F Gardiner Secretary Tinline Valley School Committee Included would you kindly send us some desks for our school and we would like to have the room more convenient for our teacher and children before school opened again for the New Year

We also would like some blackboards as the ones we are using are what has been left for us

18th February Letter from J C Logan Clerk of Works to Wellington Education Board included

I arranged for Mr. Williams who carts timber from Bryant's mill at Pelorus Bridge to pick up furniture from various schools but he didn't do it. Promises to do it on his way out today

13th March 1924 I am getting an easel and tables made at Carr's and they can be taken out by their motor lorry. It was not possible to get these items on route. This will complete the requirements of this school J C Logan Clerk of Works

19th March 1924 Telegram from Education Board to Mr. Logan Minister has telegraphed Department that no desks received Tinline School Please ascertain position immediately. Telegraph reply

19th March 1924 Telegram. Reply Tinline Mill Owners timber waggons (Sic) have repeatedly failed to convey desks from Canvastown suitable arrangements now made see my report on subject J C Logan

8th March 1927 Letter from A N Burns Inspector to Secretary Wellington Education Board

The school should be equipped with more modern desks- not necessarily new

The requirements are 5 large, 5 Medium, 3 small

The Medium and Small ones are urgently required as all the desks are large size and too large for little ones

If the desks are available in Blenheim the Committee if approached might arrange for them to be conveyed free by one of the timber trucks returning empty

Note Send instructions to supply from surplus desks if held in surplus at Blenheim

27th February 1929 Letter from D V Sutton T would like to know if Board can supply me with about 4 small desks for the primer classes The only desks here are suitable for Standard 3 – 6 only

It is almost impossible to teach the infants classes writing etc. In these desks as their feet are about 6 inches off the floor and the tops of the desks are too high for them

Note at bottom Supply can be obtained from Flat creek Teacher to make arrangements for delivery to school

Write Teacher Flat Creek requesting him to allow 4 small desks to go to Tinline. They will be replaced with infant table and chairs I(H Watson listed as Head of Flat Creek)

19th March 1929 letter to D V Sutton that Flat Creek head teacher will arrange to send desks to Tinline Valley

19th March 1929 Letter to Mr. H W Watson Flat Creek, telling him to do as above

11th July 1930 Letter from F Gardiner Secretary School Committee to Wellington Education Board included

- a) School Committee want to procure some new desks for Tinline School
- b) The current ones are very shaky old things, very rickety and we have not enough to seat all the children
- c) Also a new chair for the one we have is nearly falling to pieces and is only an ordinary kitchen chair
- d) We were under the impression that there were new chairs coming about 2 years ago but have not arrived yet
- e) Pencil note at Bottom Reply: The matter has been referred to the inspectors for their direction as to size etc.

18th July Letter sent from architect as above to Tinline School

1st August 1930 New letter saying matter has been deferred until the inspector has actually visited the school to assess size of desks

23rd October 1931 A M Roche letter to Wellington Education Board I have 20 desks in which to put 27 children so please send them soon

Pencil Note at bottom. Inventory shows 3 No 2 desks and 7 No 3 Desks. *(This also often happened, but the Wellington Education Board was never wrong!!!!)*

27th October 1931 Telegram to Dr McIlwraith, Havelock Hotel *(Inspector)* Teacher Tinline Valley request extra desks. Kindly look into question furniture and advise

28th October 1931 G L McIlwraith's report included

Roll 27, Number of Desks 10. Of these 8 are largest dual type, 2 are two inches lower. All have the absurd arrangement of seat attached to front of the desk. Most are rickety

Five (5) modern desks are available at Pelorus Bridge. Tua Marina must have some spare ones

Tinline roll includes 8 in Form 1 and 3 in Standard 1

30th October 1931 Letter to Miss A M Roche Pelorus Bridge School Please release five surplus desks for Tinline School The Board has written to the teacher asking her to make arrangements for the transport of the desks

Please let me know sizes sent for our records . From Architect Wellington Education Board

20th October Letter to Miss D N Shepherd Teacher Tinline School telling her desks to come from Pelorus Bridge

9th November 1931 letter from D N Shepherd which she believed were to be collected that day. Didn't know size of desks But each were 2 foot 1 inch to 2 foot 2 inches in height

13th November Letter to Miss Sherd from architect thanking her for the trouble she had taken

26th May 1933 Letter from Secretary School Committee Tinline to Wellington Education Board included

- a) There was a clock supplied to our school some years ago and is now beyond repair through falling off the Mantelpiece onto the concrete hearth
- b) So will the Board supply us with a new one or will the Committee have to buy out of funds
- c) Trusting to hear from you soon R A Coleman

29th June 1933 Letter to Wellington Education Board asking to supply 1 blackboard and easel as there is only one in the school and teacher wants another one

30th July 1933 Wellington Education Board don't supply clocks any more but they will purchase one in Wellington ten inches in diameter with glass front for the sum of 30 shillings

4th July 1933 Architect of Wellington Education Board asks Mr. Coleman how much Hyloplate is in the school other than the blackboard and easel. I have to advise that only 1 blackboard and easel are supplied to Sole Teacher schools unless the circumstances are unusual

31st July Mr. Coleman replied stating there is 18 foot x 3 foot in the school it round the walls but the teacher says there are more infants in the school than he has space to set out their work

Handwritten note Mr. Caskill, what do you suggest?

28th August 1931. Letter from Wellington Education Board saying that the Inspector will be visiting in early September and they will await his report

9th September 1933 Of a Wellington Education Board inventory list these were all that Tinline Valley had. 1 Head Teacher, 1 built in cupboard, 2 portable cuboids, 1 ordinary chair

1 Easel, 1 portable Hyloplate and a few desks Signed by W J Scott

Then a reply including Board says they have 15 desks. Mr. Scott says 10 which is a difference of 5

30th November 1933 Mr. W J Scott writes to Wellington Education Board and includes

- a) The 10 desks are the ones in use. There are 3 more not in use but fit to use if necessary.
- b) Of the other two desks I can find only pieces
- c) The Board has not been seen since I took charge here
- d) The children state it was used in the playground for various purposes but it certainly has not been seen since I came to the school

31st July 1934. Letter from Mr. Coleman to Board (*Paper been wet*) The teacher discussed the matter of a blackboard with the inspector who promised to see about it but nothing has been done

20th October 1934 Reply from Wellington Education Board The Inspector will visit in October would the Head Teacher please bring the matter to his notice then

10th November 1934 letter from Board asking Mr. Scott whether or not a 6 foot x 3 foot piece of Hyloplate will suit your requirements Could you fix it on the wall or wherever is required

15th November Mr. Scott writes to Wellington Education Board I shall be pleased to fix to wall the piece of Board you mentioned

20th November Letter to Mr. Scott from Wellington Education Board

- a) That a piece of Hyloplate 6 foot x 3 foot will be supplied to you shortly
- b) What is the best way the material can be sent?
- c) Should it be dispatched from Blenheim and from there conveyed to Tinline Valley by Carrier
- d) An early reply appreciated

30th November Please forward Blackboard in the following manner

Tinline Valley School

Per Gilbert Blick Carrier

Ward Tyler and Co

Blenheim

1st December Letter to Mr. Scott The hyloplate will be sent by Monday's Boat and then via Mr. Blick

National Archives

Tinline School

1923 336 square feet Reduced in 1949 to 311 and as at 31st January 1951

1952 Demolished Board authorised to demolish the building and make use of the materials Closed 1949

22nd March 1923 Application to open a school at Tinline Valley

Fred Gardiner Farmer Nearest School Pelorus Bridge

Edna Mary H, Bernard Robert S, Doris Marjory Z, Victor James Z,

George Watson Sawmiller, Muriel Laura S, Jean Mazel y Walter Herbert Z

Rainsford Watson Ethel Maud Watson Z

All listed as living on site

Edna and Bernard Gardiner go to Foxhill school in Nelson
 Pelorus Bridge school 7 miles away, Flat Creek 12 Miles and Canvastown 13 miles
 27th March 1923 Wellington Education Board recommends an aided school
 16th June 1923 Memorandum to Director Suggesting school to be in a house with a supplied teacher.
 "School is in the Backblocks"
 18th June 1923 School to be established
 19th November 1923 Letter from Wellington Education Board to Director The school is established in a temporary school room measuring 14 foot by 12 foot
 11th March 1924 The settlers have put up a school 16 foot x 12 foot The school having opened in another room
 The Board understands the attendance will be 15 or 16
 19th March 1924 Telegram from C J Parr to Director of Education Surprised to find on visit to Tinline School yesterday that although school opened four months ago there are no desks yet provided for the children. Kindly ascertain who is responsible for this delay and telegraph me so that I might reply to a deputation which waited on me
 19th March Letter to C J Parr Minister of Education Surprise Surprise Wellington Education Board officer in Blenheim claimed all had been sent today
 5th April 1924 Minister offered £30 for additions to Tinline School and Education Board offered £10
 5th April 1932 Complaint has recently been made re lighting of the Tinline School the cost for windows is £12.10 The building is erected on Marlborough County Council land who have granted free use of it together with the right to remove the building at any time
 25th May 1943 Approval given to reopen Tinline Valley School with 5 pupils
 2nd April 1948 Wellington Education Board School has been closed some time and wants to call public tenders to remove building
 7th July 1952 Approval given to remove building and make use of materials

Tunakino (1920-1923)

Up the Tunakino Valley Road Just Past Carluke

1921	13	Tunakino Flat Creek	Harford	Rita	Sole Teacher	£170.00
1923	16	Tunakino	Fisk	Nellie	Reliever	£105.00

National Archive Photo

23rd February 1915 The Commissioner of Crown Lands and the members oi' the Land Board left to-day to inspect the Tunakino block of .7200 acres, near Carluke, that is now under survey. On the same occasion they will inspect the Crown lands at the head of the Opouri Valley

24th November 1917 Fences are to be renewed at Carluke and an exchange of sites at Tunakino (in the Carluke district) ,was -the new site being more central than the one originally .selected

19th June 1919 The matter of an application for the establishment of a, new school at Tunakino (Marlborough)' was at yesterday's meeting of the Wellington Education Board referred to the Marlborough Inspector (Mr. Sturrock) for a report

19th November 1919 Mr F C Stratford Tunakino Sole Teacher

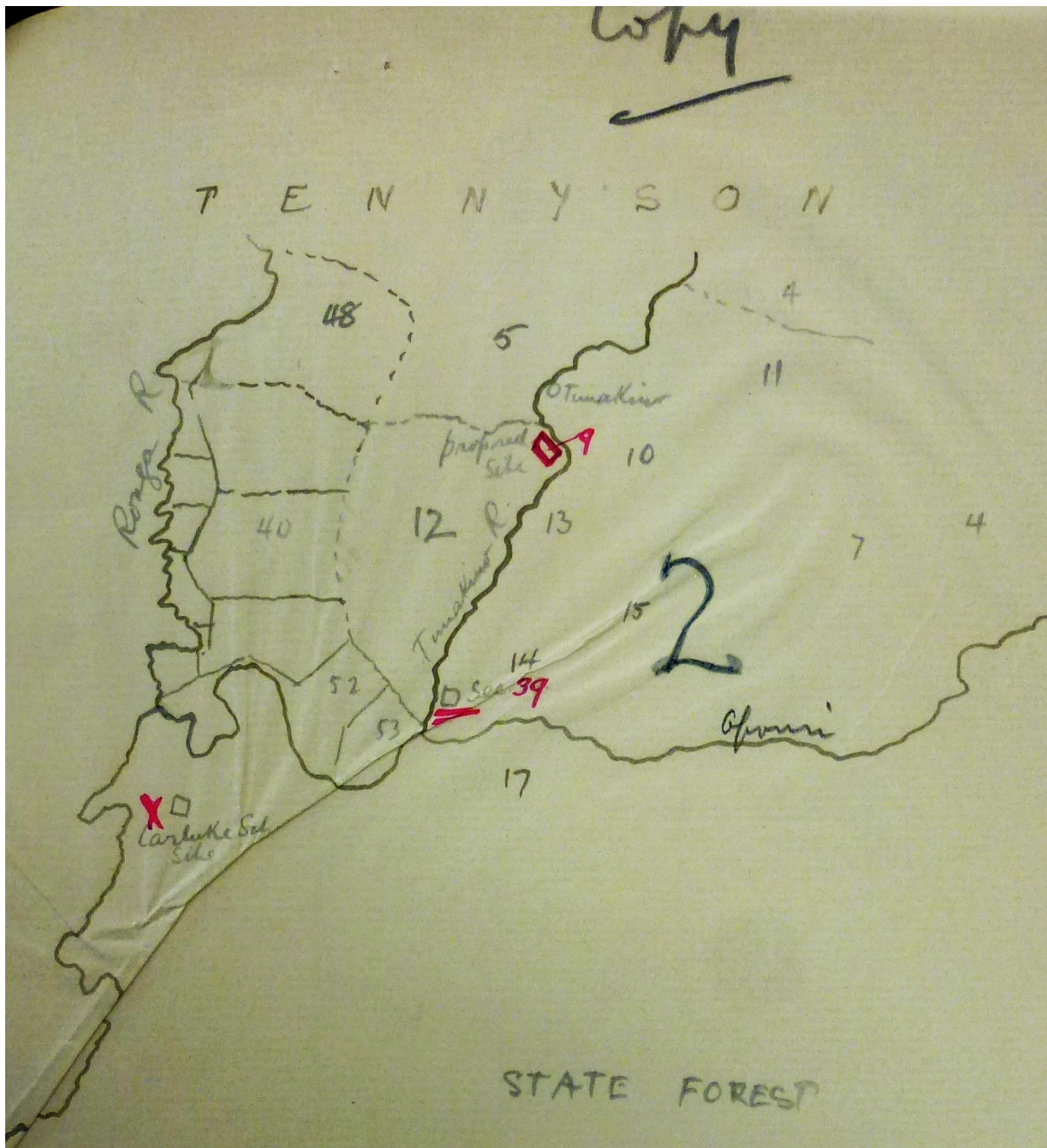
9th June 1927 Miss B Robinson appointed

Undated Newspaper cutting included the following information on the Tunakino School supplied by Linden Armstrong, Havelock Museum



- Marlborough Land Board 1914 agreed to offer land for closer settlement
- There were 150 applicants for 15 sections
- Several people n inspecting their land forfeited them
- When the school was first open there were four small sawmills in operation
- The school was built on Mr. Lee Hunter's property midway between the two pairs of sawmills. It was just another sawmill shack type school with primitive sanitary arrangements
- When a pair of sawmills closed down the school moved up the valley to Scott's property. The new school similar tin type was built about 2 chains (*About 42 metres*) from the second pair of sawmills
- 1920-1923 Miss Rita Harford. Temporary Misses Fisk and Wills
- February 1924 Mr. S Fee
- November 1925 Mr. G M Slater
- From February to June 1927 the following teachers taught Elsie Geddes, Harry Haig, Mrs. I B Carr. Mrs R Robertson, Allison John Lambert
- The school then closed and reopened on July 3rd with Miss V J Cook who was succeeded by Mr. C C Bradshaw who remained until February 1931 when Miss E S Giddy took over.

- When the Price family moved out the school closed down in October 1933 through lack of children



National Archives

11th July 1918 Wellington Education Board transferred to the Crown Section 39 Block II Wakamarina SD Area 5 acres

Crown transfers to Marlborough Education Board Section 9 Block II SD Wakamarina 5 Acres

Note 19/3/1915 saying original site was only 2 miles from Carlukie School proposed a new site

27th June 1919 Letter from J G Wratt, Farmer, Flat Creek

- At the last meeting of the Wellington Education Board a school was granted for the Tunakino Valley
- I have 4 young children from 7 and under
- The movement for a school here was done entirely by settlers in the top of the valley

- d) The lower settlers were not invited. I did not know anything about it until 3 weeks ago
- e) There is a school site of some 5 acres and the site selected by the top end settlers is 1 ¼ miles away from the first
- f) I met the settler who is pushing the upper rom and asked him to meet us lower settlers and consider the matter. And he was not inclined to do so.
- g) When officers visit the area they will see that the school has been erected where it would be the most convenient for all the settlers
- h) We want a school badly as there is a sawmill being erected
- i) The school should be situated where it is best for when the sawmills close down

27th June 1912 Letter from J A Hanan Minister of Education saying he will pass the letter onto the Director who will notify Mr. Wratt if an officer is going to visit

The site in the Upper Valley was specially chosen by the commissioner of lands in Blenheim as being the most suitable. The other is too close to Carluke

25th August 1919 Director writes to Mr. Wratt this is a matter for the Wellington Education Board

4th March 1921. Entitled Rent for Tunakino Site

- a) The application for authority was not approved
- b) There were 11 children of school age six of whom went to Carluke and wer to travel 5 miles each way
- c) Messrs Robertson Bros the owners of the mill erected a temporary school building to meet the needs of the children
- d) The Board accepted the need for the children and agreed to pay a small rental of £19.10 per annum in preference to building a school building on the usual lines
- e) The omission to apply for rent is regretted and it is to be hoped that the Department will pay
- f) Roll 1920 11 . 1921. March Quarter 8 June/September quarter 13

24th November 1921 Ministry tells Board that they have not received an application for a new School (On Form G.2.)

29th November 1921 Wellington Education Board applies for New school

Families in area : 7

Number of children concerned in this application: 11

Number of children on roll of other school: 5

Means of travelling to any other school: Nil

Means of any transport: Nil

Carluka 5 Miles. Rongo (Sic) Valley 9 Miles. Opouri Valley 7 Miles

Room 16 foot x 14 foot (17.8 x 13.3 Metres) rented from Messrs Robertson Bros

29th November Wellington Education Board asks for approval of paying rent at 7/6d per week.

Department approve 8th December 1921

5th May 1926 Letter to Director of Education from Wellington Education Board

- a) Because of changing population school needs to move to another building but the building offered was unsuitable and the owner had to erect another 20 foot x 14 foot (Photograph enclosed (Unfortunately not))
- b) Reply that a rental of £19 10 s is ample for a building of 20 foot x 14 foot and the roll is only 9. The photograph is returned as requested

13th October Application for a new school

	In District	Occupation	Nearest	Distance	Child	Age
L Price	2	Sawmiller	Carluka	6 Mile	Geoffrey	9
					Iris	7
					John	5
F F Scott	5	Labourer	"	"	Mona	12
					Harry	10
					Grace	6
W Mears	10	Farmer	"	"	Kenneth	14
W Loveday	10	Farmer	"	"	May	14
M Mears	1	Labourer	"	"	Noel	5
P Neal	8	Farmer	"	2 ½ Miles	? Neal	6
W Selwyn		Labourer		6 Mile	Elva Ngamuka	12

Elva Listed as Maori

20th October The Board has decided to reopen Tunakino school This will involve opening the building previously used owned by Mr. F J Scott for a rental of £20

24th May 1932 Letter from Wellington Education Board to director of Education stating that the school was to be reopened with a roll of 4.

