

Anakiwa
Cullen Hill
Cullensville
Grove
Linkwater

Papers Past didn't include articles from **the Pelorus Guardian and Miners' Advocate** (1890 to 1910) until 2016 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.

Anakiwa (1881-1889, 1906-1912, 1928-1935).

At the head of the Grove Arm where Outward Bound is situated. Home of the Beauchamp family. Now the exit point for the Queen Charlotte walk/bike track

1881	18	Anakiwa	Andrews	Walter	Master	£	48.00
1882	10	Anakiwa	Andrews	Walter	Master	£	30.00
1883	10	Anakiwa	Beauchamp	Harriet	Female	£	30.00
1884	9	Anakiwa	Beauchamp	Harriett	Female	£	30.00
1885	9	Anikiwa	Jackson	Clara Ellen	Female	£	35.00
1886	11	Anikiwa	Beauchamp	Harriet	Female	£	30.00
1887	9	Anikiwa	Beauchamp	Harriet	Female	£	27.00
1888	7	Anikiwa	Beauchamp	Harriet	Female	£	21.00
1889	4	Anikiwa	Beauchamp	Harriet	Female	£	14.00
1906	5	Anakiwa	McFarland	Edith	Female	£	30.00
1908	6	Anakiwa	Ensor	Mabel	Female	£	36.00
1909	6	Anakiwa	Stratford	Nea	Female	£	36.00
1910	6	Anakiwa	Beauchamp	Ethel B	Female	£	42.00
1911	6	Anakiwa	Beauchamp	Ethel B	Female	£	42.00
1912	4	Anakiwa	Beauchamp	Ethel B	Female	£	36.00
1913	4	Anakiwa	Beauchamp	Ethel B	Female	£	24.00
1914	2	Anakiwa	Beauchamp	Ethel B	Female	£	24.00

Papers Past

7th March 1888 (Aided) (Inspector's Report) Mrs Beauchamp, On Roll 10, Present 9. The scholars acquitted themselves fairly well on the whole though they showed much of that slowness which is the almost invariable characteristic of children who have not been sharpened by the outside education that is given by the contact with their fellows

15th March 1889 Anakiwa (aided school).— Mrs Beauchamp. On roll, 7; present, 5. The children attending this tiny school were very unfortunate at their examination, only one of

them being' able to obtain a pass this year. Arithmetic was fatal to most of the candidates. The school is, I am given to understand, about to be discontinued.

3rd April 1889 (1) The Grove School Building. Mr Beauchamp wrote enclosing M Fisk's account for iron roofing the schoolhouse (*Not the residence*) £21-11-3d and request for advice (2) Manaroa being the best place for the election of the Pelorus Sound School Committee and for Anakiwa

(3) The Grove. Mrs Beauchamp wrote that she would continue the school at Anakiwa There were four in attendance

Mr Connolly (Member Marlborough Education Board) said it was one of the schools they should not be burdened with. It was simply a school for Mrs Beauchamp's own children.

This was a school that had been unfavourably commented on

2nd October 1889 From Mr Beauchamp of Anakiwa whether a school was going to be started at The Grove or not

11th July 1885 Mr H Beauchamp wrote asking for household teaching for 5 children at Anakiwa The request was granted on usual terms

12th July 1910 The correspondent of the Anakiwa School wrote recommending Miss Grace Gunn for the position of teacher

19th November 1929 Miss E E Muir sole teacher Anakiwa

27th May 1930 Anakiwa Miss V Perry Sole Teacher

5th May 1934 Anakiwa Miss Z Acherman Sole Teacher

National Archives:

9th November 1927 Letter from Mr Wallace of Fairhall asking for the establishment of a school at Anakiwa

Wellington Education Board Please fill in Forms C3 and C4 Kindly note that C4 must be in duplicate

7th January 1927 Received by Wellington Education Board 7th February from Mrs Beauchamp Hazelwood. Mail address Box 10 Picton. Included

- a) Will we be able to get an aided school here
- b) We are over 3 miles from the Linkwater School
- c) My sister (Who has just lost her husband) has come to live with us and she has three children ages 11.10.5
- d) She wants them to be able to go to school here
- e) Several years ago when my two sisters and brothers were of school age we had a school here.
- f) There are two other little children about 5 and 6 on the place
- g) Their mother was talking about sending them away to Board
- h) Also there are several other children I think would board here during the week

19th January 1928

Letter to Mr Strachan Ex Marlborough teacher and School Inspector for Marlborough Education Board from Ethel Beauchamp Anakiwa included

- a) History repeats itself!
- b) My sister who has just lost her husband has come to live with me and I hope we can have a school here again

- c) The children's ages are 11-10- 5 ½
- d) There are two other children on Anakiwa their father is sharemilking for my brother- one child is 6 ½ the other will be 5 in July
- e) There are three other children whose Parents I think would send them to Board if we had a school
- f) We placed the matter before Mr Wedde (Board Member) who said there wouldn't be any difficulty as we are about 3 ½ - four miles from the Grove School
- g) I will send you photos of my guesthouse that I have been running at Anakiwa (& making a great success!) for several summers. Will you please return photos?

20th January 1928 Letter to Mrs E Hazelwood from Wellington Education Board

- a) Must submit forms G3 and G4
- b) The Board would not be prepared to approve of the appointment of anyone who has no better examination qualification than a Standard 6 proficiency

8th February D A Strachan Inspector signed application for a school

- a) Anakiwa Homestead 7 miles from Picton by water
- b) 2 families
- c) Five children
- d) Three on other school rolls
- e) Linkwater school 3 ½ miles road formed only part of distance
- f) Picton 9 Miles, Waikawa 13 miles
- g) A room in Anakiwa Homestead
- h) The road to Linkwater is a bridle track. I recommend establishment of this school
- i) Signed Mrs Hazelwood

1st February 1928 Children to attend:

Mrs Lewis Coster: Household Duties: Joy Coster, 11 : Lewis Coster, 10, Elizabeth Coster 5.
Names on roll of Ashburton School

Mrs John Murphy, Farmer, Micky Murphy 6, Teddy Murphy 4

30th January 1928 Letter from Ethel Beauchamp Hazelwood to Wellington Education Board

- a) Teddy Murphy will be five in a few months but will attend school as soon as we can have a teacher
- b) Hope we can have a teacher soon as there are other children who may attend and we don't want the children to miss out on any schooling

8th February Letter to Director of Education advising opening of school letter to Mrs Hazelwood notifying her of the opening of the school

15th February 1928 Reply from Director stating they have no objection to the opening of the school

24th February 1928 Letter from Ethel Hazelwood asking: Are we to have a teacher?

- a) Five children are waiting for lessons to start
- b) My sister who has lost her husband is worried about her children missing out
- c) There are definitely 2 more children who would attend as soon as it is an established fact

2nd March A Night Letter (Telegram) MISS DICKEY APPOINTED TEACHER. REQUESTING HER COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY

26th March Reply paid telegram to Mrs Hazelwood > KINDLY INTIMATE DATE MISS DICKEY COMMENCED DUTY. EDUCATION BOARD

Note: Commenced duty 8th March 1928

3rd May 1928 Letter to Mrs Hazelwood included

- a) I regret that through an oversight you were not supplied with the bylaws relating to aided schools
- b) You will find them on Pages 14 and 15 of the pamphlet
- c) The parents of the children are expected to make up the salary to the minimum of £75 per annum
- d) For the last quarter the average attendance was 4 providing a salary rate of £60
- e) Had the attendance been 5 then the rate would have been £75
- f) For the period of 8th to 31st March the parents should have paid 19/4 (*Nineteen Shillings and 4 pence*)

25th October Letter from Wellington Education Board to Mrs Hazelwood included

- a) Miss Dickey is leaving on the 10th November
- b) Miss Ellen D Fisher a member of the Board's relieving staff to take charge until the end of the year
- c) Miss Fisher will be at Pine Valley school until 14th November and may not reach Anakiwa until Monday 18th November
- d) Miss Fisher has been advised the Board will pay at £75 per annum rate and the parents will provide her with free board and lodgings
- e) Miss Fisher will notify of the probable time of her arrival at Picton and will be obliged for you to arrange for someone to meet her there

28th October Letter from E Hazelwood (Correspondent Anakiwa School) *A correspondent was appointed when there was not a School Committee*

- a) We are pleased Miss Fisher will arrive soon after Miss Dickey departs
- b) We are all most sorry to part with Miss Dickey. She is an excellent teacher and won both the love and respect of her pupils
- c) We will meet Miss Fisher at Picton

6th November 1928 Letter from Mrs Hazelwood

- a) Miss Muir of Grassmere School will commence teaching at Anakiwa School on 1st February 1930
- b) I have informed the parents who are glad there will be no delay

6th February 1930 Reply to Miss E E Muir Teacher Public School Anakiwa

- c) The Education Board does not subsidise Gramophone records
- d) The records may be purchased through the Department at a reduced cost
- e) Please forward you application in duplicate on Forms K3 and K4 a supply of which is enclosed
- f) The Committees contribution should accompany the application.

g)

26th April 1930 Appointment of Miss L M Shearer as reliever

28th April Appointment Miss T Jeffries as Miss Shearer is not available

8th November 1930 Letter from W Myers teacher on taking Governor General's holiday on his recent visit to Marlborough

Undated form to parents of aided schools to be signed by all

- a) If salary is less than £120 free board and lodging is provided
- b) If salary over £120 then lodgings are at 25/- per week
- c) The cost to spread over all parents

Only Lillian Annette Coster signed form

27th August 1931 Long letter from Mrs Hazelwood included:

- a) Delay in replying as I had to see Mrs Smith and Mrs Murphy and wait for their reply
- b) My Sister Mrs Coster has kept the teacher with no assistance
- c) The school is held in My sister's house
- d) My sister has rearranged her room so Miss Meyer (the teacher- a very capable nice girl) went to My Brother and his wife who live about ¼ of a mile from the school
- e) My sister paid my brother £20 for her board
- f) We realise that it is impossible for Mrs Murphy to board the teacher as her house is too small and times are very hard for farmers at present
- g) Just Lately 2 Smith children have arrived and Mrs Coster decided it was time for the others to contribute
- h) As Miss Meyer's Board is paid to the end of the year Mrs Coster will leave it but next year the others will have to pay
- i)
- j) Mrs Smith will board the teacher for the first term and for Mrs Smith for the second term and Mrs Coster will board her for the 3rd term
- k) Both Mrs Smith and Mr and Mrs Murphy refused to sign the form
- l) As for the desk there is one at Linkwater School in a shed can we use that rather than sending one from Wellington

22nd January 1932

I have not spoken to the Smith's or Murphy's but I Understand that the Smiths were going to keep her for two terms as Murphy's house is not large enough

If there is any difficulty about her Board we will be only glad for her to stay here (absolutely free) for we like her very much indeed.. I do not think there will be any trouble about her board as she is an excellent teacher and a most popular girl

9th January 1932 Letter to Wellington Education Board I have just heard Grade O schools will be closed if roll is less than 6. Miss Myers dictated this letter over the phone on account of there not being any mail

10th February Letter from Education Board to Miss W Meyers Sole Teacher The minister has announced he is going to close some schools when the roll drops below 6. You need to get sufficient children to meet the Minister's requirements

25th February 1932 Letter from Miss Meyers to Wellington Education Board stating 2 children had not left as I thought but have been home with whooping cough

Our roll will remain at 7.

26th May 1932 Letter from Miss W Meyer to Wellington Education Board

- a) There were no absences not due to sickness
- b) 2 children attendance the maximum number of half days
- c) One child was away for 10 half days in bed with influenza
- d) One child was away 4 half days with a bad foot
- e) One child was absent 8 half days with a severe cold
- f) One child was absent 4 weeks with whooping cough at the beginning of the term and one week with a cold
- g) The other child was absent 5 weeks with whooping cough

19th August Please send me forms c/- Stuckey Street Levin I will fill it in and return at once

18th August 1933 Letter from Miss Meyer I have a child who will be six years of age in November. She has been attending since last November

When she came here, I was told she was already 6. If I am entitled to put her on the roll, the average attendance for the term will be 7.9

Approved by Wellington Education Board

23rd November 1933 Letter from Miss Meyer included

- a) Roll was 8 at end of last term
- b) We commenced with 9 and three weeks ago three more children arrived making the total 12.
- c) Next year the two senior children and maybe two other will be leaving but 2 others may be arriving soon
- d) There is only accommodation for 8 pupils in the room in use
- e) And the other children are out in the porch
- f) I cannot possibly take the new children in the present quarters
- g) Is there anyway a new room can be built?

27th November 1933. Unless the Department is assured of an attendance of no less than 12 for a number of years no building will be started

The solution is with the parents

30th January 1934 Mr T Lambert appointed as relieving Sole Teacher

14th March 1934 Letter from Ethel Hazelwood to Wellington Education Board asking

- a) whether a replacement for Mr Lambert is to be made?
- b) The children think so much of Mr Lambert and he is so agreeable about the house and fits in so well with all the people here that there will be widespread disappointment if someone else is appointed in his place

19th March 1934 A permanent replacement will be considered at our next meeting

Mr Lambert has applied but is nowhere near the top of the list. The teacher who probably be appointed has a grading number of 189 while Mr Lambert's is 200

15th October 1934 Miss B Hille wrote the Inspector came on Saturday we are going to take this day on Tuesday 23rd October

28th March 1935 Letter to E B Hazelwood

- a) The Wellington Education Board looked at closing the school
- b) There are 5 on the roll; 2 are doing secondary school and can continue under the correspondence school
- c) One of the three standard children will be leaving soon
- d) Another pupil is not more than 2 ½ miles from Linkwater
- e) The Board cannot appoint a certificated teacher

28th March 1935 Telegram from Miss Hille Schoolroom is in private home what I shall do with desks and equipment owner willing to store

29th March 1935 Letter to Mrs Hazelwood Please store the furniture until required at Anakiwa or elsewhere if the school at your place is not likely to be re-opened

Pelorus Guardian

14th July 1905 Mr. H, Beauchamp was granted assistance for a household school at Anakiwa

16th February 1906 Anakiwa —A blackboard and sundries were granted.

16th March 1906 Anakiwa; The aided School was granted a wall map

12th October 1906 Miss E. Macfarlane wrote stating that she could not accept the appointment at Grassmere, as she had made arrangements to go to Anakiwa.— Approved, subject to coming through the Grove Committee.

13th December 1907 Anakiwa.-Miss Mabel Ensor was appointed teacher at the household school.

18th February 1910 Anakiwa, Miss Rhoda McRae; Appointed

Cullen Hill (1921-1923)

The only mention I could find is of a flood at Cullen Hill on the Wairau River near Kaituna

1921 4 Cullen Hill Langridge Edith Sole £75.00

1923 6 Cullen Hill Pike Sibyl Sole £105.00

19th February 1920 The following aided schools were authorised to be established Lochmara, Ravenscliff, Pine Valley Cullen Hill and Oyster Bay

16th September 1920 Cullen Hill Miss Sybil Pike appointed

15th June 1921 Miss E Langridge appointed

National Archives:

27th July 1920 Application for a new school

Cullen Hill Mahakipawa Marlborough

One Family

Three Children

None of whom go to school

Mahakipawa 5 Miles Havelock 7 Miles

A room in the private house

Home provided with householder

Nearest Post Office: Mahakipawa

Mr. Walter Neame making application

11th August 1920 Household School established at Cullen Hill

Cullensville (1889-1906)

Cullensville was a gold mining area in the Linkwater area on the Queen Charlotte Drive. At end of Cullensville Road

1889	21	Cullensville	Fama	Margaret C		Female	£ 77.00
1890	28	Cullensville	Fama	Margaret		Female	£ 100.00
1891	29	Cullensville	Regan	Michael D		Master	£ 100.00
1892	37	Cullensville	Regan	Michael D		Master	£ 127.15
1893	28	Cullensville	Regan	Michael D		Master	£ 128.00
1893	28	Cullensville	Handley	Nora		Sewing	£ 12.00
1894	37	Cullensville	Regan	Michael D		Master	£ 127.15
1894	37	Cullensville	Handley	Nora		Sewing	£ 12.00
1895	25	Cullensville	Regan	Michael D		Master	£ 100.00
1895	25	Cullensville	Berg Mrs			Sewing	£ 12.00
1896	19	Cullensville	Regan	Michael D	E2	Master	£ 100.00
1896	19	Cullensville	Nielsen Mrs			Sewing	£ 12.00
1897	24	Cullensville	Stratford	Herbert A	E2	Master	£ 100.00
1898	26	Cullensville	Wilmot	David H		Master	£ 100.00
1899	30	Cullensville	Wilmot	David H	D3	Master	£ 123.50
1900	28	Cullensville	Robertson	David	D3	Master	£ 122.10
1901	24	Cullensville	Robertson	David	D2	Master	£ 122.10
1902	28	Cullensville	Bowden	Thomas R	Licensed	Master	£ 128.00
1903	27	Cullensville	Everiss	George	C1	Head	£ 128.00
1904	24	Cullensville	Everiss	George	C1	Master	£ 124.10
1905	23	Cullensville	Griffiths	Wilhelmina		Female	£ 113.80
1906	21	Cullensville	Young	Esther		Female	£ 117.00

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1st March 1889 A School at Cullensville. Our Cullensville correspondent writes A petition is in circulation here praying the Education Board to take steps to establish an aided school here. About thirty children live in Cullensville and Mahakipawa, and doubtless arrangements could be made with the Library Committee for holding the school in the building known as the Library. The petition, has already been signed by about a dozen persons who have families here

14th March 1889 An aided school was granted to Cullensville

2nd July 1889 School Committee Elected

6th August 1889 From Mr Blake, Wellington re a building in Cullensville belonging to him

5th November 1889 From Mr Oliver, Cullensville offering the Board a building of his for £50, for school purposes. Mr Mills said he had seen Mr Blake, owner of the present school building. He did not know that there was much to choose between this and the building now offered by Mr Oliver. The Chairman did not know that there was any need to buy. The school would probably never be anything, but an aided one, and while they could rent they need not buy. Mr Mills would undertake to inspect the building on his next visit to Cullensville. He

agreed with the Chairman, that they had better rent than buy. The Board resolved, That they were not prepared to accept the offer of Mr Oliver.

2nd April 1890 Cullensville (aided school).— Mrs Fama. On roll 28, present 26. Good use has been made of the nine months that have elapsed since the opening of the school and its examination. The children are alert and intelligent, getting through their tasks quickly, independently, and in perfect silence. Some of them had evidently been classified too high, and were therefore unequal to the work they attempted.

6th May 1890 CULLENSVILLE SITE. Mr W. J. Cullen, of Cullensville, wrote "In answer to yours re the lease of school site, the terms I mention were as follows Lease five years of half an acre at 5s per week, with right of renewal for another five years at a peppercorn rent, and in the event of the land and building being no longer required by the Board, the whole to revert to me." Agreed to, the erection of the school to be proceeded with at once.

6th August 1890. From the Cullensville Committee reporting that the attendance was 27, and asking for an incidental allowance, and a bell for the school. Capt. Baillie said several schools wanted bells. This part of the request could not be entertained at present. With regard to the request for incidentals" the Board could not comply with it, as the school had not yet been taken over as a main school. The maps, ink-wells, etc., asked for were ordered to be sent.

7th October 1890 Mr Collins wrote asking that the status of the Cullensville school be raised from an aided to a district school. He also called attention to the state of the building, which had no doors and windows in it, and was open to the influences of the weather. The Secretary said that the doors and windows had since been put in, and the building had been passed by the architect. Mr Mills proposed that the status of 'the school be raised, and that it be taken over. Lt-Col. Baillie suggested that it be left to the Inspector they were about to appoint. Mr Mills then gave notice for next meeting

3rd December 1890 CULLENSVILLE. The Cullensville Committee asked for certain requisites, and also intimated that they desired the appointment of a certificated teacher. Mrs Fama had resigned her position, and afterwards withdrawn the resignation. It was resolved to send on the letters the Committee for their opinion, and that the requisites asked for be supplied. Mr Freeby, of Cullensville, wrote calling the attention of the Board to the hardship he had been submitted to, in the matter of his carting contract for the Cullensville school. A letter was also received from Mr Kennington on the subject of these orders, and claiming payment in full, as without the timber the school could not have been erected. Other letters were received from creditors on the same subject. It was resolved to pay all wages in full, and take legal advice as to the remainder of the amounts due by the contractor, who left without squaring up his accounts.

7th July 1891 The resignation of Mrs Fama was received and accepted. It was decided to offer 100 pounds a year and advertise in the Schoolmaster and local papers

1st September 1891 The appointment of Mr M D Regan to the Cullensville School made by the chairman was confirmed and the Chairman said the school was again open.

6th October 1891 CULLENSVILLE. Mr Paul read an extract from a private letter stating that there were about 15 children of school age running wild, and who were too far from the Cullensville school. It was thought they might be taught at the old school. The matter was left to Mr Mills to make inquiries as to the correctness of the statement, and Mr Paul was to write and ascertain further particulars

5th April 1892 Committees forwarded the 9 names of their local auditors, all of whom were approved. GROVE SCHOOL. Some correspondence was received relative to the conveyance of children to and from the Grove to the Cullensville school. It was stated that to convey the

children at 1 shilling a head would cost the Board £20 a year, and there would be another £9 a year for the increased salary of the teacher. The residents, however, were not willing to pay half the cost themselves. The Chairman considered that under the circumstances it might be as well if the Board made the Grove an aided school. Mr H. Dobson offered to buy the building. Mr Mills thought the conveyance of children would be an awkward precedent, as he knew of children up the Deep Creek who walked four or five miles daily. The Chairman proposed that the Board could not agree to pay more, and the Committee be asked to suggest some alternative plan to meet the wants of the district, and also to report on the suitability of the old building. .