In a long rambling letter Mrs Scott says she will not help her children with Correspondence lessons being sent. Modern education is too difficult for a parent who left school 25 years ago etc. Board comments this school need to be opened for the children's sakes

Reply from Ministry application declined parents should take some responsibility Children aged from 7 to 11 and should be able to do correspondence on their own

28th May 1932 Ministry applies to Minister of Education to open the school with 4 pupils

Turned down by Minister

Numerous letters between all parties but a number of references as to why correspondence is working for hundreds, and clearly not wanting to set a precedent

3rd April 1958 Letter from Assistant director stating the land not wanted. The building is owned by a settler. School was closed in 1931

Upper Opouri (1928-1939)

17th July 1928 The following buildings were erected Opouri Valley 1 room

4th April 1929 Mrs. J. Cross, sole teacher, Upper Opouri;

3rd October 1933 Miss A. M. Rance, sole teacher, Upper Opouri;

National Archives: Yes

Undated Newspaper cutting included the following information on the Opouri Valley School (Sic) supplied by Linden Armstrong, Havelock Museum

- The site of the Opouri Valley School adjoined Section 6 Block 3 Wakamarina District Survey
- At the time of writing the property was owned by Mr. Noel John Turner a descendant of the Original Settlers Charles and Matilda Turner
- The school was 20 foot long by 16 foot (6.09 meters x 4.87 meters) There was an outside storeroom and a woodshed
- After the departure of Miss Pennal there were several temporary teachers, this was halted by the arrival of Lindo Patchett
- He gave a fresh standard and tone to the scholars especially those in the 3rd and 4th Form
- Miss Annie Miller Rance followed Late of Glenroy School South Canterbury followed. She arrived about 1930
- She was still teaching when the school consolidated on Rai Valley in 1938-39
- Miss Rance taught two years at Rai Valley
- The buildings were used at Rai Valley for a dental clinic.

National Archives

26th August 1927 Remote allowance of £20 per annum be paid to the teacher

16th July 1928 Telegram from Pennall Opouri Valley nine children contracted measles during weekend only four out of eighteen present today shall I keep school open to Secretary of Education

17th July Reply HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS CLOSING ONE WEEK THEN REPORT POSITION

24th July 1928 Telegram Seven children able to attend school remainder will be absent one more week Pennall

Reply to Miss M A J Pennall Public School Upper Opouri Valley School. Rai Valley Blenheim. Relating to message in Telegram

21st November 1928 Mr. A J Lambert appointed 6 years' service Currently Sole Teacher at Tunakino School

27th November 1928 Letter from P Dillon Secretary to Wellington Education Board. The Upper Opouri Valley School we're highly pleased with the appointment of Mr. Lambert

28th November Telegram from Wellington Education Board MISS WILSON RELIEVING TEACHER LEAVING WELLINGTON MONDAY STEAMER. PLEASE ARRANGE SOMEONE TO MEET HER FLAT CREEK TUESDAY

21st February 1929 Telegram to P Dillon REQUESTING MISS MILLS TAKE IMMEDIATE RELIEVING CHARGE YOUR SCHOOL VICE MR LAMBERT

21st February 1929 Telegram in reply No accommodation available for lady teacher send man P Dillon Opouri

22nd February 1929 Miss Mills arrived this morning accommodation arranged (Telegrams were charged per word including all punctuation marks)

26th March 1929 Mrs. I Cross appointed Grading 206 in 1927. 6 years service. Currently unemployed

3rd April Telegram from Dillon Opouri Satisfied your selection of teacher Nearest accommodation available two miles

3rd October 1930 Letter from Wellington Education Board to Mrs I Cross asking whether the average roll of 21 has been maintained and what were the prospects

14th October 1930 Reply from Irene Cross included current roll is 23 with 1 more to come.

I know of two leaving at end of year

During the past fortnight an epidemic of colds has reduced the average slightly

Reply from Board Will keep grade at Grade 1 for a while

7th January 1931 Letter from H Hill (Chairman of School Committee)

- a) From a meeting of parents the following questions were asked
- b) Is the Upper Opouri School Grade 2?
- c) What Constitutes a Grade 2 school?
- d) If the school was Grade 2 would it be possible to have a grade 2 teacher appointed here

14th January Reply from Education Board . Board will make no changes

5th March 1931 Letter from Senior Inspector (Whoever?)

Current roll is 23 and is definitely in Grade 1

I recommend the school be Grade 2 and Mrs Cross be transferred to a Grade 1 school

10th March Mrs. Cross written to and told she will be transferred as soon as possible

2nd August 1931 Letter From Mrs T C Wallace asking for a Male teacher who will be stricter than the present teacher

Reply we have no authority to appoint teachers by gender

9th September 1931 Appointment of Miss M E Dempsey Grading 179 been teaching for 7 ¼ years at present at Poukioe School (*North of Hunterville in the back blocks*)

15th August Letter from School Committee approving Miss Dempsey

11th December 1931 Miss M Dempsey given permission to close early for Christmas

29th May School closed on Friday instead of a holiday for the local show. Reply the school is not to be closed for the Blenheim Show or any other show but you school can close on Friday 6th May

1st February 1933 Letter from Mabel E Dempsey. Unable to open school owing to heavy floods. It is unlikely that the school will be open until the 6th February

10th August 1933 School was closed today owing to floods in the valley

Only 2 out of 27 attended, One of them and myself having to go through flood waters when returning home

19th August 1933 At a special meeting of the School Committee we decided to ask if Miss Dempsey could remain our teacher if we could get her to remain

We are also writing to Miss Dempsey and the Wanganui Education Board

22nd August Telegram would you appoint Miss Dempsey Writing Mills Upper Opouri

24th August Miss Dempsey has already accepted a position under the Wanganui Education Board /

We have made arrangements for a relieving teacher at Opouri we cannot make changes

28th August 1933 Appointment of Mr. L E Patchett as relieving teacher (*there was a Mr. Patchett inspector of Wellington schools in the 1960's Is it this Patchett? _*)

20th September Miss A M Rance appointed Grading 149 Teaching 13 ½ years Currently at Glenroy
 8th December 1933 Application to hold school picnic. Letter to Mr. L E Patchett approving
 22nd November 1934 Asking to close the school for the Opening of a new Cheese Factory and wishing to have a half holiday. Signed Mr. G J D Mills Secretary to School Committee
 24th March 1936 Annie Rance, teacher has lost the school roll form and could she have another?
 25th October 1938 Received letter transferring teacher Opouri Committee asks you reconsider pending consolidation Rai Valley Kitching Chairman
 25th October 1938 Letter from Wellington Education Board saying consolidation approved. Teachers will not be moved until jobs are found for them
 The Board will do everything to provide adequate accommodation at Rai Valley for 1939

Houston we have a Problem

Problem: The cuttings I am using refer to the above school as Opouri Valley but the teachers didn't tie in with teachers listed for Opouri Valley. (Below) The ones listed under Craigs below do however fit the teachers for Opouri Valley. I have kept the cuttings as published as I try and trace Miss Rance and Miss Penal

Solution: The school listed above as Opouri Valley School in the cuttings was actually the Upper Opouri School and the school listed below was the Opouri Valley School not Craig's School as per cutting

Opouri Valley (1911-1921.)

This school was situated on Opouri Road from Rai Valley

1911	12	Opouri Valley	Harris	Margaret	Female	£	90.00	£10.00
1912	12	Opouri Valley	Harris	Margaret	Female	£	90.00	£10.00
1914	9	Opouri Valley	Lehrke	Veronica	Female	£	90.00	£10.00
1915	12	Opouri Valley	Gould	Cecilia	Female	£	110.00	£20.00
1917	9	Opouri Valley	Watson	Henry	Sole		£110.00	
1919	5	Opouri Valley	Freeman	Fred E	Sole		£140.00	
1921	9	Opouri Valley	Carson	Doris E Mrs	Sole		£135.00	

Nydia Bay

22nd April 1911 There is some talk of a petition being circulated at an early date (writes the Carluke correspondent of the Pelorus Guardian) urging the Minister for Lands (or the powers that be) to have the Opouri lands thrown open for settlement as quickly as possible, so as to get it settled before the fern and noxious weeds get a start. A considerable, area in the Opouri Valley has been burned during the late spell of dry weather, and should be attended to at once unless those lands are to attain the same disreputable condition as some of the Ronga lands

4th July 1911 PUBLIC NOTICE. I HEREBY give public notice that I will NOT be responsible, for any debts contracted without my written order ROBERT SPITTAL, Opouri Valley, Nydia Bay

27th October 1911 Sole Teacher, Opouri Valley; £90 and £10 housing allowance

12th December 1911 The Opouri valley School Committee notified that Miss Harris had been appointed to the permanent charge of the school.—Appointment confirmed

31st January 1913 Opouri Valley, Sole Teacher, £90 to £120 and £10 housing allowance

11th March 1913 Miss Helen Scott Opouri Valley appointed

16th April 1913 In Board report it was advised a new residence had been built at Opouri Valley

17th April 1913 The inhabitants of Opouri Valley have provided a residence at their own expense.

Opouri Valley and 10 others were rated good , the top ranking in 1912

Got special mention for brush drawing with success and with growing freedom from the pencil and for teaching history effectively. Also the best analysis and grammar with 3 other schools

14th May 1913 Opouri Valley School building was not provided by the Education Board

27th May 1913 Some 3000 acres of bush country in the Opouri Valley will be thrown open for selection, in time for the present bush felling season.

4th June 1913 A survey party is now engaged in preparing for subdivision an area of something over 3100 acres of Crown land in the Opouri Valley, Marlborough, Sounds district, the forest of which has been absorbed by the milling industry. It is country of the dairying class, and it is anticipated that it will provide sections for eight or ten settlers. The sections will probably be disposed of next season. Beyond this area there is still a considerable extent of forest country in this locality that will be brought into the domain of settlement as it is worked out by the sawmills, and the prospects are that in the near future the Opouri Valley will be an extensive scene of farming prosperity.

10th June 1913 Opouri Valley, Miss Doris E. Spittal; (relieving teacher provisionally)

9th June 1915 In reply to representations made by Mr J. S. Storey in behalf of the Education Board, the Commissioner of Crown Lands stated at the meeting of the Land Board to-day that the work of surveying the Opouri Valley school site would be commenced at once.

13th August 1914 Applications are invited by the Marlborough Education Board for teachers for Opouri Valley, Te Awaite, and Ronga Valley.

22nd February Opouri Valley— Sole Teacher, £110- £140, plus £20 housing allowance E. S. HYLTON, Secretary Marlborough Education Board

9th March 1915 Miss C M Gould appointed

10th August 1915 In reference to the school at Opouri Valley, the Marlborough Timber Company offered to lease the school at a nominal rental, so that the Board could take over the control of the school. It was pointed out by the secretary that the Department would not consent to equip the school unless the land and buildings were vested in the Board. The Department undertook to rent buildings, it was decided that steps be taken temporarily to rent the building

7th September 1917 Many complaints are being made by the new settlers in the Opouri Valley opened up by the Government two years ago. They were promised that roads would be made in good order ere this, but the chances of getting their milk through to the factory are very remote, as the mud is axle deep all across the road, and likely to continue so.

2nd April 1918 During the high winds which prevailed on the 19th of last month the Opouri Valley school and teacher's cottage had a narrow escape from being smashed. The school had just been dismissed for the lunch hour, and the teacher was busy in the cottage setting a fire, when, without the least warning, a great birch tree of 13 foot girth came down, just missing

the cottage and striking' the end of the school, but owing to the rottenness of the top the damage was slight. Fortunately all the children had left the buildings and grounds, otherwise things might have been more serious

19th February 1920 The following Marlborough aided schools are to be closed: Opouri Valley, Maori Bay

17th March 1920 Miss (Sic) F. E. Freeman, sole teacher, Opouri Valley; resigns

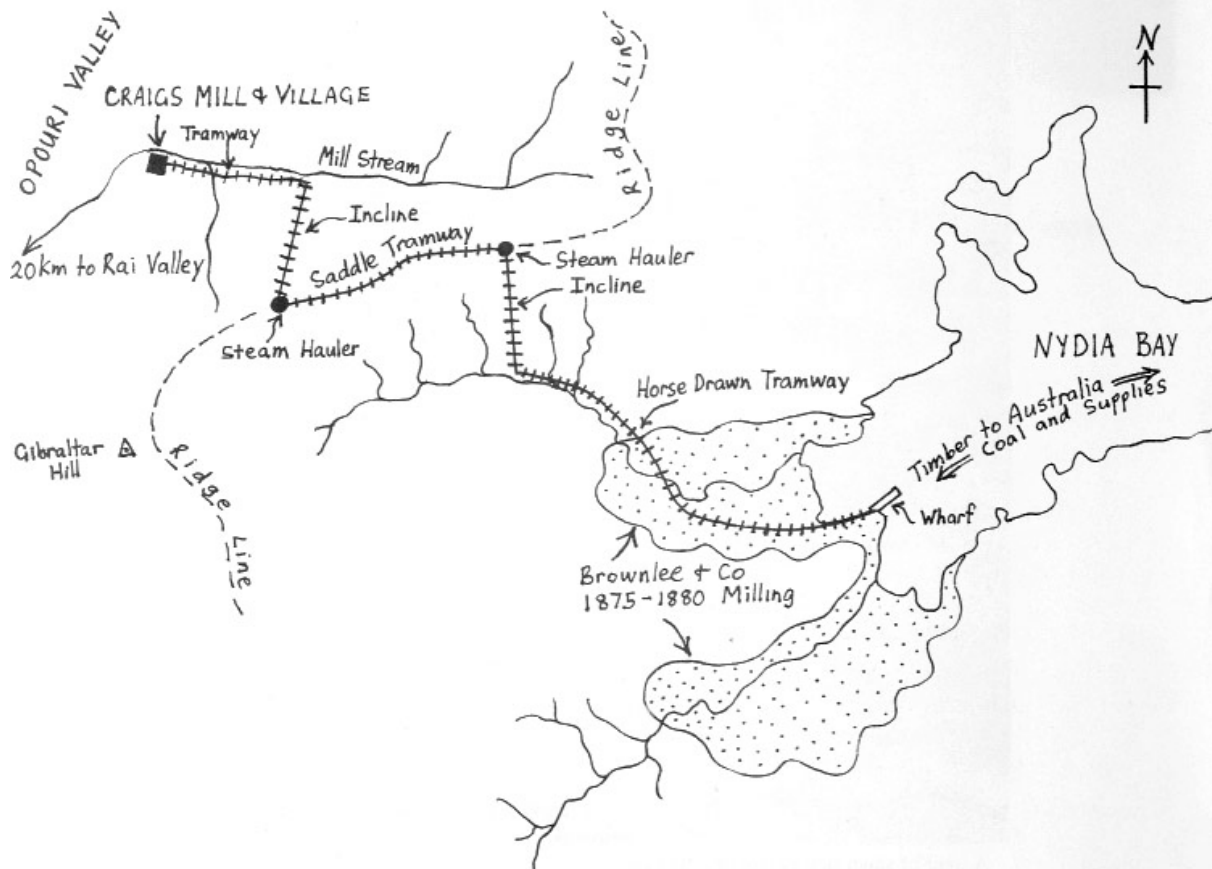
He went to Little Akaloa in Canterbury Board on the outer Coast of Banks Peninsula

National Archives: Yes

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- It is said that the Marlborough timber company ran a school as the community as completely cut off
- The school was opened (as a state school) in December 1911. Miss Margaret Mary Harris of Kenepuru Sounds was the first teacher who had taught at Clova Bay school in 1910
- She had just finished her schooling at Marlborough High School (See above)
- 12th April 1915 Miss Celia Gould took over teaching.(*Miss Harris went to Sea View in the Awatere area then went to Endeavour Inlet School*)
- The Marlborough Timber Company offered to let the Marlborough Education Board take over the school. Bout the Board would only take it over if they owned the land. In the end they leased the school. The Board agreed to lease the school, appoint the teachers and examine the scholars
- Mr. Miller Green, took over teaching. His father was Head Teacher of Renwick School from 1923. Mr. Miller Green lost his life in the Pelorus River. He had only been teaching a few months
- Herbert Walter Watson was the next teacher. He got to Opouri by taking Gibb's Bus from Renwick to Havelock and then by Mail Launch to Nydia Bay where he was met by Craig's timber hauler
- Mr. Watson recalled "As he assisted me to transfer my luggage from launch to hauler he said, "why don't you store half your baggage in the Boss's Office? Don't you know teacher's don't stay long at Craig's school/ It's too lonely for you townies.
- Said H W W "I'm different I'll stick it out, don't you worry, put them on"
- Away they went up 1200 feet up the hillside. Turning the hauler dragged them along what was once a goat and wild pig track for about a mile. Turning again. They descended about 1000 feet to arrive at the Junction of Craig's mill
- The school was situated opposite the Boarding House run by Mr. Bob Spittal He was also the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker. In his younger days he had served in wind-jammers. He was a good photographer

MARLBOROUGH TIMBER COMPANY OPOURI VALLEY OPERATIONS



NZETC Map

- Above all he was a very strong man and loved a good bout of Fisticuffs. Bob Spittal and H.W.W. soon became pals
- The school was one roomed building. It was matchlined inside but unpainted inside and out. Had it been given a couple of coats of paint it would have been quite attractive.
- The teacher's cottage consisted of two rooms was next door. There was a community hall containing a library of well selected books. There was a well-appointed billiard saloon in which the worker's won or lost their month's wages playing snooker and pool
- In a week's time I had tamed the bullies amongst the boys and inspires confidence among the timid girls
- Their progress was rapid.