(CULLENSVILLE. The Committee complained that the teacher was not getting the salary he –was entitled to under the new scale. The Inspector explained that he was appointed before the scale was made, but the Chairman and others considered that he was entitled to come under the scale, as he fairly earned an extra £30 a year. On the motion of Mr Mills, it was resolved to place him under the new scale as from January 1st

2nd August 1892 CULLENSVILLE The Committee reported that they had not been able to secure a teacher, for the Grove School (aided.) Mr H. Seymour said the fact was that in Cullensville they did not like the idea of a school at the Grove. The Chairman recommended that the Committee be informed that, as this was an aided school, the Board could not advertise for a teacher, and it was the duty of the Committee to attend to the matter, and they were asked to make the recommendation desired. Agreed to. The Committee also asked for the appointment of a pupil teacher at their school. The Inspector said they were not entitled to a pupil teacher according to their attendance roll. THE GROVE. Mr J. Duncan forwarded receipts for repairing the Grove School.

4th October 1892 The Cullensville Committee reported that Mrs Beauchamp has been selected as teacher for the Grove aided school

10th January 1893 CULLENSVILLE. The Committee asked if anything had been done in the matter of fixing the boundaries, and suggesting that Mahakipawa and Cullensville should be combined, and that the Sounds be placed under the Grove Committee. Discussion ensued on the difficulties of communication in the Sounds, and one suggestion was that perhaps Picton would be the best centre for the Sounds, but the small Committees would very likely object to their schools being taken out of their hand. The Chairman said he would like to have a committee appointed with him in the matter, so that it could be talked over. The Grove would want a special committee, and he would attend to the definition of the boundary as soon as possible. The matter was left to the Chairman.

14th July 1896 Tenders were received for additions to the school at Cullensville, but they were not considered, it being decided to defer the matter pending the receipt of definite information as to the decrease of population at the locality. The Committee wrote recommending the appointment of Miss Neilson as sewing mistress, in place of Miss Berg, resigned. The appointment was approved for a period of three months, the Committee to be informed that the engagement could last only as long as the average attendance did not fall below the regulation number, 25.

14th October 1896 CULLENSVILLE. The Committee wrote asking that the roof of the schoolhouse be repaired, and a stove (already authorised) be supplied. It was resolved to supply stove and to point out that the sum of £3 had only recently been expended on the roof. GROVE. The Committee applied for a new school to be erected on the same site as the old one. Mr Chayton thought that if there was anything in the suggestion that one school should be provided for Cullensville and Grove it would be inadvisable to comply with the request.

Mr Duncan pointed out that directly the Board ceased to use the Cullensville school it would pass into the hands of Mr Cullen, so that the Board could not remove the building. The offer of a local builder to replace the Grove school for £40 was very reasonable. It was resolved to empower the Committee and Mr Duncan to have a new school erected

10th November 1896 CULLENSVILLE. The Committee wrote forwarding the resignation of Mr Regan, master, which he tendered in view of the school being reduced to the status of an aided school, such as it was, in an efficient state, as the results of the recent examination indicated. He also thanked the Committee for the courtesy they had invariably extended towards him. He gave three months' notice. As Mr Regan had not communicated with the Board, no resolution was passed

13th January 1897 CULLENSVILLE. The teacher of the Cullensville School wrote tendering his resignation. This was accepted, the usual three months' notice to date from the 19th of December. It was resolved to call for applications for the position, and in view of evidence supplied by the Committee and Inspector, to make as early an appointment as possible

18th January 1897 MARLBOROUGH EDUCATION BOARD. CERTIFICATED Teacher wanted for the Cullensville School. Salary according to the Board's regulations, at present £100 per annum for a male, or £90 for a female teacher. Applications to be in this office not later than SATURDAY, 30th January. JOHN SMITH, Secretary. Education Board Office

9th February 1897 CULLENSVILLE. The Committee returned the eight applications received for the position of teacher at Cullensville, and recommended the appointment of Mr H. Stratford, of the Deep Creek School;

A petition was received from fifteen residents asking that a female teacher be appointed. The majority of the children were girls, and the appointment, of a female teacher would obviate the necessity, of engaging a sewing mistress.

It was resolved to forward the petition to the Committee and ask them to consider it, the decision of the Committee to be transmitted to the Chairman of the Board, who will have authority to confirm it and make a temporary appointment either at Cullensville or Deep Creek.

15th February 1897 COUNTRY SCHOOLS.
TO THE EDITOR

Sir, A schoolroom has just been erected at the Grove for the accommodation of one family, and others probably at some future date but the majority of the settlers at Mahakipawa are quite neglected in this matter, as there is no school nearer than at Cullensville or the Grove, both at the extreme ends. Only a few families are now likely to remain at Cullensville and it not be well for the Education Board to purchase the school building at Cullensville and erect it on the reserve (rent free, of course) in a central position, accommodating the whole of the valley from one end to the other. The distance is now so far and out of the way, that several young children who otherwise would attend are now debarred from doing so. A central school would be to the benefit about 80 children, not including those at Cullensville. With the exception of one family, the residents at Mahakipawa and the Grove would have a less distance to go than at present at either school, The number attending would justify the appointment of a duly qualified teacher. Under these circumstances the one or two families left at Cullensville would be compelled to attend. In a year or two other children of residents would be of school age. If this matter was represented to the Board, I feel sure they would see the necessity for looking into it. I am, etc., Pro Bono Publico.

10th March 1897. Letter received. DEEP CREEK. The Committee nominated Mr A. W. Blake, formerly of Robin Hood Bay, to take the teachership in place of Mr Stratford, who had proceeded to Cullensville,

15th February 1898 It was resolved to call for applications for the Cullensville teachership, and that Mr Wilmott be temporarily appointed to fill the vacancy. The Committee wrote asking for a grant of £10 to rebuild closets etc. destroyed by the recent bush fires and that the sum of £2 12s be voted for the remuneration of men who assisted to save the main building from destruction. It was resolved that the Secretary obtain a return showing the extent of damages and forward it to the Government and that in the meantime the Committee be authorised to execute the repairs. The request for the sum of £2 12a was granted

10th April 1900 The Board appointed Mr D. H. Willmot (master of the Cullensville School) for one year, or during Mr Simeon's further absence. The matter of appointing a successor to Mr Willmot at Cullensville was left to Mr Duncan and the Secretary.

11th June 1900 With respect to a request of the Cullensville Committee that the teacher be not allowed to let a portion of the school residence, the Secretary was instructed to point out that such action on part of the teacher would be contrary to the Board's regulations. A number of small requirements were provided to the Cullensville school. A tender of £7 10a for the construction of school window was referred to the Cullensville Committee, with a request for an estimate of cost

10th July 1900 CULLENSVILLE. The action of Mr Duncan in authorising the construction of a window was confirmed

10th September 1900 CULLENSVILLE. A letter from the Committee was considered in Committee. Resuming, the Board adopted a resolution setting up a commission of enquiry, consisting of Messrs Seymour, Duncan, and Fell.

9th July 1901 It was resolved to notify the Okaramio Committee that with the present attendance the teaching staff was in excess of the regulations, and it might be necessary to make a reduction. It was stated that a similar state of affairs existed at Cullensville. —It was resolved that action be not taken for another quarter.

17th October 1901 Cullensville. Our Mahakipawa correspondent writes —The Cullensville school having received the handsome New Zealand flag presented by the New Zealand Government, last Friday the unfurling ceremony took place. The beautiful day attracted a large crowd of visitors from all round the district, After a few appropriate words from the Chairman of the School Committee (Mr V. Coombe),- Mrs Brown, the oldest resident, unfurled the flag. Cheers were lustily given by the spectators and children, who, marching past, saluted the flag, and also sang the New Zealand National Hymn and God Save the King." Mr W. J. Cullen also gave a short patriotic speech. Tea and cake were supplied in abundance by the different families living in Cullensville and district. In the evening a social and dance in the Cullensville Hall fitly concluded a most enjoyable day. The teacher (Mr Robertson) deserves every credit for the manner in which he carried out the duties of the day,"

28th December 1901 MARLBOROUGH EDUCATION BOARD. TEACHER wanted for the Cullensville School. Salary in accordance with The Public School Teachers' Salaries Act, 1901 (probably about £107 a year) with small residence. Applications for this position will be received by the undersigned up to THURSDAY, 9th January, 1902. JOHN SMITH, Secretary. Education Board Office, Blenheim

11th February 1902 CULLENSVILLE. The Committee forwarded a petition bearing the names of nine parents with 23 children attending the school, protesting against the appointment of the teacher selected by the Committee.— It was resolved to refer the petition to the Committee for their remarks.

11th March 1902 CULLENSVILLE. The Cullensville Committee reported that the residents' petition against the appointment of the teacher did not go through its hands, and it understood that many of those who signed the petition now realised that they attached their names to it under misapprehension. The attendance at the school was increasing.—The petition in question was referred by the Board to the Committee, and the latter's reply, it was said, ended

the matter. The Committee also represented the necessity of more adequate building accommodation. It was resolved that the matter be held over till next meeting, Mr Duncan undertaking to interview the owner of the school property, the Committee, and residents, and explain the Board's financial condition, the difficulty as to the ownership of the freehold, and the probability of a removal of the site. GENERAL. Three cords of firewood were granted to the Cullensville Com

1st May 1902 Cullensville. —At the annual meeting of householders held on Monday evening the following members of the old Committee were re-elected: Messrs F. Coombe, D. A. Halket, M. C. Patterson, W. Coleman, B. Jones. The two new members appointed were Messrs J. Cody and C. P. Neilson. At the meeting of the newly elected School Committee, held immediately afterwards, Mr F. Coombe was reappointed Chairman, and Mr D. A. Halket re-elected Secretary for the ensuing 12 months.

At the meeting of householders a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the several members of the Education Board for the prompt and kind manner in which all requests for assistance made by the Committee had been met; especially to Mr John Duncan, who had on several occasions visited the school to inspect the school buildings, etc., and advocated the claims of the School Committee before the Board. Although mining matters here are still very dull, the school attendance shows an increase. For the quarter ended 31st March the number on the roll was 35 and the average attendance 30

14th October 1902 The Committee asked the Board to appoint Mr T. R. Bowden, of Cullensville school, to be teacher of the Fairhall school, or in the alternative Mrs. Tosswill, of Kaituna.—The appointment was deferred till next meeting for the report of the Inspector on the forthcoming examination of the ~Cullensville school, the matter to be referred to the further consideration of the Committee if they so desired

12th January 1903 The Cullensville School Committee appointed Mr G Everest (Everiss?) as Teacher

26th January 1903 Miss Nicoll appointed as Sole Teacher

21st April 1903 CULLENSVILLE. Mr Cullen wrote asking that since there was no sign of the school attendance at Cullensville collapsing, he be allowed rent, according to stipulation. —It was decided to ask Mr Cullen what rent he required

12th May 1903 CULLENSVILLE, Mr Cullen offered to accept a rental of 5s a year for five years for the Cullensville school property. Mr Duncan was asked to arrange terms with Mr Cullen. Accounts forwarded by the Cullensville Committee for repairs amounting to £10 3s 5d were ordered to be paid

2nd June 1904 MARLBOROUGH EDUCATION BOARD. The Householders of the North-Bank, Cullensville, and Wairau Valley School Districts having failed to elect School Committees on the statutory day, the Board hereby publicly notifies that meetings of the householders of the said districts shall be held on MONDAY, 6th June, 1904, at the following times and places The Schoolhouses at Fabian's Valley, Cullensville, and Wairau Valley, at 7.30 p.m. The number of members to be elected Is For the Cullensville district, seven members; and for the North Bank and Wairau Valley districts, each five members. The Board hereby calls upon the Householders of the said School Districts to send, in writing, to the Chairmen of their respective districts, not later than 6 o'clock p m. on MONDAY, 30th May, the names of persons, being resident householders, nominated by them for election to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year. Each nomination must be signed by the proposer and by the candidate. The first meetings of the new Committees for the election of chairmen, shall be held at the same places, immediately after the election

10th October 1904 The appointment of Miss A Nielson as teacher temporarily at Cullensville was approved

15th August 1905 The resignation of Mr E. J. Gilmour as teacher at the Cullensville School was notified.—The Secretary of the Board reported that on receipt of the resignation he

advertised in the local and Wellington papers, and received one application.—On the recommendation of the Committee, Mr J. W. Williamson was appointed teacher,— The Inspector was authorised to send forward a relieving teacher if possible.

11th September 1905 Cullensville: It was reported that the applicant appointed to the teachership had withdrawn owing to the expense of travelling. Miss W. Griffiths had been appointed temporarily. It was resolved to call for fresh applications

10th October 1905 Cullensville The Committee recommended that Misa W. Griffiths, relieving teacher, be appointed teacher permanently.—A temporary appointment was made

13th November 1905 The Blenheim Committee recommended Miss Griffiths (late of Cullensville) as assistant teacher, in succession to Miss McMahan.—Adopted.

14th May 1906 Cullensville The teacher, Mr Brownlee, who had been asked to fix a date for his retirement, under the Superannuation Act, asked for the continuation of his service as long as possible.—Resolved to point Mr Brownlee to the Act, which made retirement compulsory.

4th June 1906 Cullensville, £130 per annum, with small residence

13th August 1906 COMBINATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Twenty settlers of the Grove, Mahikipawa, and Cullensville districts petitioned the Board to establish a central school for the three subdivisions at the Grove. The present Grove school building was in good order, and could be shifted to the proposed site and added to.

Mr R. Barker Grove, wrote urging the advantage of the, project. The proposal was strongly opposed by the Cullensville Committee. There were twelve children at Cullensville, and these would not attend the proposed new school. The number attending the so-called central school would be less than those attending the Cullensville school. The Committee asked that the petition be referred to them, for information. The Chairman suggested that the Cullensville school be allowed to remain, and that the present Grove school be shifted to the proposed central site. Mr Scott spoke in favour of the proposal, mainly on the grounds that a better teacher could be secured by amalgamation. Outside Cullensville, the settlers were unanimous as to the advisability of the project. He moved that the petitions be forwarded to the opposing parties for comment, and that Mr Reader and the mover be a committee to meet representatives of the parties at the Institute. The question of appointing a teacher to Cullensville to succeed Mr Brownlee (superannuated) was deferred in consequence of the foregoing decision.

10th September 1906 PROPOSED CENTRAL SCHOOL AT MAHAKIPAWA. Messrs Scott and Reader having reported strongly in favour of the establishment of a central school at Mahikipawa, to replace Cullensville, Grove, and Anakiwa, the Board agreed to the proposal, and it was decided to ask the Department to grant funds for a new building

Cullensville, Miss M. Young (temporarily)

10th October 1906 GROVE SCHOOL AMALGAMATION. Mr Scott, one of the-members who interviewed the Minister for Education, explained what had been represented to him, and reported his reply, which was favourable.

Mr. Reader expressed the desire of the Grove and other residents that the -new school should, if established, be called the Linkwater School.

Mr Scott produced a plan prepared by Mr Reid, with an. offer to erect the new school and shift the old school, and convert it into a four-roomed house, for £264. On the motion of Mr Reader, it was decided to ask the Government for a grant of £300 for a central school, and to send forward the data supplied to the Board by Mr Barker, the Chairman of the Grove School Committee. Mr Reader gave notice to move at next meeting that the Grove, Mahikipawa, and Cullensville districts be amalgamated

12th December 1906 LINKWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT. The Chairman intimated that he had personally visited the locality of the Grove. It was his opinion that .the Cullensville school should be allowed to remain. Once the Cullensville school was abandoned it would become Mr Cullen's property. According to notice, Mr Reader moved that the Cullensville

and Grove districts be amalgamated, to be called the Linkwater district. The Cullensville school might still be left open.— Mr Scott seconded, and the motion was carried. Mr Scott withdrew his motion in reference to the closing of the Grove and Cullensville schools with the view of getting a new school at Mahakipawa. On the motion of Mr Reader, it was decided to keep the Cullensville school open till the householders' annual meeting.

National Archives^{7th} January 1908 memorandum to the Secretary of Education re Cullensville School

- a) Asks for £50 for rent of eh school property at Cullensville
- b) It appears that an arrangement was made in 1903 with Mr. Cullen for the lease of a building at 5 shillings per week
- c) No payment was ever made
- d) School was closed in August 1907 and the amount owing was £58. 10 shillings
- e) Mr. Cullen is prepared to accept £50

3rd April 1908 Application to Secretary of Education for rent for Cullensville

Roll 20 before closing

Linkwater 2 ½ miles away

Two out offices and washhouse 10 foot x 7 foot

Secretary 66 Linkwater SD Land Half an acre

Marlborough Express

Mahakipawa

1870

26th November 1870 Another kind of illustration of the moral we started with, is the insinuation contained in the following extract from the Mahakipawa correspondent's letter in the Picton Press of the 9th instant:— "The school here was closed at the end of last month, and it may be a long time ere it will be re-opened. We are expecting a visit from the Superintendent, and it is to be hoped that he will be able to satisfy the electors and settlers here with regard to the Education Reserve. I have heard—but I think they were quizzing me—that the rental went to pay the salaries of the Blenheim teachers. If this be the case, it is adding insult to injury; but I won't believe it."

The writer is not so much a stranger to the town of Blenheim as might be supposed, but everyone that takes the trouble to think for a moment will know that the contribution to the Household Rate by the inhabitants of Blenheim has been in excess of the cost of maintaining its own school, besides the one at the Bush ; but he must have been further aware that the Blenheim Schools have had to participate in the same fate as that at Mahakipawa, in being passed on to other hands, yet the teacher's did not think it necessary to close them, even although their salaries were very recently, if they are not now, nine months in arrear

1871

14th January 1871 County of Picton Meeting At the request of Mr Cawte, the appointment of a Local Committee for the school at Mahakipawa was left over till next meeting, to enable him to consult the inhabitants of the locality.

28th January 1871 Picton County Board. On the motion of Mr Cawte, seconded by Capt. Baillie, it was agreed that the following gentlemen be the Committee for the Mahakipawa School:—Messrs Cullen, Taylor, Coleman, F. Suisted, and Brown. Captain Baillie proposed, and Mr Cawte seconded, “ That Mr Joe Sommerville be offered £25 for the "house built by him on the Mahakipawa School Reserve.” Carried. Capt. Baillie proposed, and Mr Allport seconded, “That the salary of the Schoolmaster at Mahakipawa be £100 per annum, with house rent free.” Carried.

25th February 1871 Picton County Board A letter from Mr Somerville was read, in which he agreed to accept £25 for his house at Mahakipawa. A letter was read from the Chairman of the Mahakipawa School Committee, concerning the clearing of the land adjoining the school to preserve it from being burnt down. Capt. Baillie moved and Mr Allport seconded, That Mr Cawte be empowered to expend any sum not exceeding £5 towards clearing an acre around the school. Carried. Mr Allport moved and Mr Johnson seconded,

25th March 1871 Picton County Board

A letter was read from Mr G. Cawte, schoolmaster, requesting a supply of books, &c., for the Mahakipawa School.

Mr J. Cawte moved and Capt. Baillie seconded, “That the Mahakipawa School Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £2 on books, &c.” Carried.

The Secretary was requested to apply to Mr Duncan for the sum of £35 due by him to the Board.

A petition from the Prince Alfred Volunteers,' requesting the use of the Education Reserve for parade and drill, was laid before the Board. Moved by Capt. Baillie and seconded by Mr Cawte, “That the Secretary be requested to write to Mr Wemyss to ascertain if Mr Arthur Beauchamp ever alienated a section at Mahakipawa, known as ‘Thom’s claim,’ containing about three-quarters of an acre, as an Education Reserve. ” Carried.

12th August 1871 Education —Returns from the Mahakipawa and Grove School, and an account for the master’s salary, were laid before the Board. The latter was ordered to be paid. Resolved “ That the Secretary be requested to write to the Local_ Committees and inform them that at the expiration of the next quarter the Board will not be in a position to pay the (salaries of the masters.”— Press.

18th November 1871 Picton County Board Education. —Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. —The salary of the Master of the Grove and Mahakipawa School was ordered to be paid.—Resolved, that the chairman of the Mahakipawa Education Committee be requested to furnish the Chairman of the Picton County Board with a list of all school fees due to the said Committee up to the quarter ending 25th August

1872

13th March 1872 At the last meeting of the Picton County Board—when were present Capt. Baillie, Messrs Allport, and Cawte. A quarterly return was presented By Mr. Cawte of the Grove and Mahakipawa School The following resolution was then passed That the Society be requested to write.to .the headmasters in the County informing them at the expiration of three months their services would not be required.”- Surely the ratepayers of the County are deserving of some reason why this resolution should be deemed necessary by the Board

MAHAKIPAWA

28th January 1890 The time has now arrived when the parents of children there should claim an expenditure from the Education Board for the establishment of a State school. There are about thirty children of school ages who would attend and other married men would bring their families to settle there if such an inducement were held; out. The means of education at present in existence (however well qualified the teacher) is certainly a heavy tax on those who have many young olive branches to train, and seems to them more a burden as a liberal and free education is broad-cast over the country.

4th March 1890 Our School Committee held their monthly meeting on Wednesday. I understand that it was proposed to write to the Education Board re firewood, I suppose for the coming winter. It was suggested by one of the members that it would be as well to request the Board to supply a chimney and fireplace, as the present building that is facetiously called "the school" is not supplied with that luxury. I think they could have gone a step further and requested the Education Board to add a decent Government school to the proposed fireplace. Now there are nearly forty children of the required school age in the district, and we are clearly entitled to a school. Hundreds of pounds are spent on the Blenheim schools, and we see a grand flourish in the papers about the beauty of the architecture, the polished desks, grand ventilation, &c. I consider that if the local Funds are so low that they cannot lay out a few pounds to build a school, when the sons and daughters of our hard-working miners are left (for all the interest the high and mighty Education Board take in them) to be brought up in ignorance, that the grand affair in Blenheim is a disgrace to the country instead of an ornament. Why are we utterly ignored by the Education Board who didn't even trouble to answer our Committee's correspondence until they complained to head-quarters.

A prominent member of the Education Board, on a decent building being offered for a very small sum of money, remarked that probably in a short time this place would be deserted, which opinion was evidently coincided in by the other members of the Board who were present. Now if it was turnips and sheep I should say the Education Board would be competent judges; but as judges of the longevity of this or any other goldfield I should imagine them to be as ignorant as they seem to wish our children to be of scholastic lore. All sensible men will agree with me that the fact that hundreds of pounds have already been laid out here by men who have made mining their special study, is sufficient proof of the permanency of this field. I fancy the Education Board look upon the hardy miner in the same light as the old Scotch wives at the first of the gold rush in Otago, who told the miners from Victoria when they came to the homestead to buy provisions—"Gang awa with their clout houses and hairy blankets (tents and opossum rugs)," the old wives being too thick-headed to see that the miners would lead them from poverty to affluence.

Is it possible the august Education Board have got the same complaint as the old women (Sic) 'If the Education Board took a common sense view of the situation they could see (but there are none so blind as those that won't see) that if we had a Government school with competent tuition we should have far and above the average attendance.

Mr. Litchfield, our local gold-buyer, purchased for the week 250 ounces, for which he paid away somewhere about £900. This money, together with the gold bought by the store-keepers would be nearly all spent in the district if the Education Board encouraged married men to locate their wives and children here by giving them a decent school. As it is now money is being constantly sent away to benefit other places.

11th March 1890 I see in the paper that the Education Board "think" that the time has now come for a school in this place. The people here don't think, but are "quite sure," that the time came a year and more ago, though the school didn't. We only hope that now the Education Board have started to think they will not forget to act, as the cold weather will soon be upon us, and it will not be possible for our little children to attend school in frosty weather, in an iron shed without a fire.

1st April 1890 The Education Board have built the new school (in their minds), and it looks as if that is about the end of it. I see there are two vacancies to be filled up, I hope the School Committee will nominate members who will give us fair play, instead of members-who let our children shiver in an old iron shed, while their own children go to school warm and dry.

11th April 1890 Mr. Akersten photographed our school children in a group yesterday. He didn't do the schoolhouse, because we have not got one, but perhaps if he comes again in another ten years or so the Education Board may have a school built. A Minister of Mines at one time on the West Coast was described in the Westport paper as the Minister against Mines. As far as we are concerned they are entitled to be called a Board against Education. As showing the difference between business men and Education Boards, here is an exemplification—A banker comes up, has a look round, and says: I think the time has come to build a bank in this place, the next week there is a bank, The Chairman of the Education Board says; I think the time has come when a school might be built in this place, the other members coincide with him, several weeks go by and no signs of a school. If they had a decent place to write in our children might write in their copy books : “ Procrastination is the thief of time

29th April 1890 There is a meeting of householders this evening to elect a new school committee. The Education Board have shamefully ignored this district. I saw a paragraph in the papers some time ago stating that the Education Board was the only board in the colony that got no subsidy for travelling expenses, &c. I think the general opinion here is that it is a case of cheap and nasty. Months have gone by since they put themselves up for mining experts and decided that the time had come when a school should be built, but there is no sign of a school yet.

6th May 1890 There was a meeting of householders on Tuesday to elect a School Committee. Messrs. Nelson, Law, Maher, Coombes, Dumphy, McMillan, and Levy were duly elected. On Mr. McRae suggesting that it was usual to give an annual report, the Chairman requested the secretary to do so, who stated there was nothing to report only that the committee had never had one single reply to a number of letters that had been written to the Board on school affairs.

13th May 1890 I see by your report of the Education Board's meeting, they have decided to call tenders for a school building better late than never; but as it was as necessary a year and more ago as it is now, the only thing we have to thank the Board for is a year's procrastination.

20th May 1890 It cannot be too often repeated that the Government have been taking our hard gold week by week for two years and we have (after all we have paid to the revenue of the country) no road and no school. The Minister of Public Works may have some excuse, as the urgency of the case and the growing importance of this place has not, perhaps, been impressed on him, but the Education Board have no such excuse, as they must know that a school should have, been built months ago

6th June 1890 I see by advertisement that tenders are invited for building a school at Cullensville, and it is to be hoped that the Education Board will then look upon this district in an impartial way. My own humble opinion is that they do not look upon miners as civilised human beings, and that had we been a community composed of any other class instead of diggers we should have had a school long since. The only thing we can give them credit for is keeping us without a school as long as possible

6th June 1890 TENDERS were opened as follows: —(1.) School, etc. at Cullensville: W. Freeby, £184 12s (accepted), P. Connell, £201 6s; M. Johnson, £219 ; W. Linton, £220 (and fencing 20s per chain); G. H. Smith & Co., £228.

15th July 1890 There was to have been a concert in the "refrigerating chamber," that is used for a school, this evening, but it is put off till next Saturday on account of the wet weather

22nd July 1890 A tea party was given to the school children on Friday afternoon, which was highly appreciated by the little ones, and a concert was given in the evening to defray the expense. The concert was well attended, and the singing was really good. Mr. J. Cox was encored again and again, and Mr. Watt's local recitation was greeted with rounds of applause. We had valuable additions to our local talent in Mrs.. Darvel, who sang "We'd better bide a wee," to an encore, and Mr.. Mouat, who sang "Gates of the West," and "In happy moments," in both cases to well-merited applause and encores. The following programme was gone through:—Overture, Mr.. Fama (Pianoforte), S. Marenzi (Violin), C. Allington (Cornet); chorus, "Rock-a-by, baby," Scholars; comic song, "Nobody knows what trouble was there," Mr. ; E. J. Cox; song, "Gates of the West," Mr.. Mouat; song, "Her own., boy, Jack," Mr. J. G. Stewart; recitation, "Owen Linden," faster Thompson; song, a light in the window," Mr. F Henderson; chorus, "Sparrow on the tree," Little Children ; song, "We'd better bide-a-wee," Mr.. Darvill; song, "Just let down the bars," Mr. W. Law; comic sketch, Mr. Watts; song, Mr. Franks: chorus, "High and low," scholars; song, "In the gloaming," Mr.. Darvill; comic song, "Donegal," Mr. E. J. Cox; waltz .song, "Happy birds," Miss Thompson; reading, Mr. .E. O'Hara Canavan; song, "When the winds are blowing,;" Mr. F. Henderson; song, "In; happy moments," Mr.: Mouat ; clog! dance, Mr. G. Welling: song, "Someday I'll wander back again," Mr. J. G. Stewart;;;character sketch, Mr. E. Pym; song, "Jessie's Dream," Mr. W. Law.

Our school boys have formed a football club, and intend to challenge the Havelock boys at an early date.

2nd September 1890 There were two smart earthquake shocks morning;. The new school house is nearly completed, and-is quite an ornament to our little township

7th October 1890 Our new school is not yet finished, but is only waiting for the windows. I have strong hopes yet that shall have a school in time for the next generation. Months have gone by since the Education Board decided that the time had come when a school should be built, I should say it is fully time they made' up their minds that the time has: come when the school should be finished.

10th October 1890 Mr. Collins wrote asking that the status of the Cullensville school be raised from aided to a district school. He also called attention to the state of the building, which had no doors and windows in it, and was open to the influence of the weather, The Secretary said that the doors and windows had since been put in, and the building had been passed by the architect. Mr. Mills proposed that the status of the school be raised, and that it be taken over. It-Col. Baillie suggested, that it be left

to the Inspector they were about to appoint, Mr. Mills then gave notice for next meeting

Mr. Douslin, architect, was in attendance The contractor for the Cullensville School sent in orders for £162 on his contract, which was some £30 over and above what was due, to him

14th November 1890 Mr.. T. Cawte gave a picnic to the school children on Thursday, which was thoroughly enjoyed by them. Last evening an entertainment was given when the following programme was gone through : Part I.—Magic lantern, Puss in Boots and scenes of Captain Nair's Arctic expedition to the North Pole with H M.S. Alert and Discovery. These were interspersed with selections on the piano, by Mr.. Fama, and violin by Mr. Marenzi were remarkably well played, Part II.—Song. "Robin Adair." Mr. J. G. Stewart, encored; song. "His Funeral's To-morrow." This gentleman was a little indisposed, and did not sing as well as usual. Song, 'I love my own Erin," Mr. E. J Cox ; song, Pretty White Lillie's , " Mr. J. G. Stewart; song, " Many a Time," Mr. C. H. Cox; song, "I went with him," Mr. E. J. Cox. Finishing up with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Cawte, and Mr.. Fama, also the ladies and gentlemen that assisted to make the pic-nic the success it was, Three hearty cheers being given by the children, when the whole finished with - ' Auld Laing Syne,"

9th January 1891 We have passed a very quiet Xmas week, the one excitement being on Boxing Day, when we had sports for the children and a concert and ball in the evening. Quite a substantial sum was raised by subscription, and some very nice prizes were given. The hearty thanks of the parents are due to the members of the School Committee, and to Mr. Collins, their indefatigable secretary, for the way they worked in the interests of the little ones. Young and old spent a most enjoyable day.

16th January 1891 the Board's architect wrote as to the Cullensville School, that the work had been badly done by the contractor, who had left the work before it was completed .

28th April 1891 [By Telegraph.] (From Our Own Correspondent.) Cullensville, April 27. Great interest ..was- taken in the School Committee election, the result being.; ,Dobson 39, Harding 39, Nielson 88, E. Patterson 36, Dumphy 36 Oliver 10, Coombes 10, and Hayward At a meeting of the Committee Mr. H. B. Dobson was appointed Chairman, and Mr. 'W. A. Harding Secretary for .ensuing year

12th June 1891 Sir,— In your issue of the 5th inst., under the above heading, I notice a cowardly and unfounded attack upon Mr. Fama, teacher at Cullensville. The misnamed " Vox Populi " commences by asking if it is compulsory to send children to school where the teacher has not got a certificate. Your correspondent ought to know that if the Board and the Committee approve of the teacher, and the Committee enforce the compulsory clauses of the Act there is nothing to prevent a conviction before Mr. Allen. This ignorance on the part of your correspondent, who, I am informed, stands alone here, probably accounts for the non-attendance of his children, and their consequent want of knowledge. I have had children attending school for years under certificated teachers, and I can honestly say that they have made considerable progress under Mr. Fama. One of my boys has, I believe, made more progress under the teacher here than he made under several teachers with certificates who taught him previously. Many other parents here can also testify to Mr. Fama's efficiency. The Inspector's reports also show in the same direction, and the Visiting Committees have every month referred to the satisfactory condition of the school and its continuous progress. A vote of the people here would show by a large majority that " Vox Populi" has chosen a most erroneous nom de plume. Mr.

Fama has no certificate, but that she is competent to teach is shown" by the satisfaction of a large majority of the parents and the confidence of the Committee and Board's Inspector. Her previous experience in teaching also shows a good record. Your correspondent says, "I look upon it as almost immoral to bring up our children in ignorance." I would < reply to "Vox Populi," Why do you do it ? Mrs.. Fama's competency to teach has never been questioned, except by one or two persons here who habitually look through green spectacles. These persons are allowing their children to grow up in ignorance simply because they can't have their own way with respect to the appointment of a male teacher, and, according to " Vox Populi," are therefore almost immoral. As for the children cursing the Committee for their ignorance, all I can say is that the children will probably curse their ignorant parents for not allowing them to learn "something." I am, &c., Parent, Cullensville, June 10,

16th June 1891 TO THE EDITOR. Sir, —In your issue of the 5th June appeared a letter signed "Vox Populi," reflecting on the Cullensville School Committee for not providing the school with a certificated teacher. I would ask your correspondent if he is aware that the present teacher was appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the previous Committee after having been in charge of an aided school, since the establishment of the school; and that the appointment was made on terms which, the present Committee have no power at present to alter, even if they wished to do so. Does he know that at present about a third of the scholars are habitually absent ? Does he think a school can prosper under any teacher while the attendance is so irregular ? If " Vox Populi " was dissatisfied with the management of the school, why did he not make his grievance known at the householders meeting, when the matter could; have been discussed by all interested. - I think if a few of the parents would send their children to school regularly instead of allowing them to roam about the streets they would have very little cause to complain of the Committee's management, and the Committee would then have sure ground to work upon when the time for action came. I am, &c., H. B. D. Cullensville, 10th June, 1891.

7th July 1891 A farewell concert is to be given shortly to our School Mistress, who has sent in her resignation. Whatever difference of opinion there may be in school affairs, Mr. Fama will be greatly missed in our social circles, and particularly by our musical community.

10th July 1891 Cullensville—The resignation of Mr. Fama was received, and accepted. It was decided to offer £100 a year, and advertise in the Schoolmaster and local papers

28th July 1891 Cullensville, Friday. A very pleasant evening was spent at the farewell entertainment given to Mr. Fama on Thursday last. There were about one hundred and fifty present, not including children. The following programme was gone through: Overture, " The Elaine Waltz," by the Orchestra, Mr. Fama (piano), Mr. { Marenzi and Miss M. McMillan (first violins), Messrs..... HUGHAN and (second violins.....

25th August 1891 Our school has been closed for some time and although I hear a school master has been chosen by our committee and approved by the Board he has not yet arrived on the scene. Judging by the past I don't expect the Education Board to hurry up much. It seems to me that if the Board took much interest in the education of our long neglected children they could have so arranged that a new teacher would have taken the place of the old one without closing the school

4th September 1891 Cullensville.—The appointment of Mr. M. D. Regan to the Cullensville school, made by the Chairman, was confirmed, and the Chairman said the school was again open

18th September 1891 Our new school master has started a night school which is a great boon to the district.

9th October 1901 Cullensville. —The Committee applied for a school bell, as it was greatly needed.

Mr. Paul said the Spring Creek school had no bell. The Board agreed that in the face of want of funds nothing could be done in the way of supplying bells to schools.

A request for a dozen hat pegs costing 2/6, was referred to the Committee

Cullensville.—Mr. Paul read an extract from a private letter, stating that there were about fifteen children of school age running wild, and who were too far from the Cullensville school. It was thought they might be taught at the old school. The matter was left to Mr. Mills to make inquiries as to the correctness of statement and Mr. Paul to write and ascertain further particulars.

18th December 1891 On Thursday evening a magic lantern entertainment was given by Mr. Harding, and the grown-up people as well as the youngsters were thoroughly amused throughout. Mr. Regan ably described the laughable and instructive pictures as they were exhibited. The school children sung several songs very creditably, and it must have been very satisfactory to our school master (who is evidently blessed with that not too common accomplishment) the gift of teaching, that they acquitted themselves so well. The proceeds of the entertainment are to be laid out in prizes for the school children. The hearty thanks of the parents are due to Mr. Harding.

Thursday was examination day, and although we don't yet know results, I understand that, taking past results into consideration, the examination was satisfactory

12th February 1892 The Committee wrote respecting the proposed aided school at Grove - that considering that there were only twelve children available, and the expenses would be considerable, the children should be carried to the Cullensville School the parents paying half the costs

It was; resolved to try the experiment if the settlers who had petitioned for an aided school were agreeable.

6th May 1892 Cullensville.—The Committee asked that the architect should report on the Grove 'School. At present -they considered that the school was sufficient for the requirements of the school; the Grove people did not think; so. An offer was received from Mr. Clancy to take the children from the Grove to Cullensville for £1 a week. Resolved, That the Secretary should write to Mr. J. Duncan, and ask how many children could be guaranteed would go to Cullensville

10th June 1892 Cullensville.—The Committee asked for repairs to the school, and some school requisites. Mr. Mills supported the application, and said he wondered no complaint had been received before. The building throughout was a disgrace. Resolved to grant the Committee their request.

The Grove.—Mr. J. Duncan wrote as to the wishes of the residents at the Grove. He had called them together, and had ascertained that they had a decided preference for an aided school at the Grove. The building was in a very dilapidated condition. A sum of £10 was granted for repairs

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25th October 1892 Mr. Harding is going to give the children a treat with his magic-lantern on 26th October in aid of the School Fund.

4th November 1892 Our school examination was a great success, only five out of forty scholars failing to pass. Taking into consideration past records this is a marvellous result, and our school-master, is evidently an adept in the art of school teaching; and it must be a consolation to the parents that the children, at any rate, are not wasting their time, as we have been doing the last few months Mr. J. Duncan has given four very nice books for prizes to the scholars, and Mr. Harding gave a magic-lantern entertainment for the same object. The excellence of the views, and the able way they were described by Mr. Regan gave us an enjoyable evening.

18th November 1892 Mr. T. Court and Miss Jeffries gave the children a genuine treat. A School picnic was held in Mr. Cullen's paddock. There were nearly one hundred children and adults on the ground, and one and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

6th December 1892 Schoolmasters seldom receive all the credit due to them for the time and attention devoted to improving our rising generation, and it is with great pleasure we note that Mr. Regan, who is in charge of the Cullensville school, He is gradually converting a piece of ground around the building that was, with its blackened stumps, the picture of desolations, into a nice flower garden; thus giving his scholars their first lesson in horticulture, and to increase their interest they have individual rights in plants which greatly encourage them to persevere in such object lessons. We commend his example to others.

9th December 1892 The Cullensville Committee applied for the appointment of a sewing mistress, as their attendance now warranted it.

.Mr. Mills proposed that the application be granted at a salary of £12 a year. Seconded by Mr. Parker and carried. The Grove.—The householders at the Grove had met and elected a Committee, who suggested boundaries to the Board. Mr. J. Duncan had been elected Chairman.

The question of the boundaries was held over till the Chairman could look into them.

13th January 1913 Cullensville.—The Committee asked if anything had been done in the matter of fixing the boundaries, and suggesting that Mahakipawa and Cullensville should be combined and that the Sounds be placed under the Grove Committee.

17th January 1913 As usual the children were not forgotten in Cullensville—a tea party and a Christmas tree loaded with really useful as well as ornamental presents—every child getting a prize, and on the following Wednesday a day's racing, when nearly every boy or girl won a money prize. The hearty thanks of the parents are due to all who so liberally subscribed to the school treat fund, and in the committee who took so much trouble for the enjoyment of the little ones.

We have an epidemic of Scarlatina here, but with no serious results so far. Several children are convalescent, while others are in the first stage

10th February 1893 Grove District.—The Chairman read the description of the Grove District boundaries, which was approved by Mr. Duncan. The position of Cullensville under the new division was discussed, and it was resolved to release the Sounds 1 from Cullensville, as the new district cut it off. Cullensville.—The Committee recommended Miss N. Handley as sewing mistress.

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8th June 1894 The Cullensville School Committee reported that at last meeting they had decided to erect a swing and horizontal bar on the School ground at a cost of £2 12s 6d. They asked the Board to defray the expense. Mr. Chaytor moved that the Board reply regretting they are unable to comply with the request.

23rd November 1894 CULLENSVILLE.

A most enjoyable evening was passed here on Monday last, when a Concert was given in aid of the prizes to be awarded to the successful local candidates at the recent Technical Examination, in Wellington, when the Percentage who passed must have been very satisfactory to their popular master (Mr. Regan.) The musical and vocal items were quite a treat, and it could be easily seen that although Cullensville has decreased in population by about two thirds, we must still give it the u palm ” for giving the best entertainments—vocal and instrumental in the district. Special mention must be made of the contribution by Mr. Solomon, her rendering of “The Lover and the Bird ” being a great treat. Miss Scott showed that her six months’ tuition under Miss Kidson, of Nelson, was not thrown away by her execution of a “ Rondo ” on the violin. Miss M. McMillan played with expression “Scenes that are Brightest.” as a violin solo, receiving a well-merited encore, to which she responded with “The Last Rose of Summer.” Master W. Darvill made his debut with “Good Old Mother Shipton,” having to repeat the last verse as an encore. The other items were gone through creditably, and consisted of —• Pianoforte Selection, Mr. Solomon ; Song, “Is that you, Mr. Reilly Miss Miller , Pianoforte Solo. “ Dream of the Naiads,” Miss Scott; Song, “ Just before the Bottle, Mother,” Mr. Newman ; Song, “ The Bonnie Hills of Scotland, Mr. Oliver; Song, “ Little Pigs,” Mr. C. Court; Song, “ The Seventh Royal Fusiliers,” Mr. E. J. Cox ; Tableau, “ Models,” by the Schoolboys,

Song, Sailing Merrily Home," Mr. Newman ; Song, Miss A. Ewington ; Song, " Ye Banks and Braes," Mr. Oliver; Song, " Queen of the Earth," Mr. Regan ; Song, " Half-mast High. Miss Handley ; Song. " Puzzles," Mr. Cox; Song, "Horae, Boys. Home," Mr. Regan; Pianoforte Selection "Tancredi," Mr. Solomon. During the evening Mr. Regan gave an exhibition, showing some very pretty views. The certificates were presented to the successful pupils by the Chairman of the School Committee, Mr. T. Law, in his usual droll and fatherly way, giving good advice to each recipient. Mr. Regan, in a neat little speech, thanked the audience for their attendance, specially mentioning the Havelock ladies and gentlemen who had assisted. I cannot give the amount of the receipts, but, by the look of the house it should be something like old times. After the Concert, the room was cleared, and dancing was indulged in until the " wee sma' hours," when everybody went away with the conviction that they had spent a most enjoyable evening.