Various Comments

The following are extracts from numerous documents at the Marlborough Archives photographed in May 1916 by Grandson Sam and Myself. They are not necessarily in date order but are in file order and sometime it was difficult to know which school they were referring to so I have incorporated them accurately into one paraphrased document

Opouri Valley School Marlborough Ref 016868

Authority to build this school was given about 1917 Settlers cut the timber and built the building. This school operated until 1917 when it was closed and the children went to Opouri School 3 miles down

the road . the last teacher was Miss Mary Pennall now Mrs Hintz (Mrs R Hintz, Antonio Street Stratford)

There were 22 children taught there by Miss Rennell Children in the group Jack Kerr, Kath Pretty, Elsie Pope Jack Kroupa, Dave Murray, Betty Kroupa 2 unnamed Kerrs, Nellie Pretty, Eileen Pretty, Jack Kitching, Busta Kroupa Not in Order

Opouri School Ref 015790 The Opouri School was built by a Reade this building was shifted to Rai Valley School grounds when the schools were consolidated

Kaiuma School 26th October 1926 Inspection report included

Teacher Miss A J Pennall Grading 208 Sole Teacher

Standard 5 On Roll 1 , Present 1

Standard 4 1.1

Standard 3 3,3

Standard 1, 1,1

Primer IV 1,1,

Primer II 2, 2

Total 9, 9

Management of this school good

Order, discipline, tone is good

Attendance is somewhat affected by some children being unable to come in wet weather

The teacher is instructing the children on modern lines with good results

Accommodation is ample and the buildings are clean.

The walls are well decorated with nature specimens and geography charts

Opening part of confidential personal report from inspector undated

Miss Pennall. I am very pleased with your work you impress me as being an Earnest enthusiastic teacher with a fine influence over your scholars. I feel that you are going to effect rapid improvement in the P S Department at Carluke

Very little weakness is evidence at Opouri much is to be commended. You have made some useful pictorial aids and apparatus "Busy" apparatus is essential for keeping infants busy

Then when on talking about individual pupils and subjects

16th December 1922 Ashburton High School Letter from Head Master re Alice Pennall included Alice Pennall has been a pupil of this school since February 1919

Stating she had made very solid progress and is a diligent and painstaking worker She has taken a prominent part in school games especially hockey

I consider her a very suitable candidate for Pupil Teacher ship

W F Watt

Opouri Valley Application for establishment of school in Opouri Valley to W M Maher, Flat Creek Blenheim

Asking how far the proposed school is from Carluke, Flat Creek and Pelorus Bridge Site

9th August 1924 **Opouri School Application form for new school**

Gibson Farmer 1 ½ miles from proposed school Nearest School Carluke 8 ½ Miles away

Children Florence 7, John 6. Eva, 5, Charles, 4 Robert 3, Ray 2, Jean 6 months

Carrick 3 ½ miles from proposed school, Daphne 9, Eileen 8, Doris 6, Willie 3, Jack 1

Pretty 3 miles away Catherine 10, Thomas 8, Nellie 7, Eileen 5, Jack 1

Carpenter David 10

Kitching John 3

Proposed School Lease No 759 Opouri Valley joining 6 Block III

No of Children 33

4 Currently attend another school

Timber £1 per 100 feet

Bush all felled Land high and dry. 3 or 4 chains of frontage

Then a further supplement application Carluke 6 ½ miles away, Flat Creek 10 miles, Pelorus Bridge 14 miles

I cannot give any particulars as to accommodation for a teacher

The settlers cannot give any guarantee towards maintenance of teacher. It is a hard thing to meet the rent and get a living

19th September 1924 letter re **Kaiuma School** from Mr. Maher to Wellington Education Board included

- a) The new school is a good 2 miles from the Kaiuma school
- b) The Kaiuma School is only a temporary school to start with
- c) It is impossible for the children to walk to the Kaiuma School this end of the valley
- d) The Carrick's would have about 5 miles, Gibson's 4, Dillon's 3
- e) The road would break the heart of an army mule to walk through

Note from Wellington Education Board on bottom

- a) The site is the Opouri Valley Site
- b) The Kaiuma Temporary school be closed
- c) The Committee being informed so

29th September letter to Kaiuma School Committee stating the school is going to close included The Board recognises the spirit in which your settlers provided this temporary building and as I have said it regrets the inconvenience will probably be caused to some settlers through the adoption of the proposals now under review.

20th October Letter from J C Logan Clerk of Wellington Education Board office in Blenheim Labelled urgent

- a) Inspector Mackenzie informs me that there is considerable friction among the people re erecting a new school in the Opouri Valley
- b) Mr. McKenzie thinks more investigating should be made
- c) The Kaiuma people say if their school is closed they will send their children to Carluke
- d) This will leave new school with only people at the upper end of the valley
- e) The site of the new school will be the centre of the population but it is not there yet

20th October 1924 Another letter from Blenheim office of Wellington Education Board

- a) The chairman of the Kaiuma School interviewed me
- b) Only one family living near the proposed school can be classed as permanent and most of the children should be compelled to go to Carluke school as it is much closer
- c) That would lead to the closing of the new school

Reply from Education Board that only 1 child is further away from school than 3 miles

10th June 1927 J C Logan Clerk of Works at Blenheim office of Wellington Education Board

30th June Wellington Education Board asks for Kaiuma school to be kept open while the 4 or 5 families working for the Public Works Department still have their children there as it is too far for them to go

Opouri Valley School

- a) I visited the school yesterday the road between the two fords is as bad as it could be
- b) I had to hire a gig to take me over the fords and the last three miles of roads
- c) I understand the contractor said he would be finished on the 15th of this month. I will be greatly surprised if he is finished at the end of the month
- d) A long list of unfinished items
- e) The chimney is well built but it smokes a little
- f) I have had a difficult job to keep anywhere near the specifications
- g) His statements are unreliable if I have had to get him to make so many changes that the unseen may be even worse than the seen
- h) The only way would be to camp on the job when such a man is doing it

- i) My past experience of the man was that he would do his best to beat the specs (*Specifications*)
- j) Mr. Reade is very anxious to get another progress payment but I hope you will keep back enough to secure the job being finished
- k) Mr. Adams is anxious to hear from the Board that his account for plumbing will be met

7th November 1932 letter to Miss M E Dempsey Upper Opouri School Will you please forward a report of on the outbreak of fire at your school

Opouri School 20th January 1939

Letter from A A Kitching Chairman of Opouri School

- a) As the school is to be closed the Committee want to be advised of the Disposal of grounds. buildings and furniture if their responsibility is to cease
- b) As there are no School Committee elections for 15 months what representation of Opouri is to be included on the Rai Valley School Committee

Wellington Education Board analysis of amalgamating schools

School	Grade	Roll	Teacher
Carluka	II	36	Sole Teacher
Rai Valley	II	30	Sole Teacher
Ronga Valley	I	10	Sole Teacher
Opouri	II	22	Sole Teacher
Tinline	I	8	Sole Teacher
Pelorus Bridge	1	9	Sole Teacher
New School	III c	115	Head Teacher and 2 assistants

Pelorus Guardian

15th December 1911 The Opouri Valley School Committee notified that Miss Harris been appointed to the permanent charge of the school. —Appointment confirmed.

14th February 1913 For the position of- head teacher at Canvastown, five applications were received, and three qualified applicants were referred to the .committee for con- consideration. Eight applications were received for teacherships at Nydia Bay and Opouri Valley, and ten for Te Awaite. All the applications were authorised to be sent to the respective committee. It was decided to ask the committees to make a second choice in each case

14th March 1913 Miss Helen Scott appointed

13th June 1913 Marlborough Education Board Miss Doris E Spittal appointed relieving provisionally

12th March 1915 Miss C M Gould appointed

16th April 1912 Opouri, sole teachership, Miss Gould appointed

2nd July 1915 Great improvements in the social conditions have taken place in the "Opouri " during the past few months, the increase in the married population having largely contributed to this very desirable result. A very successful dance in aid of the school fund was held on the 19th inst., about twenty couples taking part. Mr. T. Williams, the secretary of the school committee, acted as M.C. The married ladies, and the school teacher, Miss Gould, had charge of the catering, which was excellently managed, and the music was supplied by the mill orchestra. The whole affair proved an unqualified success, and a very fair sum was added to the school fund.

16th July 1915 News was received in Canvastown last week that Mr. Herbert Stratford, formerly schoolmaster here, and lately of Inglewood, has enlisted for active service. Mr. John H. Walls, who was in charge of the school here for a time has also volunteered.

13th August 1915 OPOURI SCHOOL In reference to the school at Opouri Valley, the Marlborough Timber Company offered to lease the school at a nominal rental, so that the Board could take over the control of the school. It was pointed out by the secretary that the Department would not consent to equip the school unless the land and buildings were vested in the Board. The Department undertook to rent buildings. It was decided that steps be taken temporarily to rent the building

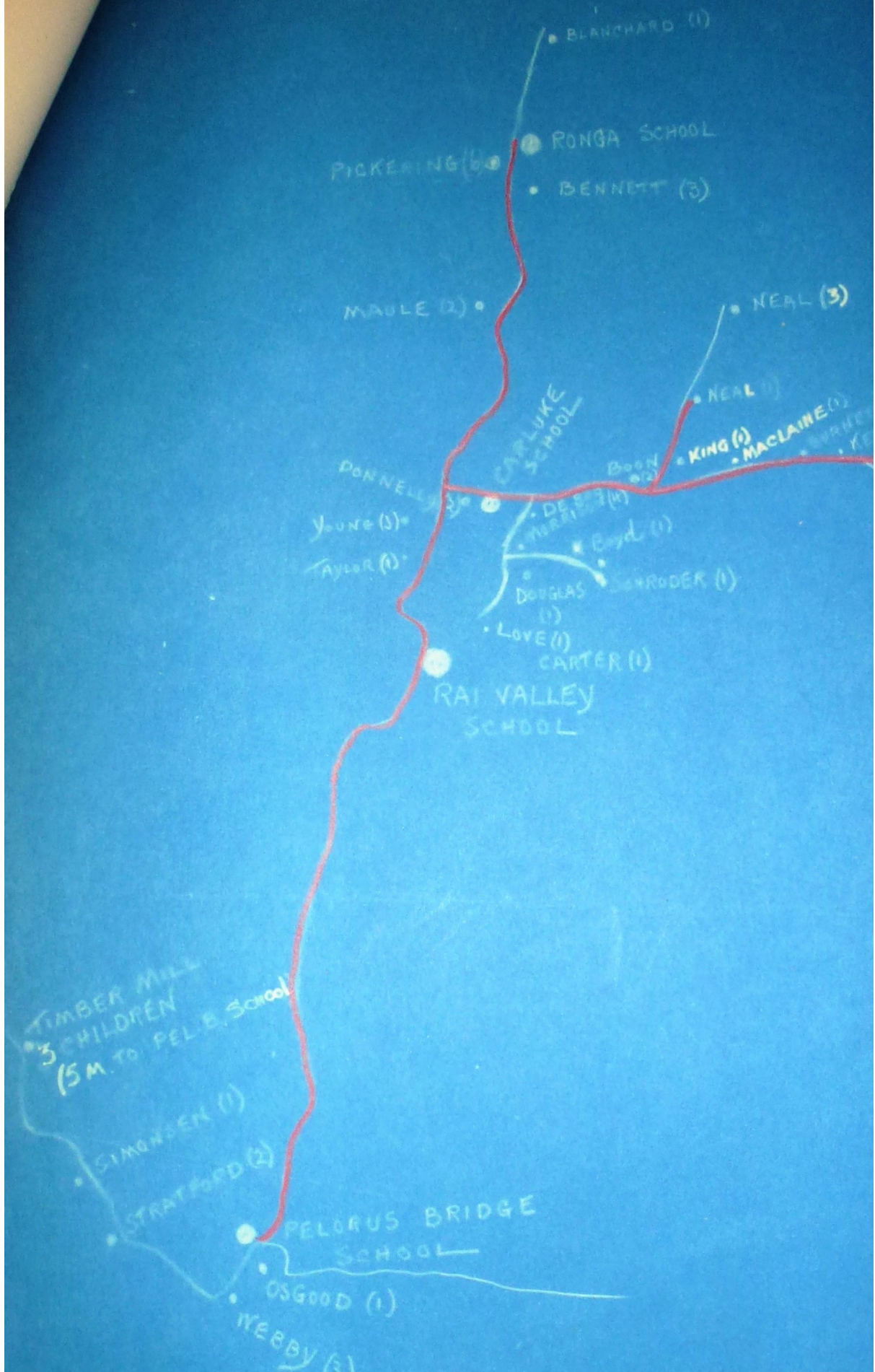
23rd March 1917 The settlers in the Opouri are applying for a school to be built, there. There are 15 children of school age at present

27th March 1917 Mr. and Mrs. Finlayson leave here on Friday 23rd March. They intend spending a short time in New Plymouth before Mr. Finlayson proceeds to camp on the 10th April. Their departure will be a distinct loss to the district. Mr. Finlayson, as head master of the local school, enjoyed the full confidence of the parents, and both he and Mrs. Finlayson were keen members of the local Patriotic Society and the Literary and Debating Society, Mr. Finlayson having occupied the position of President of the latter. They take with them the best wishes of their many friends locally, who sincerely regret their departure.

7th December 1917 Pelorus Road Board UPPER OPOURI SCHOOL. The secretary of the Wellington Education Board wrote regretting that the erection of bridges in the Upper Opouri had been deferred. The letter stated that Mr. Wells, representative of the settlers, had been written to, and informed that the Education Board was willing to provide material for the school on the lines suggested, but the Board is now informed that the settlers are not in a position at the present time to find the timber and labour to build the school.

Mr. Nees stated that the settlers had not shelved the matter, but at present were busy milking, etc.

RAI VALLEY - PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION



Pelorus Bridge (1911-1923)

West of Canvastown on State Highway 6

1911	12	Pelorus Bridge	Cheek	Eva	Female	£	90.00	£10.00
1912	11	Pelorus Bridge	Cheek	Eva	Female	£	90.00	£10.00
1913	13	Pelorus Bridge	Cheek	Eva	Female	£	90.00	£10.00
1914	18	Pelorus Bridge	Cheek	Eva	Female	£	94.10	£10.00
1915	21	Pelorus Bridge	Mapp	Elsie	Female	£	110.00	£20.00
1917	23	Pelorus Bridge	Mapp	Elsie M	Sole		£125.00	
1919	27	Pelorus Bridge	Mapp	Elsie	Sole		£200.00	
1921	27	Pelorus Bridge Canvastown	Wilkins	Dorothy L	D	Sole	£240.00	
1923	38	Pelorus Bridge	Mills	Howard C	D-209	Head	£223.00	
1923	38	Pelorus Bridge	Gallop	Eliza F	Reliever		£145.00	

14th November 1911 NEW SCHOOL WANTED. Seven settlers from Pelorus Bridge wrote asking that a school' building be established there without delay. At present Mr Gardiner at great inconvenience had allowed the use of a room in his house, where the children have assembled since August 1st, 1911. An outbreak of measles made some difference in the attendance, and so the average suffered. A new sawmill had lately been built in the vicinity and would shortly commence operations. Appended were names and ages of 23 children of all ages in the locality, who would at some time or other attend school. Of the 23 children 14 were five years or upwards. Mr Fulton said that the school was badly wanted. Ten acres had been granted by the Land Board, and he (Mr Fulton) had asked the Land Board to go on with, the survey as: soon as possible. It was agreed to ask the Land Board to push, on the matter of a site, and also to apply for a grant for a school.

1st June 1912 MARLBOROUGH EDUCATION BOARD. TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to noon on MONDAY, -June 10th, for the following works:— New School, Upper .Weld Street, Blenheim.. New School, Deep Creek. New School, Pelorus Bridge. E. S. HYLTON, Secretary

11th June 1912 Erection of a school at Pelorus Bridge: Alfred G. Mills, £141 (accepted).

9th July 1912 A sum of £10 was granted for the clearance of the Pelorus Bridge school site.

13th August 1912 Yesterday Mr C. Nees signalled his first appearance as a member of the Education Board by asking for a quantity of information on various matters. He ascertained that a petition signed by ten householders was required' to enable a Committee to be formed for the Pelorus Bridge school

10th September 1912 Mr A. G, Mills wrote asking for an extension of time for the erection, of the Deep Creek and Pelorus Bridge schools, as the timber was very green. —It was resolved that Mr Mills be asked to have the school completed so as to be in readiness after the Christmas holidays

15th October 1912 PELORUS BRIDGE. In accordance with the local request, it was resolved that the erection of a school-house at Pelorus Bridge be held over till March, pending the bush "burn," A petition with the necessary number of names was received, praying for the constitution of a new school district. A resolution was passed providing for the taking of, the requisite measures for this purpose

12th November 1912 PELORUS BRIDGE. A new school area was established for the Pelorus Bridge School district, and the boundaries were approved. An offer from Mr Mills to erect outbuildings at this school was accepted.

10th December 1912 PELORUS BRIDGE

At, the instance of Mr Nees an additional £10 was granted to the Pelorus Bridge Committee for the clearing of the bush off the school grounds.

15th April 1913 The secretary explained' that, owing to an unforeseen delay, the heaters for the Pelorus Bridge school had not come to hand. They would be forwarded in the near future

13th May 1913 PELORUS BRIDGE. Mr J. Bown, jnr., wrote asking for information as to the course that should be followed for the election of a Committee for the Pelorus Bridge.— It was explained that the residents would have an opportunity of electing a Committee at the second meeting of householders. A sack of grass seed for the sowing of the school ground was granted.

14th October 1913 PELORUS BRIDGE. Mr Nees reported that he visited the Pelorus Bridge School and satisfied himself that clearing to the value of £10 had been done. A small garden was fenced. He suggested that £12 be granted to fence some level ground for the scholar's horses. The chairman of the Pelorus Bridge Committee wrote applying for a grant for the fencing recommended by Mr Nees.

A sum of £12 was granted, the work to be done under the supervision of Mr Nees

17th March 1914 A sum not to exceed £3 was granted for the drainage of the Pelorus Bridge school grounds

8th January 1918 Proficiency Exam success: Amy Couper

7th August 1918 Soldiers Christmas Parcel Fund Pelorus Bridge School per Miss 16 shillings 6 pence

PELORUS BRIDGE SCHOOL.