18th January 1895 Cullensville The Committee wrote asking that a sewing mistress be appointed vice Miss Hanley resigned. Resolved to ask the Committee to recommend a successor.

18th January 1895 Havelock.—The action of Chairman of Committee in expending £2 10s in repairing water closets damaged during the holidays was confirmed.

17th May 1895 Cullensville.—The appointment of Mrs.. Berg as sewing mistress; which had been over-looked, was approved, and the salary passed for payment.

13th September 1895 Cullensville. —The Committee wrote undertaking to carry out the works of repairing a defective fire-place in the school, and improving the master's room for the sum of £5.— The offer was accepted

13th March 1896 Cullensville.—The Committee asked for additional building accommodation for the teacher, and that a range be supplied. The cost of the requirements, exclusive of the range, would be about £20.—The matter was left in the hands of the Committee, the expenditure not to exceed £24 for building and range.

17th April 1896 Cullensville.—The Committee wrote forwarding the following tenders for additions to the teacher's residence:— O. Neilson £41. 12s, Ingles and Craig £36 16s. At the last meeting the Board granted the sum of £20 for the work, but it had been found that it could not be done for a less amount than that contained in the lower tender. It was resolved to instruct the Architect to report on the matter and submit plans at next meeting of the Board

1st May 1896 CULLENSVILLE. The annual meeting of householders was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening (Mr. Fred. Coombe in the chair). After the report and balance-sheet were read a ballot was taken, with the result that Messrs... Coombe, Collins, Murray, Jonson, Fuller, and Hislop were elected. Messrs... Neilson, Lockyer, and W, Thompson tied for seventh place, and the Chairman gave his casting vote for the first named. The other candidates were Messrs... Edmonds, Darvill, Draper, Fortescue, Patterson, Hunt, and Orr. School matters in this district have been in a very unsatisfactory state for some time past, and it is to be hoped that the newly elected Committee will be able to effect some improvement.

15th May 1896 Cullensville. The architect submitted a plan and report in regard to the request of the Committee for the attachment of additional accommodation to the teacher's residence. —The matter was deferred as not being urgent. A letter from a resident containing matter of a libellous nature was referred back to him with a request to send such a communication through the Committee. The Committee reported that during a recent gale the chimney of the school building had been blown down and the roof raised. Repairs had been effected immediately.—It was resolved to pay the account for the work. It was also asked that the school be, painted and the

roof attended to. — The letter was referred to the architect. A request that an account of £2 12/- for water supply, be paid was granted.

23rd June 1896 Sergeant Moller, of Blenheim, visited Cullensville on Saturday last for the purpose of "swearing in" Mr. Fred Coombes, Chairman of the School Committee, as special constable for the Cullensville-Mahakipawa district. This step has become necessary owing to the removal of Constable McCarthy to the Thames, and the decision of the Department that no necessity existed for the services of a regular Constabulary station in this portion of the district. Special-Constable Coombes enters on his new duties to-day.

12th June 1896 Cullensville.—The architect reported, as to additional accommodation to the teacher's residence, painting, and school repairs asked for by the School Committee. Resolved to instruct the architect to call for tenders. A request by the Committee for £8 for fire wood was not complied with. The Committee asked that Constable McCarthy be appointed Truant officer. The Board resolved that it would not make the appointment, as there was already a Truant Officer in Havelock

26th June 1896 Cullensville Court: Before John Allen, Esq., S.M.) . Tuesday, 23rd. June. M. D. Regan v. W. Lockyer (insulting language).—Mr. McNab appeared for complainant. Evidence was given of the language used towards complainant while in execution of his duties as master of the public school.— Defendant was fined 5/- with 7/-, costs. Solicitor's fee allowed. Lockyer v. Regan (assault in which complaint was made of the way in which complainant's daughter was caned by the schoolmaster). —Case was dismissed after hearing evidence. Regan v. Lockyer (abusive language).—Withdrawn by permission of the Court

16th October 1896 Cullensville.— The Committee wrote asking that the roof of the school house be repaired, and a stove (already authorised) be supplied.—It was resolved to supply the stove, and to point out that the sum of £3 had only recently been expended on the roof. Grove.—The Committee applied for a new school to be erected on the same site as the old one. Mr. Chaytor thought that if there was anything in the suggestion that one school should be provided for Cullensville and the Grove, it would be inadvisable to comply with the request. Mr. Duncan pointed out that directly the Board ceased to use the Cullensville school it would pass into the hands of Mr. Cullen, so that the Board could not remove the building: the offer of a local builder to re-place the Grove school for £40 was very reasonable.—It was resolved to empower the Committee and Mr. Duncan to have a new school erected.

13th November 1896 Cullensville.—The Committee wrote forwarding the resignation of Mr. Regan, master, which he tendered in view of the school being reduced to the status of an aided school. He thanked the Committee for the courtesy they had invariably extended towards him. He gave three months notice.—As Mr. Regan had not communicated with the Board no resolution was passed.

18th December 1896 Cullensville.—The committee forwarded tenders for work to schoolhouse. The tender of W. Price (£66. 19s 6s) for painting, and that of S. Draper (£4) for repairs to chimney, were accepted

15th January 1897 The teacher of the Cullensville school wrote tendering his resignation, This was accepted, the usual three months' notice to date from the 19th of December. It was resolved to call for applications for the position, and in view of evidence supplied by the inspector to make an early appointment as possible

19th January 1897 MARLBOROUGH-H EDUCATION BOARD. CERTIFICATED Teacher wanted for the Cullensville School. Salary according to the Board's

regulations, at present £100 per annum for a male, or £90 for a female teacher. Applications to be in this office not later than SATURDAY, 30th January, 1897.

JOHN SMITH. Secretary. Education Board Office,

12th February 1897 Cullensville.—The Committee returned the eight applications received for the position of teacher at Cullensville, and recommended the appointment of Mr. H. Stratford, of the Deep Creek School

A petition was received from ..fifteen residents asking that a female teacher be appointed. The majority of the children Were girls, and the appointment of a female, teacher would obviate the necessity of engaging a sewing mistress.—It was resolved to forward the petition to the Committee and ask them to consider it, the decision of the Committee to be transmitted to the Chairman of the Board, who will have authority to confirm it and make a temporary appointment either at Cullensville or Deep Creek. The Cullensville Committee wrote in reference to the cessation of capitation consequent on the falling off in the school attendance.—The Secretary said it had been discovered that the capitation had been ceased one month too soon. The regulations would apply to next quarter.

16th April 1897 Cullensville.—The Committee wrote protesting against the stoppage of capitation. The decrease of the attendance during two quarters was due to no fault of the Committee. On the motion of Mr. McCallam it was resolved to inform the Committee that if the attendance kept up to the requisite status, as it promised to do for another month, the Board would see that the Committee would not be put to any straits, on account of expenses for firewood and other necessaries.

An account of 15/- forwarded by the Committee, was passed for payment, the Committee to be warned that it was not the custom of the Board to acknowledge unauthorised expenditure.

The Committee asked that further accommodation be added to the teachers residence. Consideration of the matter was postponed till next meeting when the Secretary will be able to submit a report.

18th June 1897 Cullensville.— The Committee of this school, now in the position of an aided school, forwarded accounts amounting to £3 12/-. These were passed for payment.

16th July 1897 Cullensville.- The committee wrote pointing out that, as the average attendance for the quarter had been 25, the school had resumed the status of a Board school. The Secretary said that capitation would be paid accordingly. The Committee were authorised to effect a few small repairs to the school. Consideration of the matter of providing additional building accommodation at Cullensville was deferred till next meeting, and it was decided that the Secretary write to the Education Department and represent to it the claims of the Board for better monetary consideration.

29th October 1897 School Inspection. —The examination of the Cullensville school by Inspector Smith (writes the Times correspondent) took place last Monday. The Inspector expressed himself highly pleased with the results. All the scholars passed and gained high marks, attaining to as high as 89- and 84', the average working out 76- out of a possible 100 marks. This is all the more creditable to the schoolmaster, Mr. Stratford, as he only took over the school on 1st March last; since then there has been a marked improvement in the school in every respect Both master and pupils must have worked hard to secure such good results.

17th December 1897 Cullensville.—The Committee wrote asking that certain requirements be supplied.—As additional capitation in respect to the increased

school attendance is being forwarded to the Committee, it was considered that it would not be necessary for the Board to grant money for these requirements.

18th February 1898 Canvastown.—The Committee wrote recommending that Mr. Stratford, of Cullensville, be appointed teacher at Canvastown, vice Miss Douslin. The appointment was made. It was resolved to call for applications for the Cullensville teachership, and that Mr. Wilmott be temporarily appointed to fill the vacancy.

25th February 1898 Cullensville.—The high estimation in which Mr. H. A. Stratford is held in Cullensville has prompted the residents to tender him a complimentary Social this evening. Mr. Stratford enters on his duties at the Canvastown **school** on Monday, and at the Social, this evening, will be the recipient of testimonials from the School Committee, and, the residents, as well as a presentation from the scholars.

1st March 1898 Social at Cullensville.

There was quite a large gathering at Cullensville on Friday evening last to do honour to the esteemed teacher of the local school, who has recently been promoted to Canvastown. The large hall, kindly lent by Mr. Cullen, was beautifully decorated with ferns and flowers, and this, with the many pretty dresses of the ladies and children, presented a most pleasing picture. Dancing commenced early in the evening, and was continued till li o'clock, when tea, cake, sandwiches, and light refreshments were handed round. The presentations were then made by Mr. W. A. Collins, who acted in the absence of Mr. F. Coombe, Chairman of the School Committee. Mr. Collins appropriately referred to the extra--1 ordinary progress and present high position of the school, which, he said, Mr. Stratford was undoubtedly solely responsible for. He also spoke of the loss the district would sustain in many other ways by Mr. Stratford's removal. The first presentation took the form of a handsomely framed address from the householders and friends, and read as follows:

“Au Revoir”-, but not Good-bye,

Cullensville and district to Mr. H. A. Stratford, on the occasion of his departure to assume charge of the Canvastown School, February, 1898. Dear Mr. Stratford, — Whilst congratulating you on well-deserved promotion, we cannot help expressing sincere regret at the prospect of your early departure from this district, not only on account of the loss to the children, by the removal of a most efficient teacher, but by the loss we all shall sustain in parting with a gentleman of many amiable qualities, a good cricketer, a capital debater ; in short—‘ a real good fellow.’ We all earnestly desire to hear of still further successes in your adopted profession. As you will still be in the district, we may conclude, as we commenced, by saying • Au Revoir.’ We are, dear Sir, W. J. Cullen, W. S. Gregg, Jas. Fuller (for the householders.” The frame was made by Mr. A. C. Gregor in his best style, and the lettering did credit to Miss McMillan and Mr. Geo. Oliver. Mr. Stratford was next presented by the scholars with a valuable gold pendant, and finally with the following high eulogism from the School Committee; —

Cullensville, Feb. 25th., 1898. Dear Mr. Stratford, The Cullensville School Committee, at its meeting, this evening. unanimously agreed to the following resolution :—‘ That this Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the ability and success of the departing teacher, Mr. H. A. Stratford, in raising the School to its present state of efficiency, and also to the excellent relations which have existed between Committee and teacher. The Committee sincerely regrets the loss of a most capable instructor, but recognises the justice of Mr. Stratford's promotion, and heartily congratulates that gentleman and the people of Canvastown on a step which is certain to prove of mutual advantage. The Committee further

desires to state that its members will not only miss your services as teacher, but also in social matters. Your continued progress will be watched with both interest and pleasure. We are, dear Sir, F. Coombe (Chairman), W. A. Collins (Secretary.)

Loud applause followed the reading of the address, and Mr. Stratford replied in feeling terms, addressing his remarks particularly to the children. Dancing was then resumed, and kept up with spirit till 4 a.m. Miss Maggie McMillan presided at the piano throughout, and also accompanied the songs. Mr. S. Stevenson, as usual, was M.C., and gave satisfaction. During the evening there was some capital singing, especially by the school children, who had been trained by Mrs. G. P. Nielson, and Misses Handley and McMillan

Songs were contributed by Misses Handley and- Mills, and Messrs... Walter Law Willmott, Campbell, Draper, McMillan, Craig and others, and Mr. Watts gave a recitation in costume. At the conclusion of a most sociable evening Mr. J. P. Campbell, in a neat speech, expressed the pleasure of the visitors and thanked the ladies and children for their untiring efforts to make the gathering the success it had proved. " Auld Lang Syne 1 came all too quickly for some of the dancers. Messrs... Willmott and Stratford assume charge at Cullensville and Canvastown respectively on the 1st. inst. (to-day.)

18th March 1898 Cullensville.— The Committee recommended that Mr. H. Willmott be appointed as teacher vice Mr. Stratford.—Appointment made.

29th April 1898 Cullensville. At the election of School Committee for the ensuing year, the following gentlemen were chosen: —Messrs... F. Coombe (Chairman), W. Thompson, C. P. Neilson, A. Jonson, and D A. Halkett.

13th May 1898. Cullensville.—The Committee wrote: —I. Asking payment for certain small accounts; 2. Protesting against the " threatened " reduction of teacher's salary; 3. Asking to have the roof of the lean-to at the school repaired.— Resolved—]. That the accounts be paid; 2. To reply that the Board must adhere to its regulations, and that if the attendance fulfils the expectations of the Committee, no reduction will result; 3. That the Committee be empowered to accept the tender of Mr. J. Craig for re-roofing the lean-to, on the understanding that the new material is to be of good quality.

14th October 1898 At the annual examinations of the scholars of the under - mentioned schools the children named passed in their respective standards:— CULLENSVILLE. ' Standard VI.—Gertrude Coombe. Standard V.—Emma Nelson, Katie Patterson, and Cyril Richardson. Standard IV.—James Thompson, Arnold Coombe, Andrea Neilson, Ellen Jonson, and Matthew Patterson. ' Standard I.— James Patterson, Allan Patterson, Robert Edmonds, Beatrice Coombe, and Annie Jonson

Congratulatory.—We are pleased to congratulate Mr. H. Willmott, the popular and efficient master of the Cullensville State School, on his having gained the "D " certificate at the recent scholastic examinations

14th April 1899 Cullensville. —The Committee forwarded a tender for sundry repairs required at the school. —Resolved that the repairs be executed at a cost not exceeding the tender, £6 12/-.

28th April 1899 CULLENSVILLE. At the annual meeting of householders, on Monday evening, the following gentlemen were chosen as a School Committee for the ensuing year:—Messrs.. F. Coombe, A. Jonson, W. Thompson, C. P. Neilsen, and D. A. Halkett. At a subsequent meeting of the Committee, Mr. Coombe was elected Chairman, and Mr. Halkett Secretary

5th May 1899 Cullensville —The Committee notified that it was probable that the Grove school would be without a teacher shortly; and suggested that the Board should grant assistance for the conveyance of the children (about 11) who had been attending that school to the Cullensville school.—The Secretary said he had replied pointing out that the Grove Committee should be consulted.

13th June 1899 Accident.—During the official visit of Mr. Smith, Inspector of Schools, to Cullensville on Thursday last, an accident, fortunately unaccompanied with serious, consequences, occurred to that gentleman and Mr. H. Wilmot, the master of the local school. The two gentlemen were proceeding from Cullensville to Mahakipawa in a sulky owned by Mr. Gus. Mathieson, of the Masonic Hotel, Havelock, when, owing, it is presumed, to a shaft not having been placed in the saddle-tug, the vehicle tipped backwards, precipitating both occupants over the back-rest on to the roadway. The horse (Annie Rooney, a well-known performer at the local Hack Meeting) grasping the contretemps bolted as far as the first creek, smashing a shaft and the dash-board of the conveyance. Beyond a somewhat severe shaking and being considerably bruised, Messrs.. Smith and Wilmot escaped injury

6th October 1899 School Examinations.

The examination of the Cullensville School by Inspector Smith took place last Thursday. Out of 36 on the roll 24 were presented in standards, all of whom passed, being 100 per cent, of passes. This gratifying result speaks volumes for the skill of the schoolmaster, Mr. D. H. Wilmot, as a teacher, and the way in which he has carried out his duties; likewise for the industry and willing work of the pupils. For three years in succession the pupils presented in standards at this school have all passed; the last twice under the present teacher, Mr. Wilmot, the time before under the late teacher, Mr. H. A. Stratford. We believe this constitutes a record for Marlborough in a Board school. The pupils showed themselves particularly strong in composition, spelling, geography, and drawing. We understand the Inspector (Mr. Smith) pronounced the results of-the examination to be “ very excellent and quite out of the ordinary.”— Times.

13th October 1899 Cullensville.—The Committee asked to have the clock repaired, or a new one provided.—Resolved that a new clock be supplied.

24th April 1900 Farewell Social.

Mr. D. H. Wilmot, who has been promoted from school-teacher at Cullensville to the second-mastership of the Blenheim Borough School, was, on Friday evening last, extended a Complimentary Social at the former township, as an expression of esteem and regard, prior to his departure. A large assemblage, from all parts of the district, visited Cullensville, and their appreciation of the guest of the evening was notably exhibited in the feelings of regret that were voiced on all sides at Mr. Wilmot's departure. The Theatre Royal had been very appropriately decorated, and the scene throughout was one of the utmost cordiality and inconsonance with that deep-felt popular spirit which has predominated during Mr. Wilmot's tenure of his late position, and of which the function was a recognition and also the immediate outcome.

Mr. John Duncan, J.P., in addressing the departing guest, announced a number of apologies that had been received for inability of attendance, all extending to Mr. Wilmot the heartiest best wishes and congratulations. Mr. Duncan then expressed the great pleasure it gave him to have the opportunity of presenting to their friend a small token of goodwill, that each and ah felt, and in wishing him good-luck in his future career. It had been decided to place on record, in the form of an address, the

appreciation that was felt,- By the manner in which Mr. Wilmot's friends had "rolled up" that evening, it was distinct that anything expressed in the address or what he {the speaker} might say was but an expression of the feeling of all the residents, without any exception. The abilities shown by Mr. Wilmot, and the success his scholars had gained, proved his high capabilities for the scholastic profession, and their regret at his departure would be counterbalanced by the knowledge that he was entering upon a wider sphere in his vocation, with those increased advantages which Mr. Wilmot might be expected to grasp and retain. Mr. Duncan then read the following address

" Cullensville, Marlborough, March 20th., 1900. To Mr. David Henry Wilmot, Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned residents of Cullensville and the surrounding district, take this opportunity of expressing our grief at your departure from amongst us. We desire to congratulate you upon the success you have attained as a school-teacher, and the fact that for the past two years your scholars have all passed their examinations, amply displays your talent for the profession you have adopted; and the results of your teaching are such that cannot fail to have an elevating and lasting impression upon those scholars who have had the advantage of your tuition. From a social aspect, we have to thank you for the unfailing willingness with which you have so heartily entered into all charitable and pleasurable functions; and also express our regret at your loss as a*, cricketer. We sincerely congratulate you S upon your appointment to the second mastership of the Blenheim Borough School, an appointment which, we feel sure, has been gained by merit and adaptability, and we trust this may be but a stepping-stone to higher positions in the scholastic world. Wishing you the utmost degree of health and prosperity in your future career, We are, Dear Sir, Your, sincerely." Mr. Duncan then extended a cordial. welcome to the newly-appointed school teacher, Mr. Robertson, who, he said, would, they all felt sure, win his way into the esteem of the people, as Mr. Wilmot had done. It was all very well, the speaker remarked, teaching by precept; what was wanted was example, and, no matter the abundance of precept, if example were not prominent, there could be but one result. In handing Mr. Wilmot a purse of. sovereigns, accompanying the address, Mr. Duncan said, "You have been most honourable in all your affairs; this points to a most successful in your career. We wish you

" Good luck ! " and shall watch your every upward step with gratification. Mr. Wilmot, in a feeling reply, expressed the pride he felt that his efforts had been so appreciated. He had experienced most happy times as schoolteacher in Cullensville, for the children had worked like true little Britons, and he had always received the hearty co-operation of the School Committee. He was proud to say there had been no single complaint made against him, and his happiness was now complete. As a young teacher, the kindness of that evening would encourage him, and buoy him up in the more important position he was now about to fill, and he assured them that he would ever look back upon his residence in Cullensville, and the many friends that had rallied round him, with the utmost thanks. His aim in life was to be a school-master, not an orator, and if he failed to fully express his feelings, he wished them to extend that consideration to him that evening which they had never withheld from him in the past. During the evening Mr. Wilmot was the recipient of a cricket bat with inscription upon a silver shield, presented by the members of the Linkwater C.C., of which he has been Captain ; the scholars of his old school also presenting him with a double glass well mahogany inkstand. The remarks accompanying these presentations testifying to the affection with which he was held by the scholars and the value with which he was held as a cricketer.

Mr. H. A. Stratford, as Captain of the Canvastown C.C., also bore testimony to the pleasure that was always felt when Mr. Wilmot appeared upon the cricket field with his eleven in friendly contest for cricketing supremacy amongst the district clubs. Mr. Wilmot again replied with favoured words of thanks.

Dancing, interspersed with songs, was ardently maintained under the M.O.-ship of Mr. J. Young, and the success of the evening was one that cannot fail to take a position as one of the most hearty expositions of regard that has hitherto been extended to a most worthy departing resident.