The spirit expressed by the following letter, received by the Marlborough Women's Patriotic Executive, from the pupils of the Pelorus Bridge School will be generally applauded:— "Although we are not yet old enough to go to fight for our King and country, we wish to send a few pennies to give- the soldiers a little comfort on Christmas Day, when we are at home living in luxury, while they are out in. the danger zone. "Sibyl Pike Is, Olive and Florence Strange 4d, Elizabeth Bown Is, Frank Bown Is, Isabel Bown Is, Robert Bown Is, Walter Bown Is, Gladys Smart 3d, Gladys Prentice Id, Doreen Prentice Id, Valarie Prentice Id, Zoe Gartner 3d, Ida Gartner 2d, Mavis Gartner 3d, Ida Gartner 3d, Lily Gartner 3d, Ruby Gartner 3d, Gordon Gartner 3, Haslam Luff 3d, Nolan Luff 3d, Cora Luff 3d, Beatrice Luff 3d, Warn Mills Id, Thelma Mills 3d, Darcy Mills Id, Edwina Mills 3d, Una Couper Is, Sinclair Con per Is, Rita Couper 2s, Horace Gardiner Is, Ada Gardiner Is, Edna Gardiner 6d."

22nd October 1920 Works authorised in the Marlborough-Ward included half the cost of renewal of two heaters at Blenheim, a brick fireplace to replace a stove at Pelorus Bridge,

15th June 1921 Miss D M Wilkins

16th May 1923 The enlargement of the present classroom at Pelorus Bridge has been approved by the Department, a Bum of £275 being granted for the purpose.

27th August 1924 A A Doak Resigned

10th November 1925 Tenders called for latrines and septic tank at Pelorus Bridge

3rd May 1929 M r D V Sutton Sole Teacher Pelorus Bridge

25th March 1931 Mr J J C Williams Sole Teacher Pelorus Bridge

1st November 1932 Miss A E Mackay Sole Teacher Pelorus Bridge

17th November 1932 Miss E V V McFadden Sole Teacher Pelorus Bridge

21st September 1937 At Rai Valley the schools affected will be those at Opouri, Pelorus Bridge, Ronga, and Carluke. Pupils at present attending the schools mentioned will be conveyed to Rai Valley School by three separate bus services, one for Pelorus Bridge, one for Opouri, and one for Ronga and Carluke. The attendance roll of the Rai Valley School will thus increase from 37 to 122. The provision of extra accommodation at Rai Valley will be

necessary, and a building programme will shortly be put into operation, the intention being to build along open-air lines as far as possible.

Also see Excellent history Google Eva Cheek and Look for Victoria University Site

National Archives: Only file under Pelorus Bridge name

8th September 1928 Letter from John Bown Chairman School Committee that the money collected for the school septic tank was not needed so could this money be spent on books for the school library a Total of £2.7 collected from 13 subscribers

Reply allowed for this change books to be purchased from E J Penny and Co Blenheim

£2.12 (With a pound for pound subsidy)

List of all books and prices listed

Undated Newspaper cutting included the following information on the Pelorus School supplied by Linden Armstrong, Havelock Museum

- The first application for a school in 1911 failed because the settlers could not guarantee an average attendance of 11
- The application Named Gertrude Eva Cheek as an experienced teacher who had attended Marlborough High School from 1904 to 1908 (*She had taught at Waireka School South East of Seddon for two years with a low roll number*)
- Mr. Sholto Gardener opened the school anyway with Miss Cheek teaching
- 14th November 1911 deputation from 7 settlers visited Marlborough Education Board . They had 23 children of school age. The school site was 90 acres declared by the Marlborough Land Board and a new sawmill was soon to make a start
- Agreed G Mills tender was accepted for £141. The site was on the left after crossing over the bridge on the way to Rai Valley
- Following is a list of teachers who taught at Pelorus Bridge School: Miss Eva Cheek (1911-1913, Miss Elsie Mapp (1914-1923) Dorothy Wilkins, Phoebe Hicks, Howard Mills, Douglas White, James Elder, D V Sutton, Misses D N Shepherd, C McFadden, B Hille, Wilkinson, A A Doak, H Spritt, and Mr. P G Quinn

Pelorus Bridge (Rai Falls)

This article is a summary of Correspondence between Wellington Education Board and Tinline School on a number of topics but mainly re lack of space. All articles below are in summary form.

The originals are found at Marlborough Archives

9th September 1922 Letter from Mr. J Bown Secretary of Pelorus Bridge School Committee asking

- a) Asking for an addition to the Pelorus Bridge Schoolhouse
- b) We have 37 children on the roll and 4 or 5 more are expected when the school opens again
- c) A new sawmill is being put in our neighbourhood and we expect that several additional families will be needing the school
- d) The present school is 24 foot x 18 Foot
- e) The principal windows are on the South or shaded side that the sun cannot shine into the room
- f) All our teachers have complained of the small space and bad ventilation
- g) There is a sawmill at work about half a mile from the school, so timber can be got without great expense
- h) Classroom 360 square feet
- i) September roll 35 Average 32

Undated reply to Mr. J Bown That the architect is going to come over and will call. The numbers do not disclose at present serious overcrowding. We have indeed much less space at some other schools

You may rely on the architect looking carefully at the matter when in the district

12th October 1927 letter from Mr. Bown to Wellington Education Board included

- a) I am writing about the necessity for more space for our children
- b) The size of the room is 18 foot x 19 foot long. I was in error in my last letter in stating the dimensions were 24 feet x 18
- c) The number on the roll is now 39 there are 5 more of school age, but their parents are hesitating to send them because the room is seriously overcrowded
- d) We also require an assistant teacher
- e) The younger children have made scarcely any progress sin the last 12 months
- f) We would suggest that a piece be built on the end opposite the present fireplace, If this was done there would not much boarding as the wall is taken up with windows
- g) Another fireplace would be needed

The letter was referred to the Secretary of the Board by the works and finance Committee

14th November 1922 A part of letter written by Secretary of Wellington Education Board included

- a) That on the present numbers you require extra accommodation
- b) On you roll number of 39 on the 30th September and I understand has not increased materially since that time
- c) The highest average for one teacher is 35 children
- d) Your numbers are hardly high enough to expect a permanent appointment of an assistant and you have certainly not earnt one yet
- e) The Board cannot legally pay for an assistant until the roll averages 35 for over a year
- f) To get right down to bedrock fact would you get the teacher to fill in the form which I now enclose
- g) The teacher is to underline the children who are actually enrolled and attending

18th November 1922 A letter from Mr. McCallum MP to Secretary Wellington Education Board

- a) I have just returned from a meeting of my constituents in this school
- b) It is a small room 18 x 19 badly designed
- c) There are 39 pupils with 5 more to come if there is room for them
- d) I have never seen a room so crowded
- e) Several of the children have to sit on small boxes because her is no room for more desks to be jammed into this stifling place
- f) The room should be doubled in size at once
- g) The school should be raised so that Mr. Mills can have an assistant
- h) It is quite impossible for one teacher to teach 39 pupils properly over 6 standards and I can imagine that Mr. Mills must be nearly heartbroken in his attempt to do justice to the Board
- i) Mai I ask that I ask you to regard this as an urgent matter and assist my constituents as promptly as possible and have the school doubled in size.

26th November 1922 Letter to Mr. McCallam from Education Board included

- a) We are aware that just now the school is crowded
- b) The architect has visited and is prepared to submit a proposal immediately an official report is received from Mr. Warren (*School Inspector*) based on umbers Mr. Bown has this week furnished to him
- c) The numbers do not permit the Board to appoint an assistant although the room is admittedly not sufficient for the present numbers

23rd November 1922 Note form Secretary of Wellington Education Board to Mr. T F Warren Inspector included

- a) You will not from Mr. Bown's list there are 45 children of 14 (years) most of whom will presumably be going out and only 4 children of 4 to come in.
- b) Some of these may not come in as they are all from 1 mile to 3 ½ miles from the school

6th January 1923 Mr. Warren's Report included

- a) The Board should extend the existing school room and add on another classroom
- b) In my opinion this school will always be a Grade 2 school
- c) The popularity of the teacher may in future raise it to Grade 3 for a year or two
- d) But on the other hand an unpopular teacher and the loss of one or two families would easily send the roll number down to 30
- e) The present school is too small and an addition is urgently needed
- f) The school will not be in Grade 3 this year and another classroom will afford no relief for one teacher to teach a divided class into two rooms.
- g) If an addition of about 8 feet is made to the school it will afford immediate relief and even if the roll goes up two teachers will be able to carry on until the grade is definitely settled
- h) When alterations are being made the school should be turned round to conform to modern ideas in lighting etc.

18th January 1935 letter from Wellington Education Board to Department

- a) The roll is 37
- b) I]the room might be suitable for a single class but not for a sole charge
- c) The school is a bush one and the original design while it provided for the classroom to face the road does not serve for proper lighting and corridor. The classroom faces due South
- d) (1) Remodel the lighting\
- (2) Providing a corridor
- (3) Alteration to roof

Estimated cost £347 plus 6 dual desks @ 50 shillings each £15

Room is 20 foot x 18 foot (6.09 metres x 5.49 Meters)

Roll 1920, 27 1921, 27. 1922, 32 Last quarter 37

No train service

Flat Creek 4 Miles. Carluke 7 Miles, Canvastown 6 ½ miles

Section 31 Block VIII Heringa Survey District Size 3 acres

Board's title Freehold

Walls Wood Roof Galvanised iron

Classroom extended 8 foot on west side addition of corridor on South Side, classroom windows removed from South Side and placed in North Wall roof altered to suit extension of Classroom

22nd February Department queries attendance figures as some children would have left at end of the year

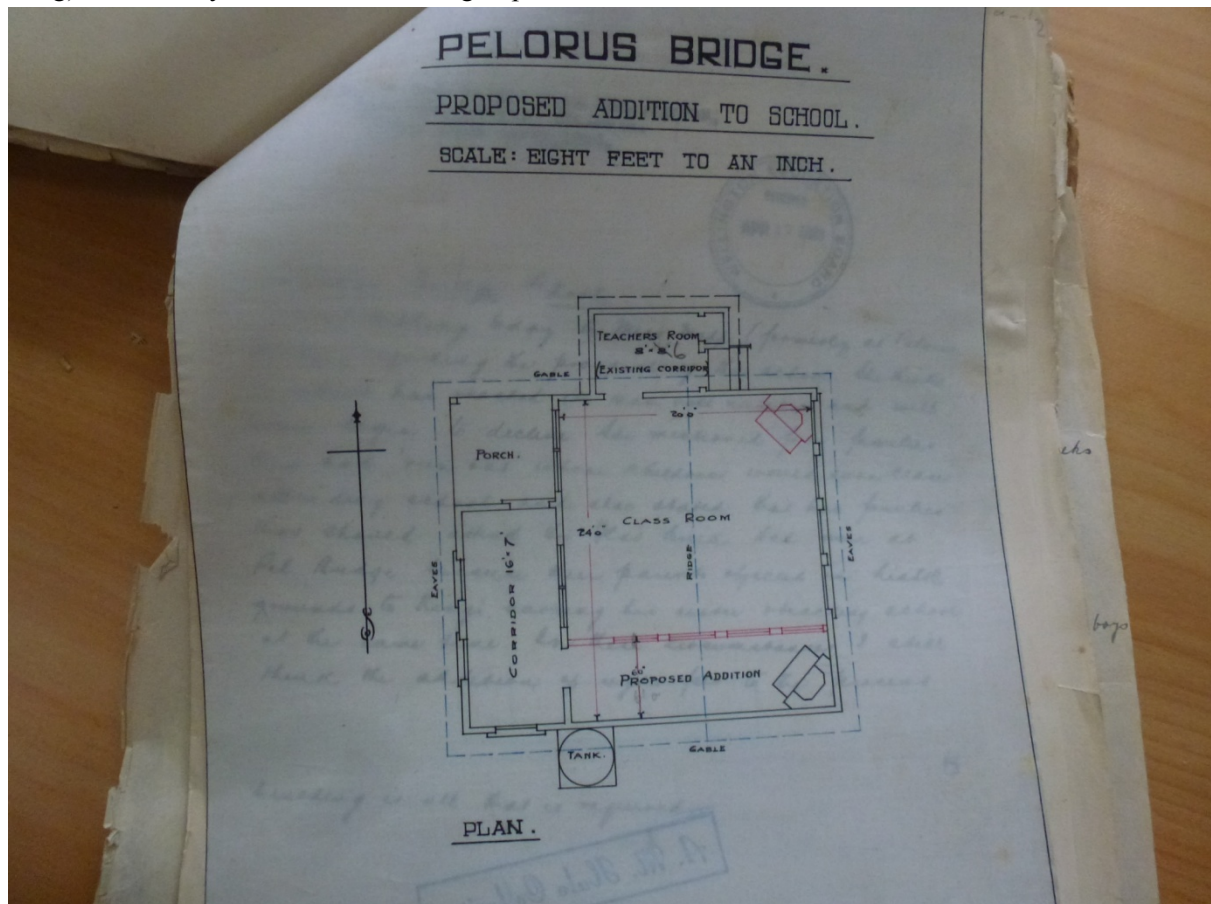
The plan is open to the following criticisms

- a) The lighting is due North
- b) The existing roof span is 20 feet and why it is being replaced is not clear
- c) To obtain the proposed area the depth has to be 28 feet
- d) It is questionable if the current small porch is worth saving for the materials

12th March 1923 Howard C Mills, teacher writes to Secretary Wellington Education Board and includes

- a) I now have 38 on roll
- b) One standard 7 pupil is one of last year's proficiencies
- c) There are two more to come this year
- d) Another family is reported to be coming up to the mill here
- e) This will make a total of 42 children

- f) "Rumours" are that one or two children are coming from Flat Creek when the room is enlarged
- g) Personally I think the roll will go up



7th April 1923 Letter to Marlborough Education Board from John Bown Chairman

- a) Can you tell me when the addition is to be done
- b) The roll has gone up to 42
- c) We are expecting a family of 7 to arrive in a few days
- d) Now the weather is getting cooler the children cannot be taken outside to be taught
- e) Can you tell me if we can claim subsidy on money collected from residents for prize money

17th April Unsigned note (*Probably from Inspector*) stating I was talking today to Miss Mapp (Formerly at Pelorus Bridge) regarding the prospects of the school included

- a) She thinks it has reached its Max and will soon decline
- b) She mentioned four families who had "run out" of replacement children
- c) And also stated that two families that should attend Flat Creek School were at Pelorus Bridge because their parents object on health grounds to Kingi nursing his sister and teaching school at the same time.
- d) In these circumstances I still think the addition of 8 feet to the present building is all that is required.

17th April 1923 Letter from Department to Wellington Education Board asking for a reply to their 22nd February letter

15th April 1923. Wellington Education Board writes that it accepts amended plan by the Department

9th May 1923 Department writes to Wellington Education Board confirming new plan at a reduced cost of £275

14th June 1923 John Bown, chairman of School Committee writes to Education Board

- a) That proposed additions to school will not be sufficient owing to growing roll
- b) Average for last term was 40 and very likely to be over 46 for the next
- c) We think the present classroom should be extended to form another classroom
- d) That two entrances will be necessary as in case of alarm or fire loss of life may occur through having only one way of getting out

12th July Another long John Bown letter to Education Board

- a) Wanting 12 foot instead of 6 foot proposed as cost would not be great
- b) The present average roll is likely to keep up for another 5 or 6 years
- c) It appears that an assistant teacher has been earnt
- d) Regarding water supply: There is no pure drinking water at the school a well would not be desirable as the stagnant or swampy water would run into it.
- e) The nearest permanent and pure water would require 25 chains of pipe and would give plenty of fall to provide a sanitary tank system
- f) If the material is supplied the residents would supply the labour
- g) The owners of the land next door are willing to give permission to use their land
- h) Regarding draining school grounds About 800 feet in field drain pipes would be necessary if these are provided the residents will do the labour of digging the drains and putting in the pipes

2nd August 1923 Howard C Mills writes to Wellington Education Board In reply to your letter re transferring pupils to Flat Creek

- a) The only children who are within Mandatory having to go to Flat creek are the Bryant Boys. These boys however are living with parents on their grandfather's farm and as their father expects to build on his own farm shortly this really leaves no one who could attend Flat Creek more conveniently than Pelorus Bridge
- b) That is the required information

14th August 1923 Mr. Bown is sick with influenza and a School Committee member writes in his name writes again to Education Board

- a) The School Committee have arranged with Mr. Sholto Gardiner for the loan of his woolshed until November 1st when he will want it himself
- b) The School Committee want to shift all the school furniture and fittings before the holidays owing to pressing farm duties caused by their cows which are beginning to "Come In"
- c) They want to close the school a day earlier so that the teacher can arrange the furniture and fittings in the temporary building
- d) We hope the alterations will be done expeditiously as possible
- e) Per F H Mills

Reply All tender forms are going to Blenheim, if you have a local then please advise him of the process, Robertson Bros Nelson have also been advised. Tenders close 1 September

11th September 1923. Contract let to Mr. William Thompson who hopes to have work finished well before 1st November

9th October Letter from Mr. Logan Clerk of Works Another week should see it Finished. I am sending out 4 sheets of hyloplate as present blackboards are in poor shape

He is to repair the boards on the outhouses where it is rotten

The gates are not very satisfactory but the School Committee are dealing with this

The School Committee will meet tomorrow to consider the draining of the grounds and how many field drain pipes are needed

23rd October 1923 Letter from Mr. Logan to Mr. McDougall Architect

- a) Mr. Thompson has finished the contract
- b) I shall visit and report
- c) The main lights in the school were facing South and blinds were not needed very much

- d) But now that the windows face East it will be necessary to provide blinds
- e) The old blinds were bundled together and on inspection by the builders were beyond repair
- f) I will look them over but probably they will need to be renewed

31st October 1923. Another letter from Mr. Logan to Architect

- a) Painting and repairing the outbuildings cost £15-15-0
- b) The whole of the work has been well carried out
- c) I am ordering 4 new blinds
- d) I explained to the chairman the advantage of draining thoroughly $\frac{3}{4}$ of the ground and leaving open drains near the rear and end.
- e) This would provide a good football ground but not without a great deal of labour in stumping and levelling
- f) I have therefore ordered 500 concrete 4 inch pipes each 12 inches long they will cost 37/6 a hundred and £11-7-6 the lot

15th June 1927 Cresswell and White Four months since we completed a contract and we have not been paid Is it not time we received our final payment

7th December 1931 A letter from a Mr Pike that she had heard that the school may not be open next year and could he live in the building

20th July 1936 Rai valley Women's Division Farmer's Union The following motion was passed at our meeting That the Wellington Education Board be written to asking them to consider the consolidation of the schools in the Valley's districts

27th August 1936 Letter to Mr. Bown Chairman of the Pelorus Bridge School Committee still.

- a) That the WDFU letter was received
- b) That a copy of their letter is being sent to the School Committee's concerned
- c) That the School Committee's go into the matter with the Ward members concerned
- d) That the Ward Members report to the Wellington Education Board
- e) Messrs Pike and Duckworth will be visiting in the very near future

Undated letter to Mr. Duckworth Wellington Education Board representative for Marlborough

- a) The chairman approves of you and Mr. Pike should go into the area to going into this question (Consolidation)
- b) If you can persuade the parents that consolidation is the right thing you will be rendering a service to the children
- c) It is not desirable to make the change so close to the year end

22nd September That the board approve and go into the question of consolidation. Motion agreed

23rd September 1937 to SECRETARY Wellington Education Board a petition from Pelorus Bridge included

- a) Asking for continuation of a teacher at Pelorus Bridge
- b) At a meeting 6 voted against amalgamation and 3 for
- c) Of the 3 who voted for continuation One has e children attending, One has two and the third will have one of school age next term
- d) Of the 6 who voted against continuation, four have no children of school age, all having left school, One has one child, 12 months old and the other young children under 3
- e) Thanking you in anticipation of placing this petition before the board

Children At School	Names	Comment
2	H Stratford	School Committee
	Mrs Strafford	
3	C Webby	School Committee
	I Webby	
	E E Gardiner	

1	H J R Gardiner	5 Next Year
	R J Thorn	School Committee
	R J Gartner	
	C F Gartner	
1	H W Osgood	Attending
	L I Osgood	

Please kindly reply to Mr. R J Thorn Pelorus Bridge P O

8th November 1936 Letter to Mr. Duckworth from Secretary of Education Board

Re Consolidation I have been expecting a reply re to above, but so far nothing has come to hand

If we are going to get a start in the New Year you action is urgent

We have to have the facts to present to the Department for a new room at Rai Valley

Will you please do your best to expedite the matter

Letter from H Duckworth Handwritten Pelorus Bridge. This teacher has owing to fall in grade been transferred to Blenheim and as it will be a separate contract from the other run also two children at the mill are if the rest is being delayed not getting any schooling at all. Think this could be gone on with immediacy

In an undated report on Marlborough Schools of the Wellington Education Board it was written that there was not enough time to consolidate Pelorus Bridge in advance of the others and a temporary teacher had been appointed

16th April 1947 Report from A Wellington Education Board Architect. That a sash had been so decayed that it had fallen to pieces. Mr. Horricks of Rai valley had phoned. I advised him to arrange to repair the sash. Mr. Horricks will fix it

17th September 1948 Electrical Engineers wanted to use the school as a base

Notes from Wellington Education Board Erected 1912, Extended 1923, Septic Tank installed 1927, Last Painted 1940

This building requires a lot of repair

When conveyance started to Rai Valley the school did not join in but continued on for a while

1st March 1949 A teacher from Nelson College wanted to use the school over Easter for Boys from Wellington who are not going home for Easter.

18th May 1949 No reason why the Electric Department cannot occupy the site. The sale price is to be at Government Valuation

30th April 1949 Thank you letter from Nelson College for use of school

22nd December 1948 Valuation of Pelorus Bridge School with a Capital Value of £335

7th October 1949 Property transferred to the Crown from Wellington Education Board through Lawyers Brandon, Ward and Hislop

10th October 1949 Presented to Education Board officially approved sale

Pelorus Guardian

12th May 1911 It was decided to recommend the Minister to set aside about 10 acres of section 23, block ix., Wakamarina, near the Pelorus Bridge, as a school site.

16th May 1911 A petition was received from the settlers of Pelorus Valley for the establishment of a new school between Rai Valley and Canvastown. The ward members were deputed to inspect the site and confer with the householders, and report to the next meeting. It was resolved that in the meantime an aided school be set up

14th July 1911 The residents of Pelorus Valley wrote asking the Board to appoint Miss Cheek as teacher at their recently -established school. Mr. Fulton thought that the Board should take steps to- have a school erected in this place. Ha pointed out that they had a temporary building, but they wanted one of their own. Mr. Storey

supported this suggestion. It was decided to inform the applicants that as soon as there was an average of 12 children their request would be granted

17th November 1911 Seven settlers from Pelorus Bridge wrote asking that a school be established there without delay. At present Mr. Gardiner at great inconvenience had allowed the use of a room in his house, where the children have assembled since August, 1911. An outbreak of measles made some difference in the attendance, - and so the average suffered. A new sawmill had lately been built in the vicinity and would shortly commence operations. Appended were names and ages of 23 children of all ages in the locality, who would at some time or other attend school. Of the 23 children 14 were five years and upwards. - Mr. Fulton said that the school was badly wanted. Ten acres had been granted by the Land Board, and he (Mr. Fulton) had asked the Land Board to go on with the survey as soon as possible. It was agreed to ask the Land Board to push on the matter - of a site, and also to apply for a grant for a school.

15th March 1912 SCHOOL SITE. With regard to the site required at the Pelorus Bridge, the Commissioner undertook to visit the locality and ascertain the wishes of the settlers

19th April 1912 Marlborough Land Board With regard to the school site near the Pelorus Bridge, the Commissioners reported as requested, by the Board at its' 1 last meeting.—It was resolved that a site comprising approximately three acres be set aside.

19th April 1912 The Department notified that a grant had been authorised for the Pelorus Bridge School. - The architect was instructed to prepare plans and specifications

17th July 1912 GENERAL A sum of £10 was granted for the clearance of the Pelorus Bridge school site

16th August 1912 Mr. O. Nees signalled his first appearance as a member of the Education Board by asking for a quantity of information on various matters. He ascertained that a petition signed by ten householders was required to enable a Committee to be formed for the Pelorus Bridge School

13th September 1912 NEW SCHOOLS, Mr. A. G. Mills wrote asking for an extension of time for the erection of the Deep Creek and Pelorus Bridge schools, as the timber was very green.—It was resolved that Mr. Mills be asked to have the school completed so as to be in readiness after the Christmas holidays

18th October 1912 PELORUS BRIDGE In accordance with the local request, it was resolved that the erection of a school house at Pelorus Bridge be held over till March, pending the bush "burn." A petition with the necessary number of names was received, praying for the constitution of a new school district. A resolution was passed providing for the taking of the requisite measures, for this purpose.

15th November 1912 PELORUS BRIDGE. A new school area was established for the Pelorus Bridge School district, and the boundaries were approved. An offer from Mr. Mills to erect outbuildings at this school was accepted

13th December 1912 At the instance of Mr. Nees an additional £10 was granted to the Pelorus Bridge Committee for the clearing of the bush off the school grounds.

17th October 1913 Mr. Nees reported that he visited the Pelorus Bridge School and satisfied himself that clearing to the value of £10 had been done. A small garden was

fenced. He suggested that £12 be granted to fence some level ground for the scholar's horses

The chairman of the Pelorus Bridge Committee wrote applying for a grant for the fencing recommended by Mr. Nees. A sum of £12 was granted, the work to be done under the supervision of Mr. Nees

20th March 1914 A sum not to exceed £3 was granted for the drainage of the Pelorus Bridge school grounds

8th May 1914 RAI FALLS Messrs. John Sown (chairman and secretary), C. W. Mills, W. B. Couper, and W. Eyes. The Board is asked to appoint Mr. Thorn

11th May 1915 School Committee Rai Falls—Messrs. J. Sown (chairman and secretary), C. Mills, S. Gardiner, W. Copper, and A. Luff.

16th July 1915 The Pelorus Bridge Committee wrote asking for a grant for the purchase of 20 trees, and planting and fencing the same.—Mr. Conolly said he was agreeable to present the Committee with 20 plants of Spanish chestnuts. He considered them better than pinus insignus. —The matter was left to Mr. Nees to attend to

5th May 1916 Pelorus Bridge: Messrs. J. Bown (chairman), F. Gartner. W. B. Couper, O. W. Mills, A. Luff School Committee

Rai Valley Flat Creek (1893-)

National Archives

Rai Valley School (Listed at Archives as Ronga Valley)

1901 336 square foot school

School area 10 acres being section 3 Gazetted 1895

1911 192 square feet added

1928 473 added

1930 387 square feet added and 528 square feet removed

1947 Ex Ronga Valley 1 224 square room added

New site Area 3 acres 3 roods and 24 perches being part section 61 Block V Heringa SD Gazetted 12th July 1928

1946 Type C Dental Clinic added 150 square feet Old school building used as a dental clinic from 29th March 1932

1956 Bus Garage added

1951 Ex Upper Opouri added 320 square feet

1951 School enlarged with 148 extra square feet

Residence

1908 2 room residence

1914 4 rooms Bathroom, scullery and washhouse

28th September 1940 Sold for £350

25th September 1940 New residence purchased 4 rooms and garage 1045 square foot

1893

1893 4 Rai Valley Smith Anna C Female £ 20.00

21st February 1893 BLENHEIM, February 20. Messrs McKenzie and Cadman arrived last night from Havelock accompanied by Messrs Buick, Mills, and Kerr. They visited the Rai Valley, and it is understood that they will advise that sawmilling and settlement should go on there together

6th December 1893 Mr J. W. Smith applied for land adjoining sections 19, 24, and 25, Rai Valley. Resolved to "recommend that the land be set aside as 2nd class, cash value 10s per acre.

1873/36234 Smith	Anna Caroline	Elizabeth	James William
1905/1621 Anna Caroline	Smith	Torsen	Torsenson

1894

1894 4 Rai Valley Smith Anna C Female £ 20.00

31st March 1894 The Rai Valley.

Wellington, March 30. The Minister of Mines, who has just returned from Marlborough, considers that it would be absolutely sinful to allow the Rai Valley forest to be burnt for settlement purposes it should, he says, yield from £50,000 to £70,000 in royalties alone. He believes that as the bush is cut down for the market the Crown land upon which it stands will be increased in value and work will be found for hundreds of people. Besides, if the Government purchased the present private tramway, it could be made available as a link in the chain of railway communication that must ultimately extend from Picton to Nelson.

6th June 1894 Mr R. Forrest wrote asking for a lease of a reserve in Rai Valley, which he proposed to use for educational purposes. It was resolved to inform him that the land in question was still in the hands of the Crown

1895

1895 5 Rai Valley Anderson F E Female £ 25.00

2nd July 1895 Valedictory. Gathering.—On Friday night last a pleasant gathering took place at the Happy Valley Schoolroom, when in addition to the parents of school children, past and present pupils assembled to evince their esteem for a lady who has long occupied the position of teacher at that school, and, in addition, to express their best wishes for the future welfare and prosperity of Mrs Anderson and of her family. A considerable number of old residents of the locality were present, and Mr Pitcher in an appropriate speech requested Mrs Anderson to receive from the parents and old pupils an easy chair which they were desirous of presenting to her as some mark of their esteem.

Miss Maud Flower then, on behalf of the present pupils, asked Mrs Anderson to accept a handsome lamp as a mark of affection from the elder scholars, and a teapot from the juniors. Mrs Anderson feelingly expressed the pleasure she derived in thus receiving evidence of their kindness and appreciation. Mrs Anderson was also, we learn, the recipient of other marks of esteem. After the presentation hearty cheers were given in honor of that lady, who is about to take up her residence in the Rai Valley, and before a pleasant evening was brought to a

close those present individually expressed their best wishes for the future welfare of Mrs Anderson

13th August 1895 RAI VALLEY, Mr F. Forrest wrote applying for the usual capitation m the case of an aided school. Granted

Geni:

Fanny Emma Gill

Birthdate: September 27, 1858

Birthplace: Todds Valley, Nelson, New Zealand

Death: Died January 17, 1932 in Nelson, Nelson City, Nelson, New Zealand

Place of Burial: Rai Valley, Marlborough District, Marlborough, New Zealand

Immediate Family: Daughter of [William Gill](#) and [Ann Gill](#)

Wife of [William Anderson](#)

Mother of [Kathleen Isabel Anderson](#); [Daisy Louise Anderson](#); [Dorothy May Anderson](#); [Annie Rai Anderson](#) and [Daphne Frances Bryant](#)

Half sister of [Frederick Gill](#); [Sophia Rayner](#) and [Thomas Gill](#)

1885/2588	Anderson	Daphne Frances	Fanny Emma	William
1888/14644	Anderson	Kathleen Isabel	Fanny Emma	William
1896/16963	Anderson	Annie Rai	Fanny Emma	William

1886/6807	Anderson	Dorothy May	Fanny	William
1883/7455	Anderson	Daisy Louise	Fannie Emma	William

Happy Valley School was around the Hira area of Nelson. Mrs Anderson was teaching there in 1884 In 1878 was teaching at Happy Valley as Fanny E Gill. This was the first year of Free Education in New Zealand, So Fanny taught from 1878 (*And maybe earlier*) to 1895 at Happy Valley then unto 1901 at Rai Valley a true pioneer teacher and had 3 children while teaching Fanny taught at Happy Valley school, Hira from 1875 to 1895. She was the first teacher in the area and commenced teaching at the age of 16, when some of her pupils would have been only a year or two younger than her. According to family legend she was to be sacked by the city fathers for incompetence. Apparently lost control of the kids. She locked the city fathers out of the school; and there was a fair old to do about it Wiki Tree Jeff Thomas

1881/2695	Fanny Emma	Gill	William	Anderson
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1896

1896	5	Rai Valley	Anderson	F E	D2	Female	£	25.00
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17th February 1896. Rai Valley.— -The Chief Postmaster informs us that a Post Office is to be established m the Rai Valley at Flat Creek, about 16 miles from Havelock

1897- 1898

1897	5	Rai Valley	Anderson	F E	E2	Female	£	25.00
1898	6	Rai Valley	Anderson	F E	E2	Female	£	29.00

1899

1899 6 Rai Valley Anderson Fanny E E2 Female £ 29.00

3rd April 1899 The Pelorus Guardian' of Friday last says "It is rumoured, and with every appearance of fact, that from three to four thousand acres of the Rai Valley is to be set apart as a National Park. The reserve is presumed to commence some mile and a half above Mr R. Forrest's residence, extending to the Rai Saddle, and comprising about a mile and a half of bush on each side of the main road.

1900

1900 12 Rai Valley Anderson Fanny E2 Female £ 54.00

9th October 1900 RAI VALLEY. A petition was received from the inhabitants requesting the Board to erect a school on the western side of the Rai. Resolved that the Inspector visit the locality and report to the Board.

10th December 1900 RAI VALLEY. Correspondence with respect to the establishment of a school at Rai Valley was received from Messrs Leo, Price, R. Forrest and W. Seymour, who favored the site recommended by the Inspector. Mr McCallum reported his interview with Mr Brownlee at Havelock on the question of the erection of a bridge across the Rai River. On the motion of Mr McCallum, it was resolved that the school be erected on the reserve, as recommended by the Inspector, and that Mr Forrest, the correspondent, be informed that his offer to take the work in hand for the sum of £40 on behalf of the settlers be accepted,

1901

1901 12 Rai Valley Anderson Fanny E2 Female £ 54.00

17th April Rai Valley school classed by Inspector as good. *This is the first mention of the inspector visiting Rai Valley*

10th June 1901 A letter with regard to the new school at Rai Valley was received from the correspondent.

The Secretary was instructed to request Mrs Anderson to open the school on July the 1st, to give Mr Forrest the necessary authority to procure the necessary furniture, and to thank Mr Brownlee for a contribution of £5. The Board also thanked Mr Forrest and other settlers for the interest they had taken in the work.

1902

1902 13 Rai Valley Healy Annie Female £ 68.00

13th January 1902 The Rev. Mr Howell wrote informing the Board that he had applied for the use of the school at Rai Valley for church services, and the correspondent had informed him that a charge of 5s for each occasion would be made. This was the only instance of the kind in which such a charge had been made.— It was resolved to explain to the Rev. Mr Howell that the matter would have to be postponed, pending the proposed formation of a new school district and the election of a committee. NEW DISTRICT. A petition was received from residents of Rai Valley praying that the necessary steps be taken for the formation of a school district.—The prayer of the petition was granted, and it was resolved that the meeting of householders be convened, and the Canvastown Committee be notified of the intention to make the division.

15th April 1902 Rai Valley, £63 to be the cost of the new school. The urgent requirements for the present year were set down as follows Enlargement of Springlands School, say, £150 rebuilding of Grovetown School, £300; addition at Rai Valley. £150,

9th June 1902 A letter was received from the Chairman of the Rai Valley Committee with reference to the teachership.—It was resolved to call for applications for the filling up of the position.

10th June 1902 The vicar conducted service at the Rai Valley for the first time on Sunday morning last. These services will in future be held with regularity on the second Sunday in each month.

14th July 1902 A petition was received from a number of the householders of the Rai Valley asking that the recent election of the Committee there be declared in valid on the ground of a number of "illegalities." These, briefly, are that the Chairman challenged the candidates as to their motives in offering themselves for election that after leaving the chair saying that he had done with it and then resuming it he really occupied a self-appointed position that the voting papers were not handled properly; and that the parental qualifications of voters were disallowed.

A communication was received from a number of parents representing themselves as sending the majority of the pupils to the school stating that they were quite satisfied with the teacher.

The teacher wrote asking for the Board's reason in terminating the engagement.

All the correspondence was "received."

It was resolved to call for applications for the position of teacher at Rai Valley,

8th September 1902 Further correspondence on the frequently recurring subject of the teachership of the Rai Valley School was received. The letters were from two members of the Committee and the Chairman.

The Chairman's recommendation that Miss Healy, of Blenheim, be appointed till the end of the year was adopted.

1903

1903 16 Rai Valley McMahon Ethel C E3 Female £ 72.00

8th June 1903 Additions to the Rai Valley, school were authorised.

14th July 1903 The Rai Valley Committee recommended the Board to purchase an adjoining house for a teacher's residence.—It was resolved to write to the owner of the property, Mr Forrest, as to terms

14th September 1903 The negotiations for the purchase of the property at Rai Valley for the teacher's residence were completed

15th December 1903 The Rai Valley Committee applied to have the school building and teacher's cottage painted and a water tank supplied.—It was resolved to inform them that the painting of the buildings must await its turn, other applications to the same effect having priority.

1904

1904 16 Rai Valley Healy Agnes Licensed Female £ 80.00

11th April 1904 Miss McMahon was appointed assistant teacher at the Waitohi School. The Inspector was empowered to fill the vacancy that would be caused at Rai Valley.