18th May 1900 CULLENSVILLE. The appointment of Mr. Robertson (Dunedin) as teacher in succession to Mr. Wilmot, was confirmed. It was decided to defray Mr. Robertson's; travelling expense;. The Committee forwarded letters from teacher asking for a window to ensure better school lighting, and an addition to the residence.—Resolved that the matter of the window be attended to by the Inspector on his forthcoming visit, and in- report on the question of adding to the residence,

15th June 1900 With respect to a request of the Cullensville that the teacher be not allowed to let a portion of the school residence, the Secretary was instructed to point out that such action on the part of the teacher would be contrary to the Board's regulations. A number of small requirements were provided for the Cullensville school. A tender of £7 10/- for the construction of a school window was referred to the Cullensville Committee, with a request for an estimate of cost.

13th July 1900 Cullensville.—The action of Mr. Duncan in authorising the construction of a window was confirmed.

28th August 1900. Cullensville.—The Committee wrote asking the Board to dismiss the teacher.—Resolved that the letter be referred back to the Committee for a full explanation of their reasons for making such a request.

14th September 1900 Cullensville.— A letter from the Committee was considered in Committee. Resuming, the Board adopted a resolution setting up a commission of enquiry, consisting of Messrs.. Fell, Seymour and Duncan.

14th December 1900 Cullensville.—The Committee asked that one of the ensigns be forwarded when these came to hand.—Letter received.

The Committee wrote stating that it looked upon the Board's enquiry, into certain school matters, as a farce; as the Commission had no power to subpoena witnesses, and to examine them on oath.—Mr. Fell said he expected some communication of this kind. The Commission did not, of course, have the power referred to; but it was hardly reasonable to suppose that a number of witnesses would come together and say, when not under oath, exactly the opposite of what they would say if they had been sworn.

5th April 1901 Pelorus Road Board Mr. D. Halkett, Hon. Secretary of the Cullensville **School** Committee, addressed the Board on the necessity of constructing foot-bridges over Cullen's Creek, for the purpose of children attending school. The Inspector stating he had the matter in view previously to the winter, that officer was instructed to make such arrangements as he might deem necessary

16th August 1901 Cullensville. —For repairs to the school £ 1 was voted

10th December 1901 Cullensville. —The second annual concert by the pupils of the Cullensville school, assisted by friends, was given, under the direction of the Master (Mr. Robertson) on Tuesday evening last, and was attended by a large gathering of parents and relatives of the scholars, and residents of the district. An enjoyable programme was submitted, an item creating especial interest consisting of ambulance and " first aid " work by the elder pupils. Amongst those who assisted the children, Miss Ball (Blenheim), Miss Ferguson, and Mr. Watts rendered items of

exceptional interest, the singing of Miss Ball in " Ben Bolt" being singled out more particularly by the audience. The entertainment was brought to a close by the farce " Love in Ambush," in which the principal parts were undertaken by Misses Anderson and Neal, and Masters Neal and Patterson. The piano used for the occasion was generously provided by Mrs. Richardson, who also gave valuable assistance in the entertainment, and the concert is pronounced to be one of the best given for some years, and Mr. Robertson is to be congratulated upon the manner in which the children were trained and the concert so successfully conducted.

14th February 1902 The Cullensville Committee forwarded a petition bearing the names of nine parents with 23 children attending the school, protesting against the appointment of the teacher selected by the Committee. —It was resolved to refer the petition to the Committee for their remarks.

14th March 1902 Cullensville. —The Committee reported that the residents' petition against the appointment of the teacher did not go through its hand---, and it understood that many of those who signed the petition now realised that they attached their names to it under the misapprehension. The attendance at the school was increasing.—The petition in question was referred by the Board to the Committee, and the latter's reply, it was said, ended the matter. The Committee also represented the necessity of more adequate building accommodation, It was resolved that the matter be held over till the next meeting, Mr. Duncan undertaking to interview the owner of the school property, the Committee, and residents, and explain the Board's financial condition, the difficulty as to ownership of the freehold, and the probability of a removal of the site.

General. —Three cords of firewood were granted to the Cullensville Committee

6th May 1902 CULLENSVILLE. At the annual meeting of householders the following gentlemen were elected as the School Committee : Messrs.. F. Coombe, D. A. Halket, M. C. Patterson, W. Coleman, E. Jones, J. Cody, and C. P. Neilson. Mr. F. Coombe was re-elected chairman and Mr. D. A. Halket secretary.

23rd May 1902 Speaking of bridges, it puts me in mind: we have two small foot-bridges across Cullen's Creek . which the children must cross to go to school; these are without hand-rails, and when the creek is high are dangerous for the children to cross. I k should like the Road Board to consider the matter and put hand-rails on the bridges before an accident occurs; the cost would be nominal

20th June 1902 Like most places throughout the colony, Cullensville and Mahakipawa have been holding meetings lately to arrange for the celebration of the coronation of our King in a manner worthy of the place. At the last meeting, held on Monday, 16th inst., it was decided that a school picnic be held in Mr. Cullen's paddock. The children are to assemble at the school at 10 a.m. to sing the National Anthem and salute the flag, and at the conclusion the presentation cards supplied by the Government to the school children are to be given out (that is, if the cards arrive in time). The children will then form into procession and march to the picnic ground, where sports for the little ones will take place. A good day is anticipated. By the way—I hear that most of the Grove children are going to Picton for the celebration, and I think it a great pity they do not amalgamate with the Cullensville children and make a big day of it.

17th October 1902 FAIRHALL. The Committee asked the Board to appoint. Mr. T. R. Bowden, of Cullensville school, to be teacher of the Fairhall school, or the alternative Mrs. Tosswill, of Kaituna The appointment was deferred till next meeting, [for the

report of the Inspector on the forth-coming examination of the Cullensville school, the matter to be referred to the committee for further consideration, of the Committee if they so desired.

21st October 1902 Captain and Mrs. Strang are making preparations to leave Wellington and to reside permanently in Dunedin, Mrs. Strang will be better known to our readers as Mrs. McAuley; she lived for some time with Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Brown in the house at Cullensville now occupied by Mr. W. J. Cullen. In those days of sawmills Mrs. Strang "ran" both a day and a Sunday School.

14th November 1902 Mr. T. R. Bowden, head master of the Cullensville School, has been appointed to the Fairhall School. We congratulate Mr. Bowden on his promotion

13th February 1903 CULLENSVILLE. Considerable discussion took place in connection with the passing of the minute of last meeting referring to the Cullensville teachership, some members questioning the appearance of the words "subject, to the usual enquiry." The minute was passed in its written form.

A deputation representing the Cullensville Committee waited on the Board. Messrs. Coombe (chairman), Cody and the Secretary of the Committee addressed the meeting, and urged that the Board adhere to its original decision to appoint Mr. G. Everiss as teacher, who had taken up the work on the strength of a communication from the Committee that he had been appointed. They explained that the Committee fully understood from the newspaper report following on the preliminary communications from the Board that its recommendation had been practically adopted, and in writing to Mr. Everiss before the authority of the Board had been issued, they intended no discourtesy to the Board. They explained that they preferred a male teacher. The deputation's request was supported by a petition, signed with one exception, by the parents of all the children attending the school.

In further discussion the Chairman explained the motives of the Board in changing the appointment. Finally, the Board rescinded the resolution passed at last meeting appointing a female teacher, and appointed Mr. Everiss in accordance with the Committee's wishes.

The Cullensville Committee asked for £7 10s for repairs to school and residence.— The matter was left in Mr. Duncan's hands with authority to act.

24th April 1903 Mr. Cullen wrote asking that since; there was no sign of the school attendance at Cullensville collapsing, he be allowed rent, according to stipulation, It was decided to ask Mr. Cullen what rent he required,

15th May 1903 CULLENSVILLE. Mr. Cullen offered to accept a rental of 5s a year for five years for the Cullensville School property, : — Mr. Duncan was asked to arrange terms with Mr. Cullen. Accounts forwarded by the Cullensville Committee for repairs amounting to £10 5s 6d were ordered to be paid.

16th September 1904 CULLENSVILLE. Mrs. Coombe was appointed teacher of sewing, subject to the approval of the Committee.

14th October 1904 The appointment of Miss A. Nielsen as teacher temporarily at Cullensville was approved _'

13th January 1905 MAHAKIPAWA. The Rev. Mr. Foston 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.

GENERAL.

The Cullensville Committee recommended the appointment of a teacher. —After considering the communication in Committee, the Board resolved that the appointment be left in the hands of the Chairman, on the understanding that he would confer with the Committee. 17th February 1905 The Secretary reported that, pending the appointment of a permanent teacher, Mr. Huddleston was relieving at Cullensville. The recommendation was approved.

17th March 1905 The Department replied to the application to sanction the sale of one acre at Mahakipawa to the Rev. H. Foston. The matter would receive due attention.—The recommendation of the Chairman as to the shape of the section as disposed of —2 ½ frontage and 4 feet in depth (Sic)—was adopted.

2nd May 1905 CULLENSVILLE. The following School Committee were elected for Cullensville P. Coombe (Chairman), D. A. Halket (Secretary), Matthew Patterson, William Coleman, Frank Sparks, George Rochfort, Charles Sutton. The first six were re-elected. Mr. Sutton fills the vacancy caused by the death of the late C. P. Nielsen. 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 August 1905 The resignation of Mr. E. J. Gilmor as teacher at the Cullensville School was notified. The Secretary of the Board reported that on receipt of the resignation he advertised in the local and Wellington papers, and received one application,—On the recommendation of the Committee, Mr. J. W. Williamson was appointed teacher.— The Inspector was authorised to send forward a relieving teacher if possible.

13th October 1905 Cullensville: The Committee recommended that Miss W. Griffiths, relieving teacher, be appointed teacher permanently, —A temporary appointment was made.

15th December 1905 . Cullensville.—Of five applications for the position of teacher, the Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. Thomas Brownlee (E-3), with Mr. McFadden as second choice. Mr. Brownlee was appointed, on the usual conditions.

16th February 1906 Cullensville—The Committee asked for repairs at a cost of £4,—Letter forwarded to the Chairman (Mr. Duncan) to attend to. .

16th March 1906 Cullensville: The Chairman reported that he had sanctioned the expenditure of .£4 on repairs at the Cullensville School. His action was approved,—The account for £6 3s fid was added to those passed.

27th April 1906 CULLENSVILLE. At the meeting of householders it was proposed, seconded, and passed unanimously that the old Committee be re-elected for the ensuing year. Mr. Coombe was appointed Chairman and Mr. Halkett Secretary. Mr. Sutton and Mr. Coombe were appointed as Visiting Committee for the following month.

18th May 1906 Cullensville—The teacher, Mr. Brownlee, who had been asked to fix a date for his retirement, under the Superannuation Act, asked for the continuation of his service as long as possible.—Resolved to point Mr. Brownlee to the Act, which made retirement compulsory

13th July 1909 Cullensville.—Mr. Brownlee was temporarily appointed Teacher until a new Teacher could be secured.—it was decided to refer back to the Committee the letter stating that the application of Miss Williams was not suitable, as a male

Teacher was required. If the Committee rejected Miss Williams fresh applications should be invited.

14th August 1906 Petitions for and against the suggested central School at Mahakipawa were received, and it was resolved that Messrs. Scott and Reader be a deputation to interview a combined meeting of the School Committees concerned

17th August 1906 Central School at Mahakipawa.— At the Education Board's meeting twenty settlers of The Grove, Mahakipawa, and Cullensville districts petitioned the Board to establish a central school for the three, sub' divisions at The Grove. The present Grove School building was in good order, and could be shifted to the proposed site and added to. Mr. R. Barker, The Grove, wrote urging the advantage of the project. The proposal was strongly opposed by the Cullensville Committee. There were twelve children at Cullensville, and these would not attend the proposed new school. The number attending the so-called central school would be less than those attending the Cullensville School. The Committee asked that the petition be referred to them for information. The Chairman suggested that the Cullensville School be allowed to remain, and that the present Grove School be shifted to the proposed central site. Mr. Scott spoke in favour of the proposal, mainly on the grounds that a better teacher could be secured by amalgamation. Outside Cullensville, the settlers were unanimous as to the advisability of the project. He moved that the petitions be forwarded to the opposing parties for comment, and that Mr. Reader and the mover be a Committee to meet representatives of the parties at the Institute. The question of appointing a teacher to Cullensville to succeed Mr. Brownlee (superannuated) was deferred in consequence of the foregoing decision

11th September 1906 With reference to the agitation at Mahakipawa in connection with the suggested closing of one of the schools, the Board decided to recommend that a central school be erected at Mahakipawa, and that the Government be asked for a grant for the new school. Miss Palmer is to be offered the charge of the Grove School.

11th September 1906 Cullensville, Miss Young (temporarily).

12th October 1906 MAHAKIPAWA. At the Board meeting on Tuesday evening the question of a central school at Mahakipawa was discussed. Rev. W. Scott produced a plan prepared by Mr. Reade, whose estimate for building a new school and shifting the old school, and turning same into a house, was £264. The Grove School would make a good four-roomed cottage. The Secretary stated that if the work was not done by 31st December, 1906, the Board could not create a new district before 1st January, 1908, the Act providing that when a new district is formed the resolution of the Board takes effect from the 1st of January following same. The Secretary of the Education Department wrote stating that the Department were unable to express any opinion in regard to the Bond's application for a grant for the school at Mahakipawa, without necessary details. Mr. Reader gave notice of motion that the present districts be abolished, and that in future they be known as the Linkwater School District. A motion by Mr. Reader that a grant of £300 be asked for from the Department and that the information asked for be forwarded to the Government was carried.

12th July 1907 Cullensville.—Miss Esther Young, relieving teacher, asked for advice in respect to her position in view of the declining attendance. She asked for another appointment.—The Inspector said Miss Young would go on until the school was closed.—Mr. Halket asked the Board to refund him £1 15s 10d, owing to him by reason of the amalgamation of school districts.—The Secretary was authorised to act.—The question of closing the school was deferred.

16th August 1907 Cullensville.—it was resolved that the Cullensville School be closed, in view of the starting of the central school at .the Grove. The Chairman dissented.

15th November 1907 Cullensville Schoolhouse.—Mr. Cullen asked for a cheque covering the rent for schoolhouse.—Mr. Smith, ex-Secretary, to give the Board at next meeting a report on the matter.

Cullensville.—In reference to Mr. Cullen's claim for rent at 2s per week, making £58. 10s for 4½ years, reducible to £50, Mr. John Duncan wrote stating what the arrangement had been.—it was decided to pay the £50, and apply to the Government for the amount.

19th January 1909 Miss Ettie Young, who has been acting as assistant at. the Mahakipawa School, has been appointed Assistant Mistress of the Seddon School

Grove or The Grove (1892-1906)

The Grove was on the Queen Charlotte Drive just before the Anakiwa Turn Off. School has connections with Beauchamp family at Anakiwa

1892	12	Grove (The)	Corsbie	Edith R E		Female	£45.00	
1893	16	Grove (The)	Beauchamp	Harriet		Female	£37.00	
1894	16	Grove (The)	Beauchamp	Laura E	E4	Female	£41.00	
1895	10	Grove (The)	Beauchamp	Laura E	E4	Female	£56.00	
1896	11	Grove (The)	Beauchamp	Laura		Female	£60.00	
1897	11	Grove (The)	Williams	Agnes M T		Female	£72.00	
1898	12	Grove	Beauchamp	L E G	E4	Female	£51.00	
1899	10	Grove	Williams	Agnes M T	Licensed	Female	£54.00	
1900	8	Grove	Palmer	Ella		Female	£54.00	£10.00
1901	9	Grove	Beauchamp	Harriet		Female	£42.00	
1902	10	Grove	Beauchamp	Harriet		Female	£60.00	
1903	10	Grove	Beauchamp	Harriet		Female	£62.10	
1904	10	Grove	Beauchamp	Harriet		Female	£45.00	
1905	9	Grove	Beauchamp	Laura		Female	£51.00	
1906	8	Grove	Beauchamp	L E G		Female	£48.00	

DEATH

Beauchamp.—On October 22nd, 1908 (England, by cable): Harriet, relict of the late Craddock Beauchamp, aged 68 years.

10th February 1892 Cullensville The Committee wrote respecting the proposed aided school at the Grove, that considering that there were only twelve children available, and the expenses would' be considerable, the children should be carried to the Cullensville School, the parents paying half the cost, and the Board pay half. It was resolved to try the experiment, if the settlers who had petitioned for an aided school were agreeable.

5th April 1892. GROVE SCHOOL. Some correspondence was received relative to the conveyance of children to and from the Grove to the Cullensville school. It was stated that to convey the children at I shilling a head would cost the Board £20 a year, and there would be another £9 a year for the increased salary of the teacher. The residents, however, were not willing to pay half the cost themselves. The Chairman considered that under the circumstances it might be as well if the Board made the Grove an aided school. Mr H. Dobson offered to buy the building. Mr Mills thought the conveyance of children would be an awkward precedent, as he knew of children up the Deep Creek who walked four or five

miles daily. The Chairman proposed that the Board could not agree to pay more, and the Committee be asked to suggest some alternative plan to meet the wants of the district, and also to report on the suitability of the old building

7th June 1892 THE GROVE. Mr J. Duncan wrote as to the wishes of the residents at the Grove. He had called them together, and had ascertained that they had a decided preference for an aided school at the Grove. The building was in a very dilapidated condition, A sum of £1 was granted for repairs.

2nd August 1892 were not entitled to more than a pupil teacher, and one had been selected. CULLENSVILLE. The Committee reported that they had not been able to secure a teacher, for the Grove School (aided.) Mr H. Seymour said the fact was that in Cullensville they did not like the idea of a school at the Grove. The Chairman recommended that the Committee be informed that, as this was an aided school, the Board could not advertise for a teacher, and it was the duty of the Committee to attend to the matter, and they were asked to make the recommendation desired. Agreed to. The Committee also asked for the appointment of a pupil teacher at their school. The Inspector said they were not entitled to a pupil teacher according to their attendance roll. THE GROVE. Mr J. Duncan forwarded receipts for repairing the Grove School

4th October 1892 The Cullensville Committee reported that Mrs Beauchamp has been selected as teacher for the Grove aided school

6th December 1892 The householders at the Grove had met and elected a Committee, who suggested boundaries to the Board. Mr J. Duncan had been elected Chairman. The question of the boundaries was held over till the Chairman could look into them.

10th January 1893 CULLENSVILLE. The Committee asked if anything had been done in the matter of fixing the boundaries, and suggesting that Mahikipawa and Cullensville should be combined, and that the Sounds be placed under the Grove Committee. Discussion ensued on the difficulties of communication in the Sounds, and one suggestion was that perhaps Picton would be the best centre for the Sounds, but the small Committees would very likely object to their schools being taken out of their hand. The Chairman said he would like to have a committee appointed with him in the matter, so that it could be talked over. The Grove would want a special committee, and he would attend to the definition of the boundary as soon as possible. The matter was left to the Chairman.

7th February 1893 The Chairman read the description of the Grove district boundaries, which was approved by Mr Duncan, The petition of Cullensville under the new division was discussed, and it was resolved to release the Sounds from Cullensville, as the new district cut it off.

8th February 1893 During the year 1892 five schools have been added to the list. Three of these are quite new ones, and two— Endeavour Inlet and Grove were re-opened, the latter after some years interval. (*Presumably Anakiwa*)

14th October 1896 GROVE. The Committee applied for a new school to be erected on the same site as the old one. Mr Chaytor thought that if there was anything in the suggestion that one school should be provided for Cullensville and Grove it would be inadvisable to comply with the request. Mr Duncan pointed out that directly the Board ceased to use the Cullensville school it would pass into the hands of Mr Cullen, so that the Board could not remove the building. The offer of a local builder to replace the Grove school for £40 was very reasonable. It was resolved to empower the Committee and Mr Duncan to have a new school erected.

16th December 1896 GROVE, The Committee notified that in conjunction with Mr Duncan they had accepted the tender of Mr J. Craig, £40, for a new school. The action of the Committee and Mr Duncan was confirmed.

10th February 1897 THE GROVE. The Committee intimated that the erection of the new school had been satisfactorily completed. The Board granted a small sum for extra work

15th February 1897 Sir, A schoolroom has just been erected at the Grove for the accommodation of one family, and others probably at some future date but the majority of the settlers at Mahakipawa are quite neglected in this matter, as there is no school nearer than at Cullensville or the Grove, both at the extreme ends. Only a few families are now likely to remain at Cullensville would it not be well for the Education Board to purchase the school building at Cullensville and erect it on the reserve (rent free, of course) in a central position, accommodating the whole of the valley from one end to the other. The distance is now so far and out of the way, that several young children who otherwise would attend are now debarred from doing so. A central school would be to the benefit about 80 children, not including those at Cullensville. With the exception of one family, the residents at Mahakipawa and the Grove would have a less distance to go than at present at either school, The number attending would justify the appointment of a duly qualified teacher. Under these circumstances the one or two families left at Cullensville would be compelled to attend. In a year or two other children of residents would be of school age. If this matter was represented to the Board, I feel sure they would see the necessity for looking into it. I am, etc., Pro Bono Publico.