20th April 1904 At the Girl's School yesterday Miss Annie Healy, who has been appointed to the teachership at the Rai Valley was the recipient of a token of the esteem of her class, in the shape of a gold photo-pendant. The presentation was made by Alice Draper, representing

Standard V.; and Miss Brewer, head teacher, added suitable compliments. Miss Healy was the guest at a social in the Good Templar's Hall last evening.

14th September 1904 The Rai Valley Committee asked for certain improvements to the ground and fences, and for the painting of the school. Resolved to defer the matter until the settlement of the question of purchasing the site

14th November 1904 The matter of making the best arrangements for a survey of the school site at Rai Valley was left to Mr R Forrest.

13th December 1904 The Commissioner of Crown Lands wrote that he had instructed Mr Gillies, district surveyor, to survey the educational site at Rai Valley. The Secretary was instructed to thank Mr Trent.

1905

1905 15 Rai Valley Healy Agnes Licensed Female £ 81.00

9th January 1905 The Fey. Mr Poston wrote renewing the request that the Board dispose of one acre of the educational site (ten acres) at Mahakipawa Valley to the Methodist Church. The Chairman said his feeling was that the Board should be prepared to grant an equal privilege to any other denomination This was generally agreed to. It was resolved that, provided it appeared on reference to the solicitor that the Board had power to sell, one acre be sold to the Rev. Mr Foston for £26. It was decided that the proceeds be devoted to the purchase of the site at the Rai Valley.

3rd July 1905 An event which occasioned much interest in the Rai Valley occurred last Thursday evening, when the first school concert ever given in the locality took place before a crowded audience. As a result of the assiduous training by the teacher, Miss A. Healy, a programme comprising- action songs, physical drill, club-swinging, tableaux, recitations, etc., was given in creditable fashion by the children, who carried out their various roles very well indeed. The gem of the entertainment was the action song "Grandma"; while the solo given by Miss Doris Wilson, in the garb of a London waif, Buy a Broom was a favorite item. The proceeds, amounting to about £2 10s, go towards the purchase of school prizes

5th July 1905 The very most is being made by the teachers attending the Winter School of Instruction being held at the Borough Schools. The several subjects opened were yesterday expanded by the various specialists, and their enthusiastic pupils—who, by the way, have come at their own expense from the remote reaches of the Sounds, and from as far as the Rai Valley and Kekerangu—were given a veritable feast of reason. The Inspector-General of Schools (Mr Hogben) will give an address on Friday upon "Mathematical Geography." It is intended by the local teachers to entertain the visiting members of the profession at a social at the close of the school. Besides the ordinary sitting yesterday, two hours additional were put in during the evening.

11th September Rai Valley a verandah was granted to Flat Creek (*There was no Flat Creek School listed in Marlborough Education Board schools listed in 1905*)

28th December 1905 The second children's concert (writes a correspondent) took place on December 21st at the Rai Valley school, which was prettily decorated for the occasion. The concert programme consisted of action songs, step dances, recitations, tableaux, etc. the action songs by the little mites being especially good. Master Charles Maule's song, I am a little sailor boy" deserves special mention.. Miss Healy, the teacher, had worked hard to make the concert a success, and such .o undoubtedly was, as the applause which greeted each item well showed. At the conclusion of the concert the chairman of the School Committee (Mr

Wratt) presented the prizes to the children. After that function had been performed, the huge Christmas Tree was dismantled, and toys and sweets distributed, every child in the Valley receiving something. The chairman then addressed the children, and complimented Miss Healy on the great success of the evening's entertainment, calling for three cheers for that lady, which were heartily given. Refreshments were then handed round by the parents, and were greatly appreciated by all present. Supper over, all wended their way homeward, fully satisfied with their evening's enjoyment.

1906

1906	15	Rai Valley	Healy	Annie	Licensed	Female
1883/16864	Healy		Agnes	Margaret Stewart		Martin
1879/8702	Healy		Annie	Margaret		Martin

12th June 1906 Flat Creek.—The matter of re-building, the school chimney was left in the hands of the inspector, who stated he would be visiting Rai Valley in a few days. *No Flat Creek School in 1906*

22nd December 1906 Included in the cases to be dealt with at the Havelock Court on 8th January is a charge of disorderly conduct against several young fellows in the Rai and the Pelorus. The disturbance is alleged to have taken place at a sale of work in the Rai Valley school-room.

24th December 1906 Own Correspondent.) The Rai Valley schoolroom was packed to overflowing on Thursday Evening by residents of that picturesque part 'of Marlborough to witness the children's concert and distribution of was a varied one, consisting of action songs, wand drill, garland drill, recreations, and choruses. Solos were sung by Misses Doris Wilson and Nesta Eyes and Master Charlie Maule, each vocalist meeting with unstinted applause, Miss Doris Wilson's song, "Silver Bells," being the gem of the evening. The action songs by the tiny tots of the school were favourite items, especially the "Dolly's Lullaby" and I'm Mother's Little Maiden." Recitations were given by Misses Winnie Price, Amelia Mills and Doris Wilson. At the conclusion of the concert, the chairman of the School Committee (Mr Hickey) addressed the audience, and in well-chosen language referred to the good work done by Miss Healy, and of the advancement of the school. The prizes were then presented, each pupil becoming the possessor of a well-bound volume. Special prizes were given by the Committee (for attendance), Mrs Smith, senr. (good behaviour), Miss Healy (best examination results), and Mr Leov (popularity). The winners of the specials were: Nesta Eyes (good attendance), Leonard Leov (good attendance). Ivy Jones (good behaviour), Doris Wilson (best examination results), and Charlie Maule (popularity). The affair was a great success, and will, result in a substantial sum towards the children's prize fund.

1907

1907	15	Rai Valley	Black	Margaret	Female	£	85.00
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15th January 1907 NEW SCHOOL. Mr Reader said he and the Commissioner of Crown Lands had visited the Rai Valley the other day, when it had been pointed out that there would shortly be an urgent demand for a new school at the junction of the Rai and the Ronga and Opouri Valleys. Mr Brownlee was establishing a new mill there. There were already 40 men

employed, and this number would increase shortly to 80. The Commissioner had been approached for a school site, and he expected a letter would have been sent to the meeting of the Board that night. It would probably arrive before the next meeting. He moved that the Chairman wait upon the Land Board and urge that a school site in the Rimu Gully be reserved from the land to be opened for selection shortly

11th June 1907 Rimu Gully Rai Valley.—Mr Russell, on behalf of Rai Valley residents, wrote concluding that the site picked for the new school was a suitable one. Not one of the Flat Creek scholars will be taken away by the new school. The settlers wished for some conclusion of the matter. There was a well defined demarcation between the proposed new school district, and the Flat Creek district

Rimu Gully school opened in 1907 for one year with Miss Elsie Storey as teacher and 22 on the roll

9th July 1907 Rai Valley.—Mr Cooper had taken Mr Buchanan's place on, the Committee. Mr Hickey had subsequently resigned, and Mr Turner been elected. Mr Buchanan had been elected chairman

Mr Arthur Russell wrote on behalf of the settlers near Rimu Gully, Rai Valley, asking the Board to appoint a teacher, as the settlers were willing to rent a house large enough for a school.—Mr Storey reported on a visit to the locality. There was no doubt the original site for the new school was the proper one. —It was decided to fall in with the wishes of Mr Russell and the settlers.

17th July 1907 Rai Valley received 13s 3d for modelling materials

5th October 1907 During the week a set of brass instruments was purchased from the Dresden Piano Company, Wellington, for the new band recently formed in the Rai Valley, Pelorus.

7th November 1907 To the great relief of residents of the Ronga, Rai Valley Mr Lambert's plans and specifications for building a new school at Ronga have been accepted, and the work will be taken in hand at an early date. The school is much needed, for the scholars are now getting more numerous at the Ronga than at Flat Creek. At present one of Mr Brownlee's cottages, erected for one of his employees, is used as a school. *Ronga valley school started 1913 but the Carluke School started 1908 with a roll of 32 so I presume this is the school mentioned*

13th November 1907 Onamalutu. —The Committee wrote accepting Miss Healy as teacher. Miss Healy was appointed on the usual terms. Flat Creek.—The action of the Chairman and Inspector in sending Miss Black temporarily to take up Miss Healy's duties at the Rai Valley school was approved

1908

1908 24 Rai Valley Thorpe Mrs Caroline E Licensed Female £ 123.10

14th January 1908 At the Education Board meeting last night a letter was read from the Rimu Gully (*Carluka*) Committee stating that there would be over 40 pupils at the new day-school there upon resuming next month. So much for the new timber township.

11th February 1909 Mrs Thorpe appointed

15th February 1908 Mrs Thorpe, who has been schoolmistress at Havelock Suburban for the past year, has been appointed to the Rai Valley school. Miss Richards succeeds Mrs Thorpe.

19th February 1908 It is reported that the Flat Creek bridge, Rai Valley, has been destroyed by fire. The report; however, lacks confirmation. It will be recollected that this bridge, a swing structure right opposite the Flat Creek school, was swept away by the 1904 flood and

replaced by the Government. It is also reported that the bush fire at Cullensville is raging anew.

22nd February 1908 News from Rai Valley indicates that the new swing bridge across Flat Creek was not destroyed by fire, although it became ignited several times during the passing of the flames.

22nd February 1908 With, regard to the bush fires in the Rai Valley, referred to in my last letter, I now hear definitely that Mr J. Clifford's house was burnt, and also the residence of the schoolmistress, Miss Black, she saving her personal effects. I am glad to hear that Mr Dan Couper, who had a bad time in fighting the flames to save his house, is slightly better. The bush fires that have been doing so much damage down the Sounds are still raging.

13th October 1908 RAI VALLEY.

[from our correspondent. Monday. On Friday evening a concert was given by the children of the Flat Creek school. The room was packed, many being unable to get in at all. Thus a good sum was obtained for funds for the school. Many thanks are due to Mrs Oscar Bird for her kindness in playing the accompaniments for the various items. The children all acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner. The following is the programme:—Pianoforte duet, Mrs Bird and Mrs Thorpe; action song, "Playtime," Juniors; rose dance, four junior girls; recitation, "The News of the Day," Miss Winnie Price; emblem song, Misses Eyes, D. Jones, E. Nesbit and Master Humphrey. 'Some wand drill, junior girls; quarrel polka, Gladys Erskine and Willie Price; recitation, "No Joke to be a Baby," five junior girls; singing quadrilles; /recitation, "Family of Seven," seven children; action song, "Little Bo-Peep," juniors; marching song, juniors; duet, "Where are you going to my pretty maid?" M. Climo and L. Leov ; dance, four children song, "Close your dreamy eyes," Miss Doris Wilson; the sailor's hornpipe, four senior girls; song, "Tommy Atkins," Master C. Maule; recitation, "The Sick Doll," Nellie Leov and Howard Thorpe; song, "Baby's Reflections," Miss. Harriet Andrews; wand drill, senior girls; song, "Darkey Boys"; parasol song, senior girls; chorus, "Daffodils." Mr W. Barton was a capable chairman. After the concert a dance, was held, Mrs Bird, Mr Browne and, Mrs Thorpe playing the music. For some time the ladies in the district have been collecting funds for building a church, the ground being given by Mr Seymour. The church is now nearing completion, and it is proposed to open it on the first Sunday in November, when it is hoped a number of friends will be present.

1909

1909 24 Rai Valley Thorpe Mrs Caroline E Licensed Female £ 128.50

6th April 1909 reappointed as teacher Rai Valley

11th May 1909 Mr Charles Turner, jun., Flat Creek, wrote acknowledging the receipt of the balance-sheet and letter of advice, £3 5s 9d. The letter had, however, been opened by a member of the Committee, who had retained the cheque enclosed. Mr Turner said he had applied to the person for the cheque, but his application had been met with a refusal, and the recipient had paid accounts out of the cheque that had previously been paid by Mr Turner. It was impossible for him to make out any balance sheet with such a state of affairs. He asked the Board to advise him as to what he should do it was decided to refer Mr Turner to the Post Office officials

15th June 1909 Flat Creek. —The secretary wrote complaining of the unsatisfactory condition of the school, and also asked to have the papers and cash sent to the Board by the late chairman returned. —A grant of £10 was made towards the repairs to the school, and it was

decided that a report be procured on the work.—It was also decided to fence in the school paddock, so as to enable the teacher to graze her horse there, at a cost of £4 10s

24th August 1909 Mr Strachan, Inspector of Schools, paid his annual inspection visit to the Rai Valley School last Monday, and expressed satisfaction with the work in general.

A very pleasant little dance was held in the Rai Valley School on Tuesday night.

23rd September 1909 Several pleasant dances have been held here lately, and these proved delightful to the young people. Among those present at the last one were: Mrs C. Jones, Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Hebbard, Miss Forrest, Miss Newman (Wellington), Miss Eyes, Miss Nesta Eyes, Miss Thorpe, Miss Simenon (Havelock), Miss Jennings (Nelson), Miss Bell (Nelson); Miss McMillan (Havelock Suburban), Miss Jones (2), Miss Simpson, Messrs Leonard , Campbell, Simpson, (3), Eyes (2), McKinley, Booker, Jones, Allen, Hebbard, Davies, Borck and Napier. The hall at Carluke is finished at last and is to be opened on October 1st.

38th October 1909 The school children gave a concert in the school here on Saturday night, which was a great success. The concert was held to obtain funds for prizes for the children. Among the items were several pretty little fancy dances, which the pupils did very well. Miss Gladys Erskine and Master Roy Jones were the gems of the evening, although all the children did their best. Mr Leov acted as chairman, in the absence of the chairman of the School Committee, and after the concert three cheers were given for Mrs Thorpe for the trouble she had taken.

14th December 1909 The Flat Creek School Committee wrote requesting the Board to have the school and outbuildings painted, and also to place a hyloplate blackboard on their wall inside the school and: to effect several minor improvements.

It was decided to supply the hyloplate and make a grant for the pairing, provided the estimate was favorable, the Chairman to attend to it when it came to hand. A grant of £2 for a copper for the school residence was also made.

21st December 1909 Two pupils from Carluke and two from the Rai Valley school sat for the sixth standard examination at Canvastown on Friday last. One pupil from each school passed

1910

1910 24 Rai Valley Thorpe Mrs Caroline E Licensed Female £ 133.00

3rd February 1910 Mrs Thorpe sat for her teachers' examination in Nelson, and has returned home.

15th February 1910 Miss Annie Healy, who was for some years teacher at Rai Valley, and has latterly been in charge of the Onamalutu school, has resigned from the service of the Marlborough Education Board to take up the position; of assistant at Kaiwairi, (*Kaiwairi is on the Featherston Martinborough Road, The researcher's ancestors were on the School Committee about this time*) under the Wellington Board. Miss Healy has an excellent record, and will be greatly missed by the scholars at Onamalutu.

14th April 1910 Mr Spear will be greatly missed from the Rai. Many of the children in the Rai have whooping-cough, and are unable to attend school

26th April 1910 Rai Valley had 91% attendance rate. One out of the 26 schools to achieve over 90%. 21 schools had less than 90%

The School Committee is as follows: —Messrs D. Couper, C. Jones, C. Leov, W. Gardiner, and A. Hebbard (chairman)

10h May 1910 The Flat Creek School Committee applied for a grant of £25 for repairs to the school. It was decided that an application be made to the Education Department for a grant for this work.

12th May 1910 The Rai Valley school was closed yesterday out of respect to the late King's memory.

On Friday evening a ball was held in the new social hall to celebrate the opening. The building was "purchased from Messrs Robertson Bros., and comprises a large dancing room, with supper-room and dressing-room attached. The floor was in splendid order, and good music was supplied by Mr Rutland on a piano kindly lent by Mrs Thorpe, for which the committee express their thanks.

14th June 1910 In accordance with Inspector Strachan's recommendations, the Board decided to extend the Rai Valley School as required by the Committee, and that the Department be applied to for a grant for this work.

28th July 1910 The Rai school is to be examined on August 4th, and I hope that the children will do their very best and do credit to their teacher. Such bad weather lately has affected the attendance at school a great deal, and will probably affect the children in their work at the examination.

1911

1911 24 Rai Valley Thorpe Mrs Caroline E Licensed Female £ 142.10

3rd May 1911 New additions were added to Rai Valley school last year

9th May 1911 RAI VALLEY. The Education Department wrote advising the Board that a sum of money had been granted for the enlargement, of the Rai Valley School

The establishment of a new school between Rai Valley and Canvastown.- The ward members were deputed to inspect the site and confer with the householders, and report to the next meeting. It was resolved that in the meantime an aided school be set up

6th July 1911 Tenders are invited by the Education Board for additions to the Rai Valley school.

14th February 1911 The Chairman of the Flat Creek School Committee wrote forwarding a list of a number of alterations recommended by Inspector Strachan. to be done to the school, and he asked that the Inspector's recommendation be given effect to. Mr White said that he had a good look at this school, and it was perfectly obvious that it was unsatisfactory. He thought that if the Board could not see its way to erect a new school, which was most desirable, the -present building should be repaired. He thought the Board had no right to make young children sit in this room in the winter months when a southeaster was blowing and expect them to gain knowledge. It meant that it was more like making bacon of the children than making scholars of them. He thought the building should be widened at the back. The Chairman moved that estimates be obtained .of .the cost (1) of widening the building; (2) of the .-erection of a new school. Mr Fulton seconded the motion, which was -carried

9th May 1911 The Flat Creek Committee applied for a grant of £4 10s, to be spent on 1 the outbuildings.—Granted

13th June 1911 It was decided to call for tenders for the erection .of a new school at Flat Creek.

15th August 1911 The tender of Messrs "Ward and Sons was accepted for, alterations to the Flat Creek school.

1912

1912 21 Flat Creek Thorpe Mrs Caroline E Female £ 139.10

13th February 1912 The re-papering of the school residence at Rai Valley was authorised
22nd April 1912 Rai Valley school opened last year 426 half days out of the expected 420.
Good general writing at Rai Valley. About a dozen pupils at Rai Valley correspond with the Victoria League, England

The best schools were: Marshlands-, Springlands, Renwick, Clova. Bay, Grovetown, Rai Valley.

11th May 1912 WEDDING BELLS. On Thursday, 25th April, a "Kitchen evening," and social was given by the people of the valley to Miss Dorothy Thorpe, on the eve of her marriage The kitchen utensils were varied and useful, and much fun was provided at the opening of the parcels. Dancing was then enjoyed by the great number of people present, the music being played by Mr Rutland, of Canvastown, and the piano lent by Mrs James Jones. The hall was tastefully decorated, adding much to the pleasure of the social, while the floor was in excellent order, Visitors were present from Carluke, Canvastown, and Deep Creek.. Previously to supper Mr C. Bryant, in behalf of the residents of the Valley, presented Miss Thorpe with a handsome clock and silver cake basket. The clock had a silver plate, bearing the inscription: "To Miss Thorpe, from Rai Valley residents, in appreciation of her services as postmistress at Flat Creek, April 25th, 1912. The recipient, who was quite taken by surprise, replied in a happy little speech, thanking everyone for their gifts. A dainty supper was then handed round, and enjoyed by all present, after which dancing was renewed. During the evening three cheers were given for Miss Thorpe, and three more for Mr Eyes, and the company sang. "For they are Jolly Good Fellows." Three cheers were also given for the ladies who had arranged the social in such an able manner. The company dispersed at about 2 a.m.

On Tuesday, April 30th, Mr H. W. Eyes, eldest son of Mr Septimus Eyes, of Levin, was married to Miss Dorothy Thorpe., only daughter of Miss Thorpe, of Rai Valley. The ceremony was performed -at St., Mark's Church by the Rev E. A. Parker: The church had been tastefully decorated by friends of the young couple. The bride, who was given away by her mother wore a dainty white silk dress, trimmed with silk fringe and lace, and wore a wreath and veil, and carried a shower bouquet. The bridesmaid was Miss Gladys Thorpe, of Nelson, who wore a dainty crème one-piece dress, and wore also a Juliet cap, and she also carried a shower bouquet- The bouquets were the gift of Mrs G. Thorpe, of Nelson. After the ceremony a small reception was held at the residence of the bride's mother, to a few relatives of the bride and bridegroom. The happy couple left during the afternoon to spend their honeymoon in Blenheim and Picton. The newly married couple were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents.

22nd April 1912 and the schoolrooms at Marama and Flat Creek were enlarged

30th April 1912 School Committee Flat Creek: Messrs C. S. Leov, W. J. Gardiner, H. W. Price, B. N. Tomlinson, and A. W. Hebbard (chairman and secretary)

15th October 1915 The correspondent at Flat Creek wrote representing the necessity for the attachment of two new rooms to the school-house.—It was resolved to apply to the Government for a grant.

12th November 1912 FLAT CREEK. The teacher wrote suggesting a plan for the renovation of the schoolhouse.—Mr Nees was asked to report at next meeting.

10th December 1912 FLAT CREEK. Mr Nees reported on the question of remodelling the Flat Creek school residence... He recommended that three new rooms and a verandah be

added, The suggestions were approved, and the architect was instructed to visit the place, prepare plans, and submit them to the Government.

I haven't found a report on the name change but it must have formally been done you'd think or the School Committee just changed it

1913

1913 19 Flat Creek Thorpe Caroline E Lic Female £ 152.00

14th January 1913 FLAT CREEK. The members of the Board who visited Flat Creek reported as to the additions required to bring the school up to date.—The report was adopted, and it was decided to await a reply to the application for a Government grant

11th February 1913 FLAT CREEK. An account for £8 4s for the erection of a fence around the playground was .authorised to be paid. j The Boa l'd decided to grant an application for a new pump.

17th April 1913 Among the requirements of the near future are a site at Kekerangu and improved residences at Flat Creek, Marlboroughtown, Marama, and Okaramio.

Libraries have increased both in number and in size, Nopera Bay, Nydia Bay, Ward, Grassmere Fairhall, Flat Creek, Ocean Bay, and St. Mary's leading in this respect and as a rule the schools when ground is being broken in this direction give one the impression that the pupils possess a quicker and more lively intelligence.

18th April 1913 The senior pupils of Blenheim Borough School again produced an operetta in creditable fashion. St. Lawrence, Koromiko, Nydia Bay, Picton, Flat Creek, and the Convent schools deserve commendation.

3rd May 1913 Flat Creek: A. M. Hebbard (chairman and secretary), H. W. Price, C S. Leov, W. J. M. Gardiner, and R. Kerr. School Committee

10th June 1913 FLAT CREEK. The committee was granted the usual 10s in the subsidy on a sum of £7 collected for a school library, and a £1 for £1 subsidy for a cupboard in which to keep the books.

22nd November 1913 Flat Creek on Tuesday again proved a barrier for motor-cars, owing to the heavy rain of the previous night (states the Pelorus Guardian). Mr Cate, in attempting a "rush" through, got into difficulties. Water found its way into the running parts of the engine and effectively put it out of action. The car had to be abandoned for the time being at the side of the road. The sooner this stream is bridged the more motorists in particular and the travelling public in general will appreciate it;

9th December 1913 he Secretary for Education notified that grants had been authorised for a new teacher's residence at Marshlands and additions to the residence at Flat Creek.

It was decided to sell by auction the old teacher's residence at Marlboroughtown for removal. The secretary was authorised to call for tenders for new residences at "Marlboroughtown and Marshlands and the remodelling of the Flat Creek residence, and to arrange for the removal of a stump on the Flat Creek ground.

1914

1914 26 Flat Creek Thorpe Caroline E C3 Female £ 150.00

13th January 1914 FLAT CREEK. With regard to a request from the teacher that a septic tank be installed,, it was resolved to reply that the question of providing such installations for school residences was a policy matter the Board had not yet discussed

17th March 1914 TEACHER'S RESIDENCE. It was resolved that tenders be invited for the erection of a teacher's residence at Flat Creek, and the Town Executive was empowered to accept a tender

1s May 1914 FLAT CREEK. Messrs D. J. Couper (chairman), A. M. Hebberd, C. S. Leov, W. N. Jones, and H. W. Price.

9th June 1914 FLAT CREEK. The Committee was voted the sum of £8 2s for the re-erection, of a chimney. It was agreed be share, with Mr J. Cooper the cost of re-erecting two chains of fencing

14th July 1914 FLAT CREEK. The Committee wrote that the river was eroding and endangering the play-ground The ward members asked to report on the encroachment of the river. Certain plumbing requirements were authorised.

15th September 1914 Repairs at Canvastown and Flat Creek were authorised. The Flat Creek Committee was authorised to erect a groyne in the creek, at a. cost not to exceed £10, for the protection of the school ground

1915

1915 23 Flat Creek Thorpe Mrs Caroline E Licensed Female £ 171.00

9th March 1915 The application of Mr C. Bryant to have a household school established at his residence at Flat .Creek was not .entertained. It was pointed out that the proposed school, was within a short distance of the public school, Flat Creek, and the Act would not, permit of the establishment of another school in such close proximity

11th May 1915 Two small iron gates were granted to the Flat Creek school, and an outbuilding and the painting of the school were authorised.

15th June 1915 For the Hospital Ship Flat Creek School, 12 Handkerchiefs, 1 pair pyjamas

13th July 1915 Flat Creek applied for £2 for gravelling paths and £1 for erecting fence round garden plot.—Agreed to

1951/27142	Thorpe	Carolyn Elizabeth	
1893/2804	Caroline Elizabeth	John Dart Burnet	
1959/39851	Thorpe	John Bart Bernard	
1901	109	Renwick	C E
1903	41	Okaramio	C E
1904	43	Okaramio	Caroline E
1905	44	Okaramio	Caroline E Licensed
		Havelock	
1907	30	Suburban	C E Licensed
1908	24	Rai Valley	Caroline E Licensed
1909	24	Rai Valley	Caroline E Licensed
1910	24	Rai Valley	Caroline E Licensed
1911	24	Rai Valley	Caroline E Licensed
1912	21	Flat Creek	Caroline E
1913	19	Flat Creek	Caroline E Licensed
1914	26	Flat Creek	Caroline E C3
1915	23	Flat Creek	Caroline E Licensed
1917	289	Lansdowne	Caroline E Mrs
1919	21	Carrington	Caroline E Mrs
1921	22	Carrington	Caroline E Mrs

1923 26 Carrington Caroline E Mrs
Carrington is just north of Carterton in the Wairarapa

1892/18112 Roberts	Dorothy	Caroline Elizabeth	Not Registered
1895/17445 Thorpe	Bernard	Caroline	John
1897/1957 Thorpe	Humphrey Doig	Caroline Elizabeth	John Dart Bernard
1899/6440 Thorpe	Howard Humphreys	Caroline Elizabeth	John Dart Bernard

25th October 1893 Thorpe— Roberts. — At St John's Church, Rangiora, -by the Rev F. P. Kendall, John Dart Bernard Thorpe, third son of the late Richard Thorpe, of Hokitika, to Caroline Elizabeth Roberts, only daughter of the late J. Griffiths Roberts, of Blenheim.

Daughter Dorothy was killed in a car/train accident south of Levin aged 36 in February 1928 Herbert Wilmer also died in 1828 through the accident. Three young children were left. In 1928 Caroline was listed as being in the Horowhenua presumably looking after the children. In 1935 she was President of the Levin Women's Institute, In 1936 was on the Levin School Home and School

Carolyn was living on her own at Renwick when she was listed as a seamstress.

Mr Thorpe was often in court, lived in Wellington and apparently lost his hand while dynamiting for fish.

Though listed as a widow on the electoral rolls her husband didn't die until 1959

1916-1917

1917 25 Flat Creek King Geoffrey J B-82 Sole £150.00

3rd May 1916 Flat .Creek: Messrs Charles S. Leov (chairman), Andrew Josephson, Herbert W. Price, William J. M. Gardiner, Harry D Eyes.

30th November 1916 Mrs. Thorpe, sole teacher, Flat Creek; Resigned

11th July 1916 Mr G. J. King, Onamalutu, was granted two months' leave of Absence owing to ill-health. Then at some stage he left Onamalutu until his appointment to Flat Creek

6th February 1917 Mr W R Forbes appointed

3rd May 1917 Flat Creek': Messrs S Hooson (Chairman). C S Leov, H W Price A, C. Josephson, and H D Eyes

31st May 1917 On the order paper of the Education; Board yesterday appeared the Dames of the following teachers who have joined' the Expeditionary Force:— W. R: Forbes, Flat Creek;

Geoffrey King was teaching at Onamalutu and appears to have been transferred to Mr Forbes position as reliever as I couldn't find a record of his appointment to Flat Creek

7th September 1917 An impudent instance of apparent youthful vandalism took place at the Flat Creek school some time during last week-end. The school had been broken into, and sundry articles were strewn over the floor. Also, on the walls of the building in the school grounds were indecent sketches and remarks written with charcoal. The key of the school was

hidden, the teacher and scholars being unable to gain admittance until after 10 a.m. It would be well for the suspected intruder to exercise caution in future.

1918-1919

1919 22 Flat Creek King Jeffery J B-81 Sole £230.00

22nd February 1918 Wellington Education Board approves renewal of gates

25th September 1918 News has been received that Private W. R. Forbes was killed in action on Sept. 9th. The deceased soldier was sole teacher at the Flat Creek school, and, resigning his position, left New Zealand with the 29th Reinforcements, N.Z. Rifle Brigade. He resided with Mr Alex. Maule, and had no relatives in this country. Originally he came from England, and was a teacher in the North Island before coming to Marlborough

16th October 1918 Mr Alexander Maule, of Flat Creek has received a cable stating that 58753 Pvt. W. R. Forbes, Twenty-ninth Reinforcement, New Zealand Rifle Brigade, was killed in action on September 9th Mr Forbes was formerly schoolmaster at Flat Creek, and had been in New Zealand only six months when he was called up.

9th October 1919 Wellington Education Board meeting Works authorised in the Marlborough ward included installation of electric light at Havelock school residence, a new pump for Flat Creek, and at the latter place it was decided to get expert advice on the matter of a protective groyne for the school ground, which is threatened with serious erosion.

30th January 1919 Works in the Marlborough Ward were authorised at Flat Creek, new groyne to stop erosion

24th May 1919 Works were authorised in the Marlborough ward: Canvastown, repairs to residence; Grovetown, new drainage, etc. Okaramio. tank to replace present water supply, and estimates to be prepared for fresh system of supply at Flat Creek, in time for next meeting.

21st July 1919 and the river protective works at Flat Creek had been finished. -The question of the grading of the school ground was considered as being too expensive, and was back to the committee for Suggestions and a conference with the members for the Marlborough ward

1920-1921

1921 20 Flat Creek King Geoffrey J B Sole £300.00

21st May 1920 Works in the Marlborough ward authorised were: Installation of a water supply at Flat Creek;

5th May 1930 The following were elected; members of the Flat Creek School Committee for the ensuing year: Messrs C. J. Bryant, C. S. Leov, H. Frost, D. McKinley, H. W. Price.

1922-1923

1923 23 Flat Creek Adams Joseph W T D-210 Sole £223.00

1898/11453 Adams Joseph William Tyndall Catherine Thomas Joseph Tyndall
Previously taught at Eastern Hutt School.

Post 1923

17th Oct 1928 It was reported that the school at Flat Creek was now completed,

14th February 1929 Among the new schools which opened last week was the one recently built at Picton to replace the old school which was destroyed by fire last year. The Flat

Creek extension, a separate building of one room on a new site recently acquired by the board, was also opened.

4th March 1930 Miss I. M. Linde, infant mistress, Flat Creek;

20th April 1932 The Education Department advised its approval of the use of the old Flat Creek building, Rai Valley, as a dental clinic.

21st September 1937 The following were elected;. members of the Flat Creek School Committee for the ensuing year: Messrs C. J. Bryant, C. S. Leov, H. Frost, D. McKinley, H. W. Price.

2nd May 1939 Mr P Williams Head teacher Rai Valley

22nd October 1941 Rai Valley Miss M C Thorby

I have also included in this document material on other schools listed in the Rai Valley area from Newspaper Cuttings given to me by Linden Armstrong of Havelock Museum All Material from these is recorded Verdana 10 Font

Pelorus Guardian

14th December 1894 Rai Valley.—Miss A. Smith notified her resignation as teacher.

16th August 1895 Rai Valley.—Mr.. E. Forrest wrote applying for the usual capitation in the case of an aided school.— Granted.

16th November 1900 Rai Valley.—Mr. R. Forrest wrote supporting a petition from Rai Valley asking the Board to establish a school at Flat Creek.

The Inspector reported upon the application, and recommended it to favourable consideration. A letter from Mr. Arthur Turner opposed the change. It was suggested that Brownlee's bridge might be planked so as to allow the children to cross the river in safety and Mr. McCallum, who is visiting Havelock, was deputed to wait on Mr. Brownlee to ask his consent to the arrangement.

14th December 1900 Rai Valley.—Correspondence with respect to the establishment of a school at Rai Valley was received, from Messrs.. Leov, Price, R. Forrest and W. Seymour, who favoured the site recommended by the Inspector. Mr. McCallum reported his interview with Mr. Brownlee at Havelock on the question of the erection of a bridge across the Rai river. On the motion of Mr. McCallum, it was resolved that the school be erected on the reserve, as recommended by the Inspector, and that Mr. Forrest, the correspondent, be informed that his offer to take the work in hand for the sum of £40 on behalf of the settlers be accepted.

14th June 1901 A letter with regard to the new school at Rai Valley was received from the correspondent.—The Secretary was instructed to request Mrs. Anderson to open the school on the 1st July, to give Mr. Forrest the necessary authority to procure the necessary furniture, and to thank Mr. Brownlee for a contribution of £5. The Board also thanked Mr. Forrest and other settlers for the interest they had taken in the work.

16th August 1901 Rai Valley.—The Board decided to pay the cost of a new porch for the school

16th August 1901 Flat Creek.—An application for the use of the school for religious purposes was approved by the Board, and Mr. Forrest was instructed to hand over the keys for these occasions.

14th February 1902 Education Board of the District of Marlborough. IT is hereby publicly notified the Board has constituted a new school District to be called the Rai Valley School District, the boundaries of which shall be as follows : The watershed of the Rai River and its tributaries; the eastern boundary of section 64 to the Pelorus River; thence by the said river to section 78; thence by the western boundary of the said section 73 to the watershed above-mentioned. The Statutory Meeting of Householders for the election of a School Committee will be held at a time and place to be notified hereafter. JOHN SMITH, Secretary. Education Board Office, Blenheim, 12th February, 1902

13th June 1902 A letter was received from the Chairman of the Rai Valley Committee with reference to the teachership.—It was resolved to call for applications for the filling-up of the position.

18th July 1902 RAI VALLEY. A petition was received from a number of the householders of the Rai Valley asking that the recent election of the Committee there be declared invalid on the ground of a number of "illegalities." This-, briefly, are that the Chairman challenged the Candidates as to their motives in offering themselves for election ; that after leaving the chair, saying that he had " done with it," and then resuming it, he really occupied a self-appointed position ; that the voting papers were not handled properly; and that the parental qualifications of voters were disallowed. A communication was received from a number of parents representing themselves as sending the majority of the pupils to the school, stating that they were quite satisfied with the teacher. The teacher wrote asking for the Board's reason in terminating the engagement. All the correspondence was " received." It was resolved (to call for applications for the position of teacher at Rai Valley.

22nd July 1902 MARLBOROUGH EDUCATION BOARD. TEACHER wanted for the Rai Valley School. Salary according to "Colonial Scale," at present £68 a year. Duties to commence in September. Applications for this appointment, giving age, condition, qualifications, and previous experience, will be received at this office up to FRIDAY, 8th August. JOHN SMITH, secretary. Education Board Office, Blenheim, 17th July, 1902 17th October 1902 RAI VALLEY. Lengthy correspondence,, was received from the teacher and the Chairman of Committee relative to the refusal of the former;, teacher to give up possession of the school, —It was resolved, that section 49 of, the Education Act, 1887, be, put into force; and that the Secretary write to the former teacher demanding that the key be delivered up to Mr. Forrest, Chairman of .the- Committee; and that a cheque be issued for the former teacher's salary up to September ,11th,

The Committee recommended the appointment of Miss; Ethel McMahon as teacher after the Christmas Holidays. It Was resolved that Miss McMahon be appointed from 1st January

9th October 1903 Rai Valley School. —Residents in the Rai Valley are delighted with the success that has attended the efforts of Miss E. C McMahon, Head Teacher of

their School. The number on the roll is 21, the average attendance for the quarter was 16, and 15 were presented for examination and 15 passed. The School was examined on 25th ult. Following are the passes:—Standard VI., Robert Forrest; Standard V., Madge Eyes, Dean Eyes; Standard IV., Gordon Rayner, Laurie Rayner; Standard III., Evan Jones, Keith Rayner, Doris Wilson, Luigi Vannini; Standard II., Ivy Jones, Eila Nesbitt, Vida Rayner; Standard I., Charlie Maude, Doris Jones, May Price.