11th November 1897 GROVE. An application for a sum of money to remove the old school building was left in the hands of Mr Duncan for his investigation

10th May 1899 The appointment of Miss R Causeby (*Corsbie?*) was approved

10th September 1900 Miss K Robertson resigned the teachership at the Grove

13th November 1900 The temporary appointment of Mrs Beauchamp was approved

9th December 1901 GROVE. A new table was granted to the Grove School. Mr Duncan reported on a visit of inspection to the Grove School. His recommendation that £10 to £12 be voted to the committee for certain repairs was adopted

23rd December 1901 Our Cullensville correspondent writes —'Last Monday afternoon' Miss Jeffries gave her annual picnic at Mr W. J. Collin's to the Cullensville, Mahakipawa and Grove children. The juveniles turned up in great force; a Christmas tree loaded with presents was discovered in front of the house, and all returned home highly delighted

25th January 1902 the difficulties of placing the animals on board the steamers.

The settlers of Mahakipawa and the Grove held a meeting to consider the advisability of erecting a Dairy Factory in the neighbourhood. The meeting was well attended, Mr John Duncan presiding. Mr Howard Green still was appointed Secretary, and was requested to obtain all possible information as to construction of the factory, etc.

14th July 1903 It was resolved to reply to the Grove School Committee that provision for fuel would have to be made out of its capitation funds

11th January 1904 Arthur Barker won a Town Scholarship with 473/700 marks

15th March 1904 The Grove Committee forwarded the resignation of Miss L. Beauchamp, teacher; and Mr Duncan spoke highly of the work done by Miss Beauchamp during her eight years stay at the Grove, adding that the Committee were very sorry to lose her*.

11th April 1904 Miss Agnes Williams appointed Sole Teacher at Grove

9th JULY 1906 Grove —Applications for a teacher to fill Miss Williams's vacant position were authorised

13TH Aug 1906 Twenty settlers of the Grove, Mahakipawa, and Cullensville districts petitioned the Board to establish a central school for the three subdivisions at the Grove. The

present Grove school building was in good order, and could be shifted to the proposed site and added to.

Mr R. Barker drove, wrote urging the advantage of the, project. The proposal was strongly opposed by the Cullensville Committee. There were twelve children at Cullensville, and these would not attend the proposed new school. The number attending the so-called central school would be less than those attending the Cullensville school. The Committee asked that the petition be referred to them, for information. The Chairman suggested Hint the Cullensville school be allowed to remain, and that the present drove school be shifted to the proposed central site. Mr Scott spoke in favour of the proposal, mainly on the grounds that a better teacher could be secured by amalgamation. Outside Cullensville, the settlers were unanimous as to the advisability of the project. He moved that the petitions be forwarded to the opposing parties for comment, and that Mr Reader and the mover be a committee to meet representatives of the parties at the Institute. The question of appointing a teacher to Cullensville to succeed Mr Brownlee (superannuated) was deferred in consequence of the foregoing decision.

10th September 1906 Hutchinson; Black Rock, Miss 'Coralie Robinson; North Bank, Miss A. Sandbrook. The names of Misses E Macfarland and Palmer were forwarded to the Grove Committee

10th October 1906 GROVE SCHOOL AMALGAMATION. Mr Scott, one of the-members who interviewed the Minister for Education, explained what had been represented to him, and reported his reply, which was favourable.

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14th November 1906 Grove.—Mr Reader was permitted to postpone his motion regarding amalgamation of school districts of Grove and Mahakipawa until next month.

12th December 1906 LINKWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT. The Chairman intimated that he had personally visited the locality of the Grove. It was his opinion that .the Cullensville school should be allowed to remain. Once the Cullensville school was abandoned it would become Mr Cullen's property. According to notice, Mr Reader moved that the Cullensville and Grove districts be amalgamated, to be called the Linkwater district. The Cullensville school might still be left open.— Mr Scott seconded, and the motion was carried. Mr Scott withdrew his motion in reference to the closing of the Grove and Cullensville schools with the view of getting a new school at Mahakipawa. On the motion of Mr Reader, it was decided to keep the Cullensville school open till the householders' annual meeting

15th January 1907 In the event of his declining, the Town Committee to deal with the matter. THE LINKWATER DISTRICT. Mr! Scott asked whether anything had been done to elect the Committee rendered necessary by the amalgamation of the school districts in the-Mahakipawa Valley. He urged the advisability of shifting the Grove School up the Valley. He moved that tenders for removing the school to a site to be selected be called for. The motion was carried.

12th February 1907 the Board at its last meeting advertised for tenders for the removal of the Grove school, and no tenders were received.

10th April 1907 Grove .—Mr Scott reported having visited the Grove. The tender had been let to Mr Reade for £50. The specifications were deficient, and it was found necessary to call for fresh tenders. This time the tender was £77. A conference over the matter had resulted in

an arrangement having been come to for the removal of the school to Linkwater at a cost of £57.10 shillings The Committee wrote agreeing to this arrangement—The Board approved.

14th May 1907 THE GROVE SCHOOL. The trustees of the Mahakipawa Methodist Church wrote asking for an allowance of 10s per week for the occupation of the building while the Grove school was being moved.— Granted. The Linkwater Committee stated that the contractor for the removal of the Grove school had not yet commenced the work.—Resolved that the Secretary write to the contractor asking the reason for his delay

Pelorus Guardian

17th May 1895 The Grove.—A correspondent wrote that the recent gale had blown a window out of the school-house. Mr. Duncan was authorised to superintend the repairs.

17th January 1896 Grove School. The Committee wrote stating that Mrs. Beecham had resigned the position of mistress and her daughter had been appointed in her place.— Appointment confirmed.

18th December 1896 The Grove.—The Committee notified that in conjunction with Mr. Duncan they had accepted the tender of Mr. J. Craig, £40, for a new school. The action of the Committee and Mr. Duncan was confirmed.

29th January 1897 New School.—We (Press) learn that the new school at the Grove is approaching completion and will be ready for use at the beginning of next month. The grant, it will be remembered, was obtained at the instigation of Mr. Duncan, who has superintended the building during construction. Mr. John Craig has done the work in a most satisfactory style and with commendable promptitude. We trust that the comfort of the new building, in contrast with the old barn-like structure, will be appreciated by the parents of children, and that the teacher, Miss Beauchamp, will have continued success, for which the school is noted

12th February 1897 The Grove,—The Committee intimated that the erection of the new school had been satisfactorily completed.—The Board : granted a small sum for extra work.

6th November 1897 The Grove—An application for a Bum of money to remove the old school building was left in the hands of Mr. Duncan for his investigation.

13th May 1898. Grove.—The Chairman of the late Committee reported that only two persons had been elected on the School Committee, and suggesting the names of three other persons for appointment by the Board.—The appointments were made as recommended.

14th October 1879 THE GROVE. Standard VI.—William Larsin. Standard V.—Alma Larsin, James Campbell, and Josiah Campbell. Standard IV.—Ethel Hammerich, Cissy Hammerich, Sarah Bryant, Linda Larsin, and Neils Larsin. Standard III.—Annie Hammerich, Colin Campbell, Alan Ferguson, and Bruno Larsin.

28th March 1899 Grove.—The Chairman of the Committee wrote. saying that the Committee had granted leave of absence for twelve months to the teacher, and asking the Board to advertise for a teacher for a tenure of twelve months. —It was resolved that Miss Beauchamp's resignation must be forwarded to the Board, through the Committee, and that if a suitable substitute be provided, the leave of absence will be considered.

5th May 1899 Grove.—The appointment of Miss E. Causby as teacher of the aided school was approved

16th February 1900 Grove.—The Committee recommended the appointment of Miss Robertson as temporary teacher of the Grove school.—Approved

14th September 1900 Miss K. Robertson resigned the teachership at The Grove

15th April 1904 Miss Agnes Williams was appointed to the teachership of the Grove School

18th October 1904 Social at Cullensville.—A correspondent at Mahakipawa informs us that though the wet weather on Friday night affected the attendance at the concert at Cullensville. those who did attend thoroughly enjoyed the programme submitted. Items were contributed by the Misses Williams, Bryant, Palmer and Neal, and by Messrs. J. Campbell, Cody, Bryant and Patterson. Mr. J. Campbell proved a very efficient accompanist, and Mr. Barker was Chairman. The entertainment was in aid of the funds of the Grove School Committee.

The sum of £1 was voted to the Grove School for small apparatus.

13th July 1909 Grove.—Applications for a Teacher to fill Miss Williams' vacant position were authorised.

31st July 1906 News from The Grove.—A correspondent writes:—At present there appears to be looming on the horizon of the near future a decided change in the order of things in this locality. A meeting was held in the Institute at Mahakipawa on Monday evening last, for the purpose of considering the desirability of combining The Grove and Cullensville Schools and having a central school on the Education Reserve (the site of the original School at Mahakipawa). There was a good attendance, and Mr. J. Duncan occupied the chair. As the need of a building for holding public meetings, etc., has long been felt, the project found favour with a large number of the residents, as it was thought the school building would serve this purpose also. It was decided that a petition be forwarded to the Education Board to the above effect, and that the new district be called the Linkwater School District. The reason for this new venture is that the attendance at The Grove School is steadily diminishing—so much so, that it will scarcely warrant the appointment of a qualified Teacher. We are losing Miss Williams, our Grove teacher, that lady having been appointed to the Renwicktown School,

17th August 1906 See Mahakipawa for full article on amalgamation

12th October 1906 Grove.—Miss Palmer's appointment as teacher of this school was approved.

15th February 1907 Grove.—Mr. Reade tendered to shift the old school for a certain amount. — It was decided not to accept the tender, but to call for fresh tenders.

Grove.—Mr. J. Duncan reported that Messrs. R. Barker, J. Bryant, C. Neal, F. Coombe, W. Coleman, H. Palmer, and B. Thompson had been elected as the new Committee for the amalgamated school district.—The tender of Mr. Reade at £50 for removal of the school was accepted.

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Linkwater (1907-1923)

Amalgamation of The Grove and Cullensville and schools. On the piece of land between Mahau Sound and The Grove Arm on Queen Charlotte Drive. Still open in 2015

1896 352 Square feet

1930 Destroyed by Fire

1931 795 Square feet 2 Classrooms

1953 Residence 6 rooms 1065 square foot

Garage 180 square foot

Area 3 acres 2 roods 18 perches

Section 2 of 15 Block X Linkwater SD

May 1907 School removed to Central Site

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1915/1979	Constance Mabel	Allen	Cyril De Coursey	Lambert
1882/15299	Allen	Constance Mabel	Katherine	John
1970/34636	Lambert	Constance Mabel		88Y

1906

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13th June 1907 In connection with the establishment of a new school at Linkwater it is proposed by the Education Board to place Miss Palmer, of the Grove school, in charge temporarily. A permanent appointment will be made as soon as the probable attendance is ascertained

2nd July 1907 Certain lands in the Linkwater Survey District are gazetted as having been taken for a road. The total area of the lands taken is about seven acres.

9th July 1907 Linkwater. —On the inspector's recommendation-, Miss Palmer was temporarily appointed teacher. The Committee notified that the new school had been opened on July 1st. It was desired that the Cullensville school be closed, so as to concentrate the pupils -at the central school. A grant of £15 was asked for towards gravelling, etc.—£10 was granted, and it was decided to ask Mr Cullen if he -would allow the school to be removed.

2nd September 1907 TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—I should like to draw your attention to the absurdly low house allowance made by the Education Board for a teacher at the Linkwater school; in this case as there is no school residence, it really means board and lodging, and this intending applicants for the billet ought to know before applying. Ten pounds per annum, or a fraction under 4 shillings per week In small districts it is a little difficult to get accommodation, and parents for fear of not being able to have their children taught, put up with the inconvenience of taking into their house a stranger. Inconvenient in this way that what would suit a family by themselves they might not think good enough for boarders, especially highly educated ladies or gentlemen, which, of course, they always are. And if they have nice feelings, they, (and the teacher) would not like one privileged person having the best while others took whatever came; but if not, this would mean doubling the household expenses. One bedroom in a small house, perhaps the only one available for personal friends, is monopolised altogether. Unless ample allowance is made for board and lodging the position is awkward and unpleasant for both parties. Our Liberal Government allows 10s per head per week for its pensioners who "do" for themselves, and the question has been raised whether this is enough. Why then is 4s per week considered sufficient for a teacher at the Linkwater school I do not know whether the salary is considered sufficient to supplement this, but I think the Board should uphold the dignity of the profession by allowing its assistants sufficient for their independence, apart from any charitable assistance given by. private householders. With the high rate of everything now 15s per week should be the very lowest allowance—and this might induce home respectable person of small means to take in, in a humble manner, a teacher as private boarder. FAIR PLAY. August 28th.

10th September 1907 The Chairman gave notice to move at next meeting that the Havelock, Linkwater, Waitaria, Fairhall, and Seddon school districts include a radius of 2 miles only.

15th October 1907 Onamalutu.—The Chairman reported that Miss A. Healy, of Flat Creek, who was "a qualified teacher, was applying for the Onamalutu school, and that Miss Allen, the relieving teacher, was unqualified. However, Miss Allen would prefer to go to Linkwater, so that the position would be laid open for Miss Healy.

28th October 1907 MAHAKIPAWA.

(Our Own Correspondent.) Saturday. The Inspector, Mr Strachan, held his annual examination of the Linkwater School last Wednesday. Twenty-five pupils were present, all passing. Such a highly satisfactory result is very gratifying, both to Miss Palmer, who still continued in charge when the Grove schoolhouse was removed to its new site nearer Mahakipawa and re-christened "The Linkwater," and also to Miss Young, the teacher at the Cullensville School until it was closed two months ago, when the children were transferred to the Grove-Linkwater school. It also speaks well for the industry of the children. I understand that Mr Strachan expressed himself as highly satisfied in every respect.

10th December 1907 Grove.—Miss Allen was appointed teacher of the Linkwater school for twelve months, without advertising "the position, in accordance with the Committee's wish.—It was also decided to pay some accounts for extras at the new school.—It was decided to approach the Department at once to procure a new school at Linkwater, with a view to the old one being used -for a teacher's residence.

1908

1908 22` Linkwater Allen Constance M C4 Female £ 110.00 £10.00
 10th April 1908 Linkwater. Messrs R. Barker (chairman), W-. Coleman, J. Dalziel, R. Storey, J. Bryant. School Committee

1st June 1908 Following the Linkwater Defence Rifle Club's Fancy dress party As there was a quantity of provisions left over from the ball, the School Committee and Miss Allen were interviewed, and it was resolved to dismiss the school at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, and give the children a treat in the afternoon, with games, and dancing in the hall. All the parents who could possibly attend promise to do so.

15th September 1908 Linkwater. —A long letter was received from the Committee strongly urging the necessity of a new school building.—It was resolved that a copy or the letter be forwarded to the Government, together with a full statement of the facts of the case

5th October 1908 The Linkwater school children journeyed to Havelock on Saturday last to play a rounder match with the. Havelock school children, and got hopelessly defeated. Nevertheless the children enjoyed their outing, and are looking forward to the return match next month.

13th October 1908 The Linkwater Committee wrote asking who was the truant inspector for their district.—It was resolved that the Committee be informed that the teacher can report to the Committee and the Committee can take action in cases of truancy. It was resolved to obtain 12 chairs at 30s each for the Board room.

12th November 1908 The Education Department wrote asking the board in regard to the Linkwater school building, if they knew there was a desirable building there which might be utilised.—The Department had been previously informed that the building did not belong to the Board

4th December 1908 Proficiency Linkwater: Mary Sutton

In cases where the pupils are under fifteen years of age on the 1st December they are entitled, to two years' free tuition at the High School.

15th December 1908 Monday. On Saturday a rounder team from the Havelock school journeyed to Mahakipawa to play a return rounder match with the school children there, resulting in a win for the Linkwater team. Linkwater 1st innings 31, 2nd innings 57, total 88; Havelock 1st innings 39, 2nd innings 20, total 59. Each team has now won a game, and I believe the final will be played after the Christmas holidays. The visitors were entertained to a very nice tea, which all thoroughly enjoyed, before leaving on their return for home.

1909

1909 19 Linkwater Allen Constance M C4 Female £ 135.00 £15.00
 9th March 1909 Linkwater. The Secretary was instructed to let eight of the ten acres of the school ground there, and to obtain a report as to the Boards position with, the recent tenant for the next meeting.

6th April 1909 LINKWATER RESERVE. Mr J. Conolly, solicitor, applied on behalf of Mrs Dalziel for a lease of seven acres of the school site reserve at Linkwater. The Committee of the Linkwater School wrote requesting the Board to have the area surveyed and fenced, and that the ground be used by the school. The Chairman thought that tenders might be called for the section. Mr Smith thought it would be inadvisable to let the section at all. Mr Conolly

moved that Mrs Dalziel be granted the lease of the section at £1 per acre. The Chairman said he considered the Board should allow Mrs Dalziel to deduct the cost of fencing from the first instalment of her rent, at the rate of 14s per chain. Mr Reader said he would go and interview Mrs Dalziel and report on the matter to the next meeting of the Board. Mr Conolly moved that Mr Reader see Mrs Dalziel and make the best arrangements, and that he have power to act. Mr Parker seconded the motion. Mr Smith moved that the section be let by tender. Mr Storey seconded the amendment. The amendment was negatived. The original motion was then amended, and read that Mr Reader report to the Board at its next meeting

11th 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.

A similar communication was received from the Linkwater School Committee concerning the school land there.

The Chairman said the following resolution had been framed in connection with that matter: "That Miss Allen be granted the use of the school site at Linkwater; the cost of fencing to be borne by the Board in the first instance, the teacher for the time being to refund the amount in five yearly instalments, to be paid from the rent derived."

Mr Smith moved that the Education Board fence in the whole of the block of nine acres of land at Linkwater, and permit the teacher to make the best use of it.

Mr Reader said the Committee at Linkwater required five acres of the land for a play-ground for the children, particularly for the purpose of constructing or laying down a cricket pitch. The Chairman said the Secretary had wisely pointed out that the teacher had an emolument of the ground. Mr White moved that the matter be deferred and that the Committee be, asked to forward a plan of the grounds showing the portions fenced and unfenced.

The Chairman seconded the motion, which was carried. EMPIRE DAY. Mr Reader asked if any preparations had been made for the celebrating of Empire Day. The Secretary said nothing had been done, but that a holiday would be observed on that day.

1st June 1909 The Havelock school-children had an enjoyable day on Saturday, on the occasion of the visit of the Linkwater school for a rounder match. Play commenced at 11.30 a.m., and after the first innings an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where lunch was laid out. The game was continued at 1.30, and great enthusiasm was evinced by the youthful sports, the result being a decisive victory for Havelock by 145 points to 42. By three o'clock, when the sun left the ground, the game was over, and afternoon tea in the schoolroom was as fully appreciated as the lunch. Thanks to the liberal supplies sent by parents and friends, there was sufficient to meet all demands. The principal scorers on the Havelock side were Mabel Hewetson 31, George Jarvis 28, Cyril Jarvis 19, Jessie Orsram 16, Annie Smith 15, Leslie Walker 13 and Katie Pickering 11; while for Linkwater Charles Coleman secured 12 rounders, Leonard Neal 9, and Annie Dalziel and Herbert Coleman 6 each.

8th July 1909 Miss C M Allen promoted to C4 grade

13th July 1909 The Secretary of the Linkwater School Committee wrote applying for grants for some improvements to the school, and also for free copies of the Education Act.

10th August 1909 The Linkwater School Committee applied to have the school grounds fenced and also drained.—It was decided to rescind By-law 46, and to inform Miss Allen that the whole of the ground is required for school purposes. A grant of £10 was made towards the drainage

14th September 1909 The secretary of the Linkwater School Committee wrote asking the Board for an additional acre of viand in lieu of the acre taken from it for a church, site. The Chairman moved, and Mr Penny seconded, that the matter be referred back to the Committee for further information.—

12th October 1909 Secretary of the Linkwater School Committee wrote asking for an acre of land from the School Reserve, for the purpose of a playground. He pointed out that the Board sold an acre of the original school ground for the purpose, for a church site, and they would like it restored. It was decided that the question or extra glebe stand over until Mr Smith's notice of motion relative to the matter came before the Board

13th October 1909 Mr J. D. Prouting, manager till recently at Mr John Duncan's, has left The Grove, with his wife and family, to take up a similar position with Mr D. McCallum, Blenheim. Mr Prouting was a member of the Linkwater School Committee and local football team, with the members of both of which he was very popular. Their many friends in the district wish Mr and Mrs Prouting every success in their new home.

14th December 1909 The Linkwater School Committee applied for a grant for a water supply from a well a few chains away, and also for sundry repairs to the school. The Chairman moved, and Mr Parker seconded, that the matter be deferred for an estimate

1910

1910 19 Linkwater Allen Constance M C4 Female £ 140.00 £15.00

15th February 1910 The Linkwater School Committee wrote thanking the Board for a grant for painting the school. They also pointed out that they considered it inadvisable to spend the money on the old building, as it would have to be rebuilt very soon. The Chairman moved, and Mr Parker seconded, that the grant be withdrawn.—Carried

11th May 1910 Mr W. B. Parker has brought before the Education Board the urgent necessity for painting and enlarging the Linkwater school. The Board has decided to hold the matter over until the new School Committee have been elected.

14th June 1910 A TRUANT OFFICER. In accordance with a recommendation of the Havelock School Committee, the Board appointed Mr A. Pask truant officer for the Havelock, Canvastown, Carluke, Rai Falls, Deep Creek, Havelock Suburban, Okaramio, and Linkwater school districts for a period of one year at £10. TERM

12th July 1910 AN INSANITARY SCHOOL. The Linkwater School Committee applied for an additional £3 15s towards the cost of laying water-pipes to the school.—Granted. A further request for a new school was considered, and the Board decided to request the sanitary inspector, to supply a report on the condition of the school. The Board then rose.

10th August 1910 A REPORT. The Department of Public Health forwarded a lengthy report on the condition "of the Linkwater school, which stated that the school could not be condemned, and would appear, to-be, indeed, very far from, being insanitary. The fact that a number of sore throats and nasal complaints had been prevalent among the scholars attending the school could not be put clown to any insanitary conditions, but very likely to an increase in these troubles which had been very common throughout the Dominion. It was decided to send the report on to the committee of the Linkwater school.

11th October 1910 The Linkwater School Committee wrote asking the Board to carry out the recommendations contained in the Sanitary Inspector's report with regard to ventilation at the school. It was resolved to give effect to the request, and that Mr Fulton supervise the work

1911

1911 18 Linkwater Allen Constance M C3 Female £ 145.00 £15.00

4th May 1911 Inspector's report, History was best taught in the following schools: Picton, Ocean Bay, Ugbrooke, Deep Creek, Tua Marina, Canvastown, Linkwater,

12th September 1911 The application of Mr Cawte for a site for an Anglican Church at Linkwater, on the school site, was held over until a formal application had been received.

14th November 1911 At yesterday's meeting of the Marlborough Education Board a letter was received from the Linkwater Committee returning a voucher and postal notes for 14s 9d, the

amount of the grant for free books for Standards III. and IV. The letter intimated! that in the committee's opinion it would be injurious to the health of the children to have the books handed down from generation to generation.

14th November 1911 The Linkwater Committee objected to Mr George, Eden's application to lease the-old school site at the Grove, as they had made arrangements to have the site fenced so that they could make sure of it for themselves. —Received

1912

1912 16 Linkwater Allen Constance M C3 Female £ 150.00 £15.00
23rd April 1912 Inspectors report made reference to the quality of free drawing and plasticene work at Linkwater School

18th June 1912 The Linkwater Dairy Factory has had a very successful season. The Grove factory's output of cheese was 50, and this was awarded the highest grade marks of any factory in Marlborough, realising also the satisfactory price of 6 d per lb. Suppliers received 10d per lb. for their butterfat, and an advance was made them by bonus

12th November 1912 Miss C. Allen, teacher at Linkwater, was granted leave of absence on account of illness

1913

1913 16 Linkwater Allen Constance M C3 Female £ 150.00 £15.00
10th May 1913 School Committee elected J. Fulton (chairman), W. Coleman, J. Kerr, H. Wilkinson there is one vacancy yet to be filled

1914

1914 25 Linkwater Allen Constance M C3 Female £ 150.00 £15.00
3th January 1914 Verne A. M. Edmonds. Linkwater, 414, £3, plus £30 allowance, two years. Scholarship winner coming 3rd in examination

10th February 1914 T}e Linkwater Committee was authorised) to spend a sum not exceeding !£2 in the erection of a gate; and it was resolved that the Inspector be asked to report' as to the need for a. new school.'

16th April 1914 The Inspector was instructed to report at next meeting as to the need for a new building a.t Linkwater.

12th May 1914 **LINKWATER.** The committee again drew ,the Board's attention to the crowded state of-the school, as the-number on the roll, now 31, proved the inadequacy of the building. The Inspector reported that |the dimensions of the school were 20 feet by 15 feet, and the roll number was 31. The average attendance was 23, and under the Department's regulations the" building was capable of holding 25. The timber was quite sound, but the building, which was only 17 years of age, was badly designed. An 8t. addition and the turning of' the building would, he considered, be all that was necessary. The matter was held over pending a report by ,the architect and the Inspector. The construction of a locker in the shelter-shed for the safeguarding of the children's garden tools was authorised

9th June 1914 The Committee appointed to examine the- Linkwater school building recommended that the structure be turned. round and the chimney rebuilt, and that, the capacity of the building haying thus been enlarged, sixteen dual desks, be added to the furniture.—The report was ordered to be forwarded to the School Committee for its observations

26th November 1914 GALA DAY. What had been looked forward to with great expectation took place in Picton yesterday in the form of a Gala Day, arranged with the object of raising funds for the relief of dis-tress in Belgium.....The Linkwater school children, as St. George and/the Dragon, easily captured, the prize, for; the best" exhibit

1915

1915	27	Linkwater	Heffer	Dorothy	Female	£ 126.00	£20.00
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12th January 1915 A grant of £1 was made to the Linkwater Committee for the repair of fencing

11th May 1915 In the absence of Mr Fulton, a communication from the Linkwater committee was held over till next meeting.

12th June 1915 Last week a complimentary social was tendered to Miss Belle Allen, who for several years had been in charge of the Linkwater school, and whose marriage to Mr Cyril Lambert, formerly of Blenheim, took place this week. During the evening Miss Allen, was the recipient of a silver tea. and coffee service from the settlers and the children.

9th November 1915 The following tenders were accepted'—Outbuildings and septic tank at Linkwater, R; Storey;, £63 1s 6d

1916-1917

1917	23	Linkwater	Heffer	Dorothy G	D-85	Sole	£165.00
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27th July 1917 Mr Mackay reported having interviewed, the Minister for Education regarding the Department's action in reducing the area of the school site at Linkwater. The interview had been and it was decided to make, fresh representations on the matter. Wellington Education Board had taken over the Marlborough Education Board work

27th September 1917 THE LINKWATER SCHOOL.
MR McCullum INDIGNANT.
[>>RCM OUR CORRESPONDENT. J WELLINGTON, Sept. 20. There was a lively interlude in the House on Tuesday afternoon, when the report on Technical Education was laid before the House. Mr R. McCallum rose and stated in a very definite manner that technical education as it was taught in the country districts was simply a farce, and a waste of money. Until the Department standardised teaching, and insisted on competent teachers, it would continue to waste money. However, he looked upon technical instruction as one of the most essential parts of national education. The schools at Auckland, Wellington, Wanganui, and other places had been doing most valuable work for many years. Mr McCallum agreed with those who regarded technical education as an essential industry. He explained that he had risen mainly because he might not be present when the Education Estimates were being considered. He had a very serious complaint to make against the Education Department, and it had reference to what was practically a conflict between the Lands Department and the Education Department. He referred to the cutting down of a site in his district known as Linkwater. The School Committee there reclaimed an area of some 8 or 9 acres. Some months ago the Lands Department found that this land had not been properly gazetted, but it was quite willing to complete the gazetting in favor of the Education Department and the School Committee. the Education Department, however, absolutely refused to accept it, and blocked the Lands Department. His district had therefore been cruelly penalised. The sympathies of the Lands Department were with the Committee, and yet they had the .spectacle of the Education Department refusing to assist a country school district. He said plainly that notwithstanding the desire of the Marlborough Land Board, the Wellington .Education Board to which Marlborough now belonged), and the Linkwater School Committee, the Minister, and his Department were acting against the best interests of

technical education so far as experimenting on a small piece of farming land could be carried out. Besides that, the use of a suitably sized glebe on which the master could run a cow and horse, always proved an inducement in a remote country district, and. assisted in securing a better class of teacher.

13th October 1917 The following question has been addressed by Mr H. McCallum to the Minister for Lands: Whether he will cause inquiry to be made into the grounds of the protest of the Linkwater School Committee against the action of the Education Department in depriving it of the use! of a small piece of its glebe upon which it had expended moneys in improvements, and which it insists is required for the purpose of primary and technical education

21st September 1917 Miss D G Heffer resigns

1918-1919

1919	17	Linkwater	Murphy	Christine		Sole	£190.00
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10th January 1918 Proficiency J. Redmond, T. Orr
 18th January 1918 Linkwater, sole teacher, Miss. C. Murphy; appointed
 3rd May 1918 The following were elected members of the Linkwater School Committee-' at the recent householders' meeting:—Messrs J. D. Prouting (chairman), B. Thompson, J. Forbes, D. Gilchrist, and El. J. Chew, Mr W. Bryant was appointed secretary,.

1920-1921

1921	15	Linkwater	Williams	Sarah		Sole	£170.00
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1922-1923

1923	18	Linkwater	Clark	William E	D-220	Sole	£205.00
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Post 1923

14th January 1925 Miss D C Webber appointed

26th May 1928 Miss L G Harrison appointed

3rd February 1930 Miss I Burdes to be Sole Teacher

4th March 1920 Miss I Burdes Sole Teacher

16th December 1930 Miss D W M Henderson assistant teacher

3rd October 1933 Mr W E Clark Head Teacher

18th October 1933 Under Whose Control? The suggested transference from the Wellington Education Board to- Nelson of the control of the Marlborough schools continues to find echo at each meeting of the Wellington Board. Letters were received today from the Kaituna, Linkwater, and Want-wood school committees expressing the desire that the Marlborough Ward should continue to remain under the control of the Wellington Board

25th September 1934 Miss H C Livesey appointed

2nd August 1938 Mr W E Clark assistant Blenheim from Linkwater

30th August 1938 Miss E B Pay head teacher Linkwater from Waihopai Invercargill

War Appointment Miss L P Mitchell Sole Teacher Linkwater

National Archives

Site Information

27th October 1916 Letter from Department to Wellington Education Board asking about gazetting school reserve of 9 acres

The board wanted the whole 9 acres as a number of children ride their horses to school. Only 1 acre for the school and horse paddock and the rest is leased for grazing by the School Committee at £8.10 per acre

Letter from Wellington Education Board to Department included rent was not per acre but for the whole 8 acres

The water supply is some distance from the school and the rights to water need to be safe guarded

17th April 1917 Letter from Department to Wellington Education Board That 3 acres will be put aside. Footnote. That the Board point out that the Minister announced that school sites should be as big as possible

1917 10th May Letter to Department stating that roll is between 20 and 30 and may increase because of increase in dairying

10th May 1917 Letter to Head Teacher asking how many children ride their horses to school. Is there likely to be an increase in horses at school?

D G Heffer replied 2 horses are ridden daily These are left in a paddock next to the school. There is unlikely to be an increase in horse numbers

12th June 1917 Letter from J D Prouting Chairman Linkwater School Committee included

- a) Our Committee have had no notification of any changes. The only comment has been in the paper re a meeting of the Marlborough Land Board
- b) We resent the methods adopted by the Department for their evidently considering the School Committee a nonentity
- c) We took up this ground in its rough state it had to be fenced, stumped, ploughed, levelled and sown down in grass before the children had to play on the road, the ground on either side of the school is swamp is wet and unfit for a playground
- d) There is every possibility of a bigger school being required in the future
- e) There are 5 children riding to school
- f) Though we lease part of it the children always have the right to play on it
- g) Have always played cricket, football or whatever games they like
- h) It is incredible the Government should ask people to go into the backblocks and deny the children the privileges enjoyed by children in the towns
- i) This Committee is strongly against such a step

27th June Education Board asks that the Minister receive a deputation regarding the reservation at the site

Undated typed notes of Wellington Education Board included

- a) Mr. Prouting visited on 5th July and gave additional information
- b) Marlborough School Commissioners (Different from the Marlborough Education Board) originally gave 10 acres for the school) But didn't gazette it.
- c) The School Committee fenced to whole 10 acres from their funds
- d) The 3 acres is the wettest portion of the whole site the front is a bog matted with blackberry

- e) There is a good prospect of increased roll especially if two landowners Cawte Bros and Mrs Craig (Some 12000 acres) cut up their land. Three families send their children on horse back

End of File

SCHOOL REPORTS

23rd July 1965

- a) W G Rennie (16 pupils) Head Teacher Miss L A Foote (13) assistant
- b) Provides a sound education
- c) More than £100 worth of books, £18 worth of filmstrips and a guillotine and electric iron have been added to the school property
- d) Very pleasant teacher pupil relationships have been established
- e) Grounds and outbuildings are well maintained

11th April 1968

- a) Mr. Robin Cullen Hobern Sole Teacher Roll 23
- b) Considerable credit to all concerned
- c) The teacher energetic and progressive
- d) The Education Board's making one room instead of two small ones has improved the school
- e) The County Council's levelling and sealing of the road frontage adds to the appearance of the school
- f) The School Committee is congratulated on its work
- g) Signed Athol Blair ex Principal of Greytown School

12th September 1972

- a) Warren J Cox Roll 18
- b) Teacher experienced in small schools
- c) The children are expected to use a high level of initiative
- d) The school though old is roomy and comfortable
- e) It is pleasing the too hear of the community help for the school The radio, tape recorder and gramophone and recent purchases are a typewriter and a filing cabinet for filmstrips

18th June 1975 Mr. W J Cox Head Teacher (24 children) and Mr A G Rose (15)

- a) The tone in the school and a good working atmosphere indicates that objectives are relevant
- b) School is overcrowded but after discussions with Principal these could be alleviated
- c) The continuing support by parents in providing transport is noted

12th - 13th June 1978

- a) C P Hector. Peter Hector brought up in Mahina Bay Eastbourne, went to school and training college with the research Robin Carbyon
- b) C P Hector Principal (21 children) Mr. A G Ross (14)
- c) Two experienced teachers proving a sound educational environment

- d) The building has recently been expanded to provide a double open space with a small adjacent withdrawal area
- e) Parents take an active interest in the school
- f) Inspection by Bob Hopkirk Teacher of Opaki School Wairarapa

Board and Conveyance Files Mahakipawa Linkwater

This file is all under Linkwater at National Archives and I have copied it as Linkwater

Application for new school

Father	Holding Acres	Distance from Proposed School	Distance from Linkwater School	Children	Age
George William Clemens	245	2 Miles	5 Miles	<u>Anders George Mahe</u>	9
				<u>Eileen Martha Butt</u>	7
				George Edward	5
Ohara Ray Hebbard	630	0 Miles	3 Miles	<u>Phyllis</u>	8
				<u>Reginald Ray</u>	7
				Trevor John	5
Charles Edward Berry	350	½ Mile	3 ½ miles	Estelle Amy	13
				Doris May	11
				John Edward	8
				Sheila Houghton	7
		Niece lived	With for 8 yrs	Gladys Eileen North	12

Lived Western end of Mahakipawa 4 children at present at school (Underlined)

Linkwater 3 miles away, Havelock 6-7 miles. Picton 12-15 miles

A building 14 foot x 12 foot building with available at Mr. Hebbard's in need of some repairs

1 ¼ miles to Westlands Accommodation House and a further ¼ of a mile to Linkwater Hotel

Willing to give labour but not cash to work on school

Nearest Post Office Mahakipawa

Signed by Charles Edward Berry

- a) In letter building is described as 14 x 12 foot building
- b) It is need of repair with brick chimney and two windows that might do
- c) The windows are broken and the barge boards and other timber want patching
- d) Will be rent free
- e) All three are prepared to help if Education Board provides materials and puts them on the job
- f) Some of these children if they attend are walking 50 miles a week
- g) We are all new settlers and are can't do anything involving a big outlay

Reply from Education Board Please send a sketch map of area as one family is living too close to Linkwater

7th November 1929 Application forwarded to Linkwater school as it will effect them

9th November 1929 Letter from Education Board suggesting applying for conveyance of children

12th November 1929 Linkwater School write to Wellington Education Board included

- a) School Committee regrets to learn of the application for a school not far from Linkwater

b) Cullensville school was closed many years ago and the present Linkwater school was moved to a more central spot

c) The Board should consider transport of the children to Linkwater

15th November Letter to Wellington Education Board, board members D McCallum and W D Pike stating the board has not taken any position

3rd December 1929 Mr. Berry writes asking for conveyance to be paid

9th December Letter from Board Members that additions to present room can postponed, that conveyance be arranged and that a new two teacher school be built with two rooms in time

23rd January 1930 Letter from W E Bryant Secretary of Linkwater School Committee

a) Linkwater school returns conveyance items

b) No Teacher is available to sign the form as no teacher is in the locality

26th February That the Department pay the full cost of 8/- per day for transport from Mahakipawa to Linkwater

25th February Letter from Mr. Berry

9th March Mr. A Jacobsen has brought his price down to 30/- per week as one of the families has brought their price down by shifting a mile closer to the school

Mr Clemens had moved

7th April After a lot of correspondence Bruce Thompson sends a telegram to Wellington Education Board Mahakipawa arm settlers will pay difference of transport advise as to the procedure

25th January 1930 the 4 Berry children are being transported by Motor Car Through Mr. Jacobson and also 3 Hebbard Children and 3 Clemens all on individual claims

9th April Board agrees to pay 6d per child (2 Sixpences made one shilling) plus half the difference between that and 30 shillings per week

16th April 1930 Telegram to Bruce Thompson Conveyance can commence immediately

30th April Mr. Jacobsen's address Mr. A Jacobsen Westlands Mahakipawa Marlborough

29th May 1931 Another form as Government reviews conveyance.

The file closes in October 1935 When J J Kissane is applying for conveyance to Mr. W E Clarke Head Teacher in which it is claimed that if allowance is not made then one child will drive a horse and buggy to the school approved in October 1935

Omitted has been a lot of files of who paid what and who paid when and nothing else

PRIMARY SCHOOLS LINKWATER NEW SCHOOL

6th February 1908 Application for a new school

No of families in Settlement: 22

No of children: 33

No of Children on other school rolls :5

No Rail Transport

Picton 14 Miles Havelock 11 Miles Havelock Suburban School 17 Miles

Size of classroom 22 feet by 20 feet

Porch 22 feet x 8 feet

Wood, iron roof, brick chimney

Two out offices (*Toilets*) and fuel shed

Site: Section 15 Block X Linkwater. 9 Acres

Site: Education Reserve

Fencing: 46 Chains of wire and wire netting fencing

Estimated Cost £220. Furniture £35, Fencing £20, Outbuildings £25 Total £300

The Linkwater school was established in July 1907 the old Grove School being transferred to Linkwater for the purpose. The Education Board (Marlborough) are the owners of this building which is described as being badly lighted (4 small windows) and ventilation very poor. The size of the building is 22 foot by 16 foot. The number of children at present attending is 27. The Board is of the opinion the present school could be converted into a residence

Inspector's comments. 2 schools Grove and Cullensville within 5 miles of each other have been closed and a central school have been opened. This should make for greater efficiency and I recommend the grant should be made. One of the schools (Grove) has been brought into the new site and is being used temporarily. It is however altogether too small. It would be a convenient nursery for a teacher's residence which building in my opinion is necessary to provide

11th Feb 1908 Note from Department to Marlborough Education Board According to the Board's return 1903 the Grove School the Property of the Board was built in 1896 and has a floor area of 300 square feet Below it is said to be 22 feet by 16 feet which equals 352 square feet

3rd April 1908 Application for formation of a new school

Linkwater Survey district

Mahakipawa and The Grove schools

Forty children 29 of school age

Picton 14 miles. Havelock 11 Miles. Havelock Suburban 16

No building available for the school

Central site of locality Section 15 Block 10 9 acres. Education Reserve

No timber available locally

Building material from Havelock. Transport by Land or Water Cost of transport about 3/- per 100 feet

Land is dry, level and cleared

7 ½ chains of road frontage

A teacher's residence to be converted from present building

Nearest Post Office. The Grove via Picton

Richard Barker The Grove is Correspondent



2nd April 1908 E Gibbs Secretary of Education writes wanting to know cost of removing the Old Grove School

4th May Letter to Marlborough Education Board asking why Secretary hasn't had a reply

5th May 1908 Request from Marlborough Education Board for £71.13.6d to cover cost of shifting the Grove School

2nd June Bank of New Zealand states £71.13.6d payment from Marlborough Education Board

12th May Secretary of Education writes we cannot erect a new building but will pay cost of removing the Grove school building

13th July 1908 In a letter signed by two pages of signatures the residents petition the Minister of Education for (includes)

- 1) The total unfitness of the building to accommodate more than ½ the children
- 2) The lighting is very bad, the windows being much too small and low
- 3) From a Health Officers point of view it would be decidedly detrimental to cram more children in the building than the number now allowed to attend The room measuring 22 feet x 16 feet (7.87 meters x 6.70 meters)
- 4) That owing to the want of more accommodation many children have to be kept away from school
- 5) Several people will be debarred from sending their children after the holidays for want of space.

15th July 1908 Letter from Secretary of Education included

- a) What is the average attendance for last quarter

b) The Department cannot be expected to replace a building built in 1896

c) The Department would like to know why the building is crowded with a roll of 20

10th July 1908 Letter to Department stating that proposal was to convert current school into a residence

14th July 1908 Robert A Storey Secretary School Committee wrote

a) 352 square feet certainly means 10 square feet per pupil but what about fireplace, blackboard, teacher's desk and other appurtenances

The reason there is a low roll number there is no verandah or cover for children in wet weather and should any arrive before the teacher they have to stand around in the rain

14th August 1908 Application from Marlborough Education Board for a shelter shed at Linkwater

27th August 1908 Letter from Secretary of Ed to Marlborough Education Board as a matter of exceptional urgency we authorise a grant of £195 for construction of shelter sheds

14th September Letter from Mr. J M Reader Member of parliament to Secretary of Education Linkwater school roll is now 27

10th September Long letter from Mr. Storey to Marlborough Education Board copy to Secretary of Ed

Included To lay before you a few facts which we think, convince the most obtuse (Sic) that our appeal for a new school is reasonable.....

a) Last quarter our roll was 23 The teacher lives a considerable distance from the school and there is no shelter

b) The building was built some 12 years ago to accommodate 15 or 16 children

c) We suggest a competent and independent person should be sent to report on our requirements

15th September 1908 Marlborough Education Board asks the Minister to reconsider

9th October 1908 A handwritten note from Mr. Hylton Secretary Marlborough Education Board to Mr. E Gibbes Secretary of Education

a) Mr. Cullen has ownership of the Cullensville School

b) Floor area of 406 square feet attached is a lean to 2 roomed teacher residence

c) The school was closed August 1907. The average roll at that time was 7

d) A reduction of £22 will be made from Board's maintenance account this year

Further information

a) Includes Grove school was built for £ 40 includes used timber

b) The building at Cullensville belongs to Mr. W J Cullen not the Board

c) 14th October 1930 School Committee urging the erection of a new school

d) 2nd January 1931 Telegram Linkwater School burnt to Ground Early Hours New Year's Morning Police Notified

e) 4th March 1932 School rebuilt for £1035

21st July 1939 Tenders withdrawn for new school house at Linkwater

1st November 1949 School Committee still asking the Minister of Education for a school residence
This was a large files and I concentrated on the early years of Linkwater School

Pelorus Guardian

Linkwater

18th January 1895 Lands Board School Site.—A letter was received from the ranger pointing out that a school site on small grazing run 13, adjoining Section 1, Block VI, Linkwater, is required. It was resolved, To take steps under Section 12s of the Act to resume possession of about 10 acres of the small grazing run and reserve it for a school site. The matter was postponed until next meeting.