16th October 1903 The Inspector of Schools recently made his annual examination of the local School, all pupils presented passing their respective Standards. The Committee, pleased with the result, purpose giving the children a treat, and presenting them with prizes at the Christmas holidays

18th December 1903 The Rai Valley Committee applied to have the school building and teachers' . cottage painted and a wafer tank supplied. —It was resolved to inform them that the painting of the buildings must await its turn, other applications to the same effect having priority.

15th April 1904 Miss McMahon was appointed assistant teacher at the Waitohi School. The Inspector was empowered to fill the vacancy that would be caused at Rai Valley,

29th April 1904 RAI The following Committeemen were elected for the ensuing year:—A. Hewetson, D. Rainer, O. Leov, jun., W. Jones, W. Turner. Mr. Rainer was elected Chairman,

10th May 1904 The annual election of the local School Committee took place last week, when Messrs. C. Leov, D. Raynor, ~W. Jones, A. Hewetson, and W. Turner were duly elected. Miss A. Healy takes up the duties of schoolteacher, the late teacher having resigned to take up a similar position at Waitohi

13th May 1904 Miss Healy appointed Rai Valley

Flat Creek.—A deputation from Flat Creek (Rai) waited on Mr. Graham, M H.R., at Canvastown, with reference to the erection of a footbridge across the Rai River at Flat Creek, so that children could cross to get to school. It appears that a sum of /30 was voted by the Government for this work, and Mr. Graham promised to have the matter arranged so that the footbridge could be put up almost immediately

16th September 1904 The Rai Valley Committee asked for certain improvements to the ground and fences, and for the painting of the school.— Resolved to defer the matter Until the settlement of the question of purchasing the site.

14th October 1904 It was resolved to ask Mr. R. Forrest to obtain an estimate of the cost of survey- of land at Rai Valley required for a school site.

2nd May 1905 RAI VALLEY. The following were elected:—• Messrs. Arthur Wratt, W. Jones, C. Mills, A. Hewetson, and O. Leov. Mr. Forrest was in the chair, and only seven people attended the meeting. Mr. Wratt was subsequently elected Chairman of the Committee.

18th May 1906 Flat Creek—The re-building of the school chimney was referred back to the Committee, to ascertain if a man in the locality could be got to build it.

11th September 1906 Rai Valley Committee were granted the cost of a pump

11th September 1906 Inspector's Reports Rai Valley: Satisfactory; much pleased with great improvements.

15th March 1907 Flat Creek and Rimu Gully.—The Chairman of the Flat Creek Committee wrote urging that the projected new school at Rimu Gully be placed half a mile further away from the Flat Creek School. This would not take so many pupils away from Flat Creek School—Mr. Reader informed the Board that the site had already been chosen by the Land Board.—It was decided that Mr. Hickey be informed to this effect

2nd April 1907 RAI HOODLUMS.

to the Editor. Sir,—Hoodlumism seems to be growing rapidly in this district, and it is to be traced to the leniency of the authorities. Since those lads were practically let off scott free a concert in the Rai has become impossible. At the school concert held recently the behaviour of certain lads was scandalous. Insulting behaviour and horse-play have been of regular occurrence at public functions. At an entertainment given by the Rev. Mr. Scott on Saturday night the same behaviour was repeated. In addition to the usual forms of annoyance Mr. Scott's pony was interfered with, which led to its being staked in two places and lamed. Is this sort of thing to go on indefinitely ? When these lads appear before the Court, which won't be very long, I hope they will be taught a lesson in the shape of a month, without the option of a fine;—I am, etc. Indignant. Rai Valley.

12th April 1907 Flat Creek.—The Chairman of the Committee again wrote in reference to the projected establishment of a new school in the Ronga.—Mr. Reader reported that the site had not yet been fixed, and would probably be removed further away from Flat Creek.

17th May 1907. Flat Creek.—it was decided to postpone the question of the site of this school until after the meeting of the Land Board.

In regard to the selection of a site for the new school at Rai Valley, Mr W. Hickey, Chairman, Rai Valley School Committee, wired to the Land Board stating that Mr. Turner did not want the Mill section, and that if a school were erected on the smithy site in Rai Valley his Committee could prove that water is procurable. It was resolved to leave the selection of a site in the hands of the Commissioner, who will deal with the matter when the subdivision of land in the Rai Valley, for workmen's homes, is made. .

14th June 1907 Flat Creek.—Requisites for the school costing £1 15s were granted.

12th July 1907 Rai Valley.—Mr. Cooper had taken Mr. Buchanan's place on the Committee. Mr. Hickey had subsequently resigned, and Mr. Turner been elected. Mr. Buchanan had been elected Chairman

15th November 1907 Flat Creek.—The action of the Chairman and Inspector in sending Miss Black temporarily to take up Miss Healy's duties at the Rai Valley school was approved.

17th January 1908 Flat Creek.—The Committee recommended either Mrs. Thorpe or Miss Black for the vacant teachership.—The appointment was deferred for one month in order to give Mrs. Thorpe an opportunity of applying for this position as well as that of Havelock Suburban.

14th February 1908 Appointed Rai Valley; Mrs. Thorpe.

21st February 1908 The teacher's residence adjoining the Plat Creek School has been totally destroyed. Fortunately Miss Black, the teacher, was able to save her personal belongings.

13th March 1908 Rai Valley.—It was resolved to appoint Miss Black as temporary teacher of the school.

17th April 1908 Rai Valley.—The Chairman asked the Board to do something towards renovating the school residence.—Mr. Reader reported on a visit to the house, and described the property as the worst and most dilapidated in the Board's possession. The Committee had estimated that £60 would put on two extra rooms, as asked for by Mrs. Thorpe, the teacher, and renovate the other portion of the building.—Mr. Storey said it was predicted that 27 children would be attending the Flat Creek (Rai Valley) school before long.—It was resolved that £60 be granted by the Board, the Town Committee to pass rough plans when submitted.

15th May 1908 Rai Valley.—A letter was read that the repairs to the teacher's cottage were completed, and it was now ready for the teacher's use. Accounts from Mr. Lambert for £4 and £7 for repairs and additions were passed. An estimate of £55 for further additions was submitted, and , it was agreed to grant the amount.—

14th August 1908 Mr. Lambert's offer for building a double chimney at the Rai School was accepted,.

16th October 1908 Rai Valley.—An account for desks was forwarded, and also an application for a subsidy on the cost of the work of stumping and clearing the ground.—The account was passed, and it was resolved that the subsidy be granted.

9th April 1909 The following teachers were re-appointed by the Mrs. Thorpe, sole teacher Rat Valley.

30th April 1909 FLAT CREEK. There were very few householders at the meeting on Monday evening, when the following were elected Messrs. C. Leov, Hibberd, Gardiner, Best and Bird. Mr. Hibberd was appointed chairman.

14th May 1909 Mr. Charles Turner, jun., Flat Creek, wrote stating that the Board's letter with cheque for 65 shillings 9d had been opened by a member of the committee, who had retained the cheque enclosed. Mr. Turner said he had applied to the person for the cheque, but his application had been met with a refusal, and the recipient had paid out of the cheque accounts that had previously been paid by Mr. Turner.' It was impossible for him to make out any balance sheet with such a state of affairs. It was decided to refer Mr. Turner to the Post Office officials.

14th May 1909 The Chairman of the Flat Creek School Committee asked that the money and papers sent in by Mr. C. Turner be returned. He also pointed out that there were only two acres of the ten acres used by the school.—It was decided to inform Mr. Hebbard that the teacher was entitled to the income from the balance.

18th June 1909 Flat Creek—The Committee wrote asking for certain improvements to the school.—The sum of £10 was voted towards the improvements set out in the letter. It was also agreed to vote £4 10s towards eighteen chains of fencing near the school", where the teacher could run her horse.

17th December 1909 The Flat Creek Committee were granted a blackboard and £2 towards a copper, and are to submit an estimate of the cost of painting the school.

17th June 1910 Mr. A. Johns' appointment to the Elaine Bay school was approved; it was

17th February 1911 At the Board meeting this week the chairman of the Flat Creek School Committee wrote forwarding a list of a number of alterations recommended by Inspector Strachan to be done to the school, and he asked that the Inspector's recommendation be given effect to. Mr. White said that he had a good look at this school, and it was perfectly obvious that it was unsatisfactory. He thought that if the Board could not see their way to erect a new school, which was most desirable, the present building should be repaired. He thought the Board had no right to make young children sit in this room in the winter months when a south-easter was blowing and expect them to gain knowledge. It meant that it was more like making bacon of the children than making scholars of them. He thought the building should be widened at the back. The chairman moved that estimates be obtained of the cost (1) of widening the building; (2) of the erection of a new school. Mr. Fulton seconded the motion, which was carried. The Havelock committee were granted three lengths of hyloplate for the school walls

17th March 1911 An application was received for a new school at the, Rai Valley, or as an alternative to have the present school extended. It was decided to forward the application to the Education Department with the recommendation that the school be extended

16th May 1911 Flat Creek Committee applied for a grant of £4 10s, to be spent on the outbuildings.

16th May 1911 The Education Department wrote advising the Board that a sum of money had been granted for the enlargement of the Rai Valley School, The hope was expressed that the design of this school was one that the Board would not follow in future. It was decided to call for tenders for this work, and that Mr. H. Watson supervise the work

16th June 1911 It was resolved to invite tenders for a new school at Flat Creek

11th July 1911 TENDERS are invited up to SATURDAY, 22nd July, additions to the Rai Valley School, Flat Creek. Plan and specification may Be seen at the school, and at the office of the Board, Blenheim

15th September 1911 Several minor requisites for the Flat Creek School were granted

8th February 1912 BRIDGE REPAIRS. Mr. Leov reported on the condition of the swing bridge, over Flat Creek. This bridge was much used by school children and the decking boards were all more or less in a rotting condition. The clerk said that hitherto the bridge had been maintained by the Roads Department, and that the Board had, so far, taken no responsibility. Mr. Storey pointed out that the conditions were somewhat different now, and moved that the Board bear half the cost of re-decking the swing bridge if the work is completed within two months, the settlers to pay the balance. Carried

18th October 1912 TEACHERS' RESIDENCES The correspondent at Flat Creek wrote 1 representing the necessity for the attachment of two new rooms to the school house.—It was resolved to apply to the Government for a grant.

15th November 1912 The teacher wrote suggesting a plan for the renovation of the school-house. —Mr. Nees was asked to report at next meeting

13th December 1912 FLAT CREEK. Mr. Nees reported on the question of remodelling the Flat Creek school residence. He recommended that three new rooms and a verandah be added. The suggestions were approved, and the architect was instructed to visit the place, prepare plans, and submit them to the Government.

19th December 1911 Mr. D. A. Strachan, M.A., Inspector of School for Marlborough, conducted the annual Standard VI. examinations during last week, and has kindly supplied the following information Proficiency Nellie Leov Competency Gladys Gardiner

17th January 1913 FLAT CREEK. ' The members of the Board who visited Flat Creek reported as to the additions required to bring the school up-to-date. —The report was adopted, and it was decided to await a reply to the application for a Government grant.

13th June 1913 FLAT CREEK. The committee was granted the usual 10s in the £ subsidy on a sum of £7 collected for a school library, and a £1 for £1 subsidy for a cupboard in which to keep the books

8th August 1913 Pelorus Road Board A letter was received from the secretary of the Flat Creek school committee the Board if it would meet the committee half way to the extent of £5 towards turning Flat Creek stream from the top corner of school playground in more of a direct line to the bridge. Snob a course would protect the school grounds and also the approach to the north side of Flat Creek bridge. The Board recognised the importance of the work, and Mr. Bryant and the secretary were deputed to report on the matter at next meeting

12th September 1913 FLAT CREEK. The Board decided to grant the usual subsidy in respect to an amount of £7 raised at Flat Creek for library purposes at the school.

12th December 1913 The Secretary for Education notified that grants had been authorised for additions to the residence at Flat Creek. The secretary was authorised to call for tenders for the remodelling of the Flat Creek residence, and to arrange for the removal of a stump on the Flat Creek ground

16th January 1914 FLAT CREEK With regard to a request from the teacher that a septic tank be installed, it was resolved to reply that the question of providing such installations for school residences was a policy matter the Board had not yet discussed

20th March 1914 TEACHER'S RESIDENCE It was resolved that tenders be invited for the erection of a teacher's residence at Flat Creek, and the Town Executive was empowered to accept a tender.

12th June 1914 FLAT CREEK The Committee was voted the sum of £8 2s for the re-erection of a chimney. It was agreed to share with Mr. D. J. Cooper the cost of re-erecting ten chains of fencing

12th March 1915 The application of Mr. C. Bryant to have a household school established at his residence at Flat Creek was not entertained. It was pointed out that the desired school was within a short distance of the public school at Flat Creek, and the Act would not permit of the establishment of another school in such close proximity

11th May 1915 School Committee . Flat Creek—Messrs. J. D. Couper (chairman! , O. S. Leov, H. Price, Wilson, and W. Gardiner

17th September 1915 The Flat Creek Committee was granted a subsidy of 25s on the piano fund raised. The secretary of the Board stated that probably he could procure a £ for £ subsidy from the Government. In regard to boundary fence, it was decided that the fence be repaired, in conjunction with Mr. Hebberd

5th May 1916 School Committee Messrs. Charles S. Leov (chairman), Andrew Four

4th February 1919 Wellington Education Board passed money to erect a groyne to stop flooding

Rimu Gully (1907)

Carluka. Carluka School started in 1908

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1907	22	Rimu Gully	Storey	Elsie E	Female	117.00 £20.00

Elsie E Storey went on to teach at Picton and Blenheim schools

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10th April 1907 Mr Hickey, Chairman of the Rai Valley School Committee, wrote requesting that the position of the school site at Rimu Gully be altered to a locality situated between Mr Brownlee's mill and the bush. —Mr Hickey to be notified that before the' site is finally settled the Commissioner will consult the School Committee

9th July 1907 Rimu Gully.—Mr Arthur Russell wrote on behalf of the settlers near Rimu Gully, Rai Valley, asking the Board to appoint a teacher, as the settlers were willing to rent a house large enough for a school.—Mr Storey reported on a visit to the locality. There was no doubt the original site for the new school was the proper one. —It was decided to fall in with the wishes of Mr Russell and the settlers

13th August 1907 RIMU GULLY. The Department intimated that a grant was available for the proposed new school at Rimu Gully. Mr Reader said they would need before long to accommodate forty children. He said he understood Miss Storey had been recommended for the teachership, and would be. pleased to move that she be appointed. It was resolved that a separate school district be gazetted; that the Government be thanked for the grant that the Committee suggested be appointed; that the residents be asked to submit a plan; and that the site furthest from Flat Creek school be chosen definitely.

15th October 1907 Havelock. —Mr Reid, contractor for twelve school-desks, asked where to send them.—Mr Storey reported having inspected the desks. He mentioned that Canvastown and Rimu Gully required desks.—The Secretary was instructed to send payment, and notify that the desks would soon be sent for.

11th April 1908 RIMU GULLY. BALLOT FOR SECTIONS.

Our Havelock correspondent writes: —A ballot was begun on Friday morning, under the supervision of the District Commissioner, for allotments in the Rimu Gully village settlement, which is situated about 23 miles from Havelock, close to Brownlee's new mill

14th April 1908 Mr Storey said that the Rimu Gully school was surrounded by rubbish

15th August 1908 The Education Board has received a notification from the Department of Lands and Survey that Section Block 1., Wakamarina Survey District, of rather more than five acres,- has been set apart as a school site for Rimu Gully (Carluke).

24th October 1908 LOCALITY AND DESCRIPTION. This land comprises the sawmilling area recently cut out by Messrs Robertson Bros., and is situated on the main road between Havelock and Nelson, being-distant 19 miles from Havelock and near the Rimu Gully Village Settlement (known locally as "Carluke")

Undated Newspaper cutting included the following information on the Rimu Gully School supplied by Linden Armstrong, Havelock Museum

- Early in March 1907 a move was made to start a school at Rimu Gully. Brownlee's had increased their payroll and more families had arrived
- At an informal meeting it was announced that one of Brownlee's storage shed would become available and this could be used as a classroom.
- As soon as this became public the Flat Creek (Rai Valley) School Committee became upset
- Letters to the land Board and Marlborough Education Board pointing out there was no need for a second school were written
- At a meeting it was announced that not one Flat Creek child would be taken for a new school
- 9th July 1907 Mr. Russell conducted the Board asking for a teacher to be appointed as they could rent a suitable house for a school
- Settlers were asked for a plan for a new school on Section 32 Block 1 of the Wakamarina Survey District
- Mr. J A Lambert prepared plans and contracted to build it for £140. Accommodation was provided for 54 children Mr. Lambert would provide desks at 25 shillings each (*There was 20 shillings in a pound*)
- September 9th a new school district was formed for Rimu Valley
- Marlborough Education Board agree to start school in one of Brownlee's four roomed houses. This house was in the area called the Back Alley, overlooking the Carluke Domain
- The first teacher was Mrs Jack Doyle. Maiden name Elsie Storey, She had recently been relieving at Tua Marina . In July she travelled by Newman's Bus and took up living with Mrs Jack Scott. She was allocated £1 travelling money
- January 13th 1908 The School Committee reported the new school will soon be finished
- The Board told the School Committee that Miss Storey's appointment was temporary and when finished the Board would appoint a male teacher
- The School Committee expected 40 students on opening and wanted a male certificated teacher
- 13th April 1908 the building was finished at a cost of £175. The Board also wanted to put a ring fence around to keep out wandering cattle
- The school started with a roll of 24
- It was not until August that the Education Board found a Male Teacher to replace Miss Storey. Mr. Hugh Foley M A was an Irishman.
- He was single but during his stay he married and fathered twin boys

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- The following are the Head Teachers of Carluke: Mr. H Foley, G H Reader, Mrs Robinson, Arthur Greig, Thompson. Mrs Bannerman. Jean Pennal, Duncan McRae Mrs McRae (Relieving) Mrs Savage, Stanley Johnson, Mr. F J Proctor, Mc Sweeney and C Thorpe
 - Infant Teachers Carluke School. Miss M Kelleher, G Morris, G Gallop, I King, W Twidle, W King, N Radford, E Morgan, F Horton, J Pennal, M Harvey, E Fittal, L Wells, R Godber, G Gale, E Maule, and B Hille This is not a complete list
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