14th December 1906 LINKWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT. The Chairman intimated that he had personally visited the locality of the Grove. It was his opinion that the Cullensville School should be allowed to remain. Once the Cullensville School was abandoned it would become Mr. Cullen's property. According to notice, Mr. Reader moved that the Cullensville and the Grove districts be amalgamated, to be called the Linkwater district. The Cullensville school might still be left open.—Mr. Scott seconded, and the motion was carried. Mr. Scott withdrew his motion in reference to the closing of the Grove and Cullensville schools with the view of getting a new school at Mahakipawa, and suggested that the matter be held over till the householders' meeting. Mr. Reader moved to that effect, and the motion was carried

18th January 1907 THE LINKWATER DISTRICT. Mr. Scott asked whether anything had been done to elect the Committee rendered necessary by the amalgamation of the school districts in the Mahakipawa Valley. He urged the advisability of shifting the Grove School up the Valley. He moved that tenders for removing the school to a site to be selected be called for. The motion was carried.

12th February 1907 LINKWATER SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

THE FIRST ELECTION. (From our own Correspondent). A meeting of householders was held at the Institute, Mahakipawa, at 3 pm. on Saturday last. This hour was a very inconvenient one for the settlers, and if the meeting had been held in the morning there would have been a much larger attendance. As it was, twenty householders put in an appearance. Mr. John Duncan was voted to the chair. Mr. D. Halkett addressed the gathering and said it was illegal to constitute a new district, without fully advertising the same, before the commencement of the year. He also contended that the old Committee held office till 31st March, The Chairman referred to several clauses of the Education Act, and then asked Mr. Halkett if he still wished to protest. Mr. Halkett: " I don't think it is any good." The Chairman then read out the names of six candidates who had been duly nominated, but as seven members were required three other names were proposed. A ballot was therefore taken, with the following result W. Coleman 17 J. W. Bryant 12 R. Barker 16 F. Coombe 11. T, Palmer 15 G. Cawte 10 C. Neal 14 W, Voyce 10 B, Thompson 13

The Chairman then declared the (first seven to be duly elected, and the householders' meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair. A meeting of the newly-elected Committee was at once held, and Mr. R. Barker was appointed Chairman. It was resolved that the Committee meet on the last Thursday in each month

17th May 1907. The Trustees of the Mahakipawa Methodist Church wrote asking for an allowance of 10s per week for the occupation of the building while the Grove School was being moved,—Granted. The Linkwater Committee stated that the contractor for the removal of the Grove School had not yet commenced the work.—Resolved that the Secretary write to the contractor asking the reason for his delay.

12th July 1907. Linkwater.—On the Inspector's recommendation, Miss Palmer was temporarily appointed teacher. The Committee notified that the new school had been opened on 1st July. It was desired that the Cullensville School be closed, so as to concentrate the pupils at the central school. A grant of £15 was asked for towards

gravelling, etc. —£10 was granted, and it was decided to ask Mr. Cullen if he would allow the school to be removed

16th August 1907 Mr. Neal, Linkwater, was granted the lease of the Board's reserve, thrown up by Mr. Palmer.

18th October 1907 Linkwater.—Miss E. Palmer's resignation was accepted

15th November 1907 Miss Palmer, whose school made such a good pass about a fortnight ago, left for Brightwater, Nelson, last Saturday. Miss Allen has taken up her duties, and no doubt the pupils under her will give a good Account of themselves also. The pathways about the school are being much improved

17th January 1908 Linkwater.—An account received from the Committee was left to the Secretary to inquire into as to details.—Mr. Barker was appointed caretaker of the old Grove school site

13th March 1908 Linkwater.—It was resolved to inform the Committee that the Board were calling applications for enlarging the school.

14th April 1908 Miss Allen's Linkwater school concert came off very successfully last evening. The pupils gave action songs, musical clubs, recitations, songs, dialogues, etc., in a creditable manner. The grown-up people appeared to enjoy themselves, while it was quite an evening of delight to the juveniles. The Chairman of the School Committee, at the conclusion, thanked those present for their attendance, and congratulated Miss Allen, in appropriate words, on the way in which she had brought on the children. He said he felt the Committee had made no mistake when they selected her to take charge of the school. " God Save the King " brought the proceedings to a close, after which there was a dance.

17th April 1908 The Grove.—It was decided to allow the Methodist Church trustees to proceed with the fencing between their property and the school, the Board agreeing to pay half the cost.

15th May 1908 Linkwater.—Notification was received that £3 17s 6d had been collected, and a request was made that the amount be subsidised, to be expended on the school . library, and the purchase of garden tools—Subsidy granted on the usual terms.

12th June 1908 Linkwater.—The Education Department wrote saying that they could not see their way clear to build a new. School, but arrangements were being made for the removal of the old school, A letter was also forwarded covering a copy of a petition which was intended to be forwarded to the Minister.—Mr. Strachan explained that he had had an interview with the Secretary of the Education Department, and had fully represented the matter to him.—Mr. Reader moved that the Department be asked to reconsider their decision in the matter, and that the petition be forwarded to the Minister.—Carried.

14th August 1908 At the monthly meeting on Monday the Education Department replied to an application for more school space at the Linkwater School, stating they could not be expected to rebuild a school only two years old.

16th October 1908 Linkwater.—Mr. Reader' reported that he had interviewed the Hon. Mr. Fowld in regard to the building of a new school, and he said he would give the subject every consideration. —The Secretary stated that the matter had been referred to the Lands Department, with a view to ascertaining if there was likely to be much further settlement.—The matter was left over for the present.

15th December 1908 School Rounders. —On Saturday afternoon a party of about twenty Havelock schoolchildren, accompanied by six adults, journeyed to Mahakipawa to play a return rounder match with the Linkwater School. Stirred to activity by their previous defeat the Linkwater children had been practising hard, and

a most exciting game ensued. At the end of the first innings Havelock was leading by 8 points, but they fell away in the second innings and were beaten by 29, the scores being: Linkwater 88, Havelock 59. The highest scorers for their respective sides were Cyril Jarvis (Havelock) 21, and Charles Coleman (Linkwater) 32. Mr. A. J. Brown's commodious van, with its fine team of four, was an ideal conveyance, and the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The people of Linkwater provided a bounteous supply of refreshments, and, with the many visitors from different parts of the district, the playing field presented an animated appearance

15th December 1908 At the School Committee meeting recently held at the Linkwater School Mr. R. Storey resigned the position as Secretary, as he is about to leave the district. It is reported Mr. Halkett is to be appointed in his place. The Committee are fortunate, indeed. It falls to the lot of but few in these outlying places to have an education such as his. Mr. Halkett as a boy was a pupil at the City of London School under Dr. Mortimer, and a schoolfellow of the celebrated Dr. Arnold. The high winds of the past few days have thinned out the fruit on the apple trees, so that one can now have some idea of the prospects

22nd December 1908 Contributed.) The local schoolroom assumed quite a gay and festive appearance on Friday last. It was the day of days for the youngsters—the breaking-up of the school for the summer vacation. At 2 p.m. a number of the parents assembled to listen to the nice things Mr. J. Duncan, M.P. (who presented the prizes) had to say about teachers and pupils. After the prize-winners had become the happy possessors of their prizes an adjournment was made to the school grounds, where the children were able to demonstrate their progress in foot running and other sports. Everyone being then thoroughly hungry, there was a ready response to the call to tea, and—well, even a raid by a troop of hungry and merry youngsters failed to exhaust the supply of tempting edibles. As they wended their way homeward in the twilight both young and old thought breaking-up days were all too few. The prize-winners were as follow: Standard VII., Lily Richardson 1; Standard VI., Fern Richardson 1, Ivy, Edmonds 2; Standard VI., special, history and geography, Fern Richardson: a Standard V., Janet Dalziel 1; Standard IV., English, Eileen Fulton 1; arithmetic and history, William Bryant; Standard III., English, Charles Coleman 1; arithmetic, Agnes Dalziel 1; Standard II., Verne Edmonds 1, Leonard Neal; Standard I. Ethel Dalziel 1; Herbert Coleman 2. Winners of special prizes were as follow:—Drawing, senior, Mary Sutton; junior, Verne Edmonds; attendance, Charles Coleman 1; W. Richardson 2; conduct, W. Jonson; history, and Patterson; progress, Minnie Sparkes

12th February 1909 Miss Thompson was appointed to Anikiwa,

9th April 1909 Mr. J. Conolly, solicitor, applied on behalf of Mrs. Dalziel for a lease of seven acres of the school site reserve at Linkwater. The Committee of the Linkwater School wrote requesting the Board to have the area surveyed and fenced, and that the ground be used by the school. Mr. Conolly moved that Mr. Reader see Mrs. Dalziel and make the best arrangements, and that he have power to act.—Carried.

28th May 1909 Rounder Match. —The third rounder match between the Havelock and Linkwater schools will take place in Brownlee Park to-morrow. Each team will consist of sixteen girls and boys, and as each school has one win to its credit this match is likely to prove most exciting. So that the children may get home early, play will begin at 11 a.m., with an adjournment for lunch. Parents and others interested are invited to help in the entertainment of the children.

16th July 1909 The Secretary of the Link water School Committee wrote applying for grants for some improvements to the school, and also for free copies of the Education Act.—The Chairman suggested that a grant of 10s per chain be made for the fencing, and that £5 be granted for gravelling. Mr. Conolly moved and Mr. Reader seconded, that all matters excepting the fencing be deferred until next meeting for a report from Mr. Duncan, M.P., thereon; and that the Chairman be asked to wait on the Board.—Carried. Mr. Reader moved that the Committee have power to lease the school section with a view to having it sown in grass. Mr. Storey seconded the motion,— Carried.

17th December 1909 The Linkwater Committee are to supply estimates of the cost of painting the school and of improving the water supply.

14th January 1910. LINKWATER. The secretary of the Linkwater School Committee forwarded an estimate of the cost of connecting the school with a good water supply. Mr. Reader moved, and Mr. Storey seconded, that the sum of be voted for the completion of the work, subject to the consent of the school commissioners and the lessee of the land through which the pipes will be laid.—Carried.

18th February 1910 The Linkwater School Committee wrote thanking the Board for a grant for painting the school. They also pointed out that they considered it inadvisable to spend the money on the old building, as it would have to be rebuilt very soon. The chairman moved, and Mr. Parker seconded, that the grant be withdrawn.—Carried

19th July 1910 Linkwater.—The secretary wrote informing the Board that the £25 voted for the water supply had been expended, but was insufficient to complete the work, that a further grant of £3 15s was necessary, and suggesting it was time the Board took into consideration the advisability of erecting a , new school, as there was every prospect of the attendance increasing, It was decided ' to grant the amount asked for, and also to ask the Sanitary Inspector to visit the school and report on its condition.

12th August 1910 The Department of Public Health forwarded a lengthy report on the condition of the Linkwater school, stated that the school could not be condemned, and would appear to be, indeed, very far from being insanitary. The fact that a number of sore throats and nasal complaints had been prevalent among the scholars attending the school could not be put down to any insanitary conditions, but very likely to an increase in these troubles which had been very common throughout the dominion,—It was decided to send the report on to the Committee of the Linkwater school

17th February 1911 OFFICIAL OPENING. This dairy factory was opened yesterday under most auspicious and hopeful circumstances, in the presence of about 200 settlers and visitors.

At 10 a.m. a procession of settlers and schoolchildren started from the school, the party being headed by a wagon drawn by a pair of bays driven by Mr. E. Neal, followed by a number of youths in fancy dress. On arrival at the factory it was found that a very large party from Picton and Blenheim had assembled, and these were shown over the building by Mr. Findlater, the manager. The process of cheese-making was also shown, and the visitors expressed themselves as delighted with the experience, and complimented the directors upon the up-to-date nature of the building and appliances.

The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. Duncan, M.P., chairman of directors of the Company. At an informal luncheon several interesting speeches were made, the

speakers being Duncan, M P., Dr. Redman (Mayor of Picton), Mr. John Conolly, Captain Wemyss, of H.M.S. Cambrian (in port at Picton), Mr. R. Allan, Mr. G. Richardson, and Me W. Carr (contractor for the building). The ladies of the district supplied the lunch, and Mrs. Bryant and Mrs. Dalziel superintended the tables. Children's sports provided plenty of fun for the youngsters. Amongst the visitors were—Captain and Mrs. Wemyss, Dr. and Mrs. Redman, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Greensill and Misses Greensill (3), Mrs. Riddell, Mr. and Mrs. Philpotts, Dr. Patsie, Mrs. Pattie, Miss McNab, Mr. Valentine (dairy expert), and Mrs. Howard. A full description of the building will appear in our next issue. The factory took in its first supply of milk on Tuesday last, nine suppliers contributing. It is expected that about five other suppliers will join in a week or two, , and that next season there will be twenty or more.

15th September 1911 The application of Mr. Cawte for a site for an Anglican Church at Linkwater, on the school site, was held over until a formal application had been received. Mr. Fulton was asked to inquire as to the cost of fencing the school property, and to report to the next meeting of the Board.

26th September 1911 LINKWATER SCHOOL CONCERT.

(Contributed). A highly successful concert was held at the Hall Mahakipawa, on Friday, 15th inst., in aid of the school prize fund, There was an unusually large audience, and the financial result must have given great satisfaction to Miss Allen, the bead-mistress, who spared neither time nor trouble to make the entertainment a success. ' The children contributed,; in addition to other items, a Nigger Minstrel entertainment local allusions being decided " hits," .Those taking part were—J. Edmonds, C. Coleman, B. Bryant, D. Thompson, R. Kensington, G. Voyce, F; Dalziel, B. Coleman, A; Dalziel, E. Dalziel, E. Coleman, M. Thompson. A quaint little recitation by Eva Coleman, " Things I want to know" was exceedingly well done and gave promise of still better things in years to come

The grown-ups now took a band, and the Misses Esther and Eileen Fulton (former pupils) recited a humorous rhymed dialogue entitled " The Geese "; Mrs. Chaytor sang " Loch . Lomond "; Mrs. C. J. Fulton and Miss Allen took part in a dialogue called "The Brown Paper Parcel," and also in a duet " Cousins "; Miss Stevens sang " Roses,' and " There let me Best "; Miss Storey, " Life's dream is o'er " ; Mrs. Lucena sang a solo and took part in a duet Mr. Watts recited in his well-known style, " The Charge of- the Light Brigade," and an original piece. Mr. Cullen contributed a reading, dealing with London slum life, entitled " Gone Under "; Mr. Q. J. Fulton sang " Jessie's Dream," and, with Mrs. C. J. Fulton, brought the concert to a successful conclusion by the duet "Tired."

The accompaniments were played by Miss Storey, Miss Allen and Mr. A. Minns.

After supper (kindly provided by the ladies) dancing was kept up till the small hours, Miss Storey, Miss Wallis, and Mrs. Chaytor kindly playing for the various dances. Mr. J. P. Campbell generously lent his piano for the evening. '

The hall was very prettily decorated, this work having been done by Messrs. Cawte, Minns, and Hepburn. Mr. Minns proved invaluable; he was here, there, and everywhere, and, to a large extent, the success of the concert is due to his efforts.

17th November 1911 The Linkwater Committee objected to Mr. George Eden's application to lease the old school site at the Grove, as they had made arrangements

to have the site fenced so that they could make since of it for themselves. —
Received

15th December 1911 The Linkwater Committee wrote that it had discussed Mr. G. Cawte's application for a site for the Anglican Church on the school reserve, and had decided that no more of the reserve should be sold for any purpose whatever. It was a mistake to allow one acre to be sold to the Methodist Trust.—Received

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 ;

29th February 1912 Several coils of wire netting have been laying at the school grounds for a considerable time. It was understood that it was to be erected for the protection of the children's gardens. I am aware that certain parents object but it appears the Minister of Education expects the children to have the gardens, and it is rather hard lines for the children who take a delight in them that they should be destroyed. This, I understand, has occurred no less than four times, and if this is so, how can we expect to, have a good report of the school when the Inspector comes round? We are told we must lay aside our private opinions and obey the law; so X trust those in authority will, as soon as possible, erect the fence before the Inspector's visit

15th March 1912 LINKWATER Some articles of furniture were granted. It was resolved to inform the Committee that the school could be used for evening classes without insurance, and that Mrs. Dalziel must pay half the cost of the fencing. The teacher; in asking that the school gardens be fenced in,, said that they had been destroyed five times by sheep running on the adjacent property;

17th January 1913 TRUANT OFFICER. Mr. J. Pask resigned the position of Truant Officer at the Grove.—The resignation was accepted

1st April 1913 Mr. Griffiths, of Mahakipawa. is presenting a gold medal to the Linkwater School, to be won by the' scholar who obtains the highest marks at the end of the year

13th February 1914 The Linkwater Committee was authorised to spend a sum not exceeding £2 in the erection of a gate ; and it was resolved that the Inspector be asked to report as to the need for a new school.

19th May 1914 LINKWATER The committee again drew the Board's attention to the crowded state of the school, as the number on the roll, now 31, proved the inadequacy of the building

The Inspector reported that the dimensions of the school were 20 feet by 15 feet, (6.09 metres x 4.57 metres) and the roll number was 31. The average attendance was 23, and under the Department's regulations the building was capable of holding 25. The timber was quite sound, but the building which was only 17 years of age, was badly designed. .An 8 foot.(2.43 metres) addition and the turning of the building would, be considered, be all that was necessary. The matter was held over pending a report by the architect and the Inspector. The construction of a locker in the shelter-shed for the safeguarding of the children's garden tools was authorised.

12th June 1914 The Committee appointed to examine the Linkwater school building recommended that the structure be turned round and the chimney rebuilt, and that, the capacity of the building having thus been enlarged, sixteen dual desks be added to the furniture.—The report was ordered to be forwarded to the School Committee for its observations

7th July 1914 On Saturday afternoon a team of boys from Havelock School proceeded to Mahakipawa, in Mr. Pickering's drag, to try conclusions with the Linkwater School hockey team. On arrival the Havelock boys, who were all light,

found that their , opponents had some heavy weights in the field. Both sides played a good game, the honours falling to Linkwater, who scored one goal in the first half, and two more in the second, to Havelock's nil. A feature of the afternoon was the friendly spirit prevailing, and the generous way in which Linkwater applauded any clever strokes made by Havelock boys. After the game the team was most hospitably entertained at the school, the Mistress, assisted by local ladies, having made provision on a very liberal scale. The boys having done full justice to the good things set before them, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to their entertainers, and lusty cheers were given. The trip home was enlivened by choruses, In spite of their defeat, the boys had a very enjoyable outing. A return match will be played at an early date on the Havelock ground, and the local team hope then to recover their lost laurels. The Linkwater team was captained by B. Coleman, and Havelock by G. Congdon

14th August 1914 It was resolved to adhere to the original decision to hold over the suggestion to remove the chimney of the Linkwater school pending observation of the effect of shifting the porch

1st December 1914 Some 50 or 60 folks big and little, left the Grove for the Picton Floral Fete on Wednesday, 25th. Miss Allen, the respected teacher of the Linkwater School, took her pupils with their dragon and big gun. Lovers and holiday makers joined the merry throng, and Mr. Philpot's big motor launch appeared to be pretty full. The big gun, which was made by Mr. Whibby who took great interest in the children, was accommodated with a position where it projected over the bow, for, as Mr. Whibby drolly put it, it might be wanted on the voyage to Picton. It was a formidable looking piece of ordinance, and on it was painted in big letters : " Bound for Berlin."

22nd June 1915 Mahakipawa School offered, per Mr. Fulton, £5 down and £8 per year for the putting down of a septic tank system. Request agreed to. The matters of shifting the porch and heating the school were left to the secretary and Mr. Fulton.

11th May 1915 School Committee Mahakipawa—Messrs. J. Fulton (chairman), J. Dalziel, R. Maddocks, J. Kerr, and J. Fronting, secretary and treasurer

11th June 1915 A complimentary social was tendered to Miss Allen (lately in charge of Linkwater school) by the settlers of the valley on Wednesday last. There was a large and representative gathering, not only of the residents, but also of past and present pupils of the school. Songs were rendered by Mrs. Maddocks, Messrs. Lambert, Coleman, Fronting, Bryant, Bradley, and Hobbs, and a recitation was given by W. Hansen. Mr. Fulton, as chairman of the school committee, in a few well-chosen words made a sympathetic reference to Miss Allen's work as a teacher during the past seven years, and commented favourably on the entire absence of friction during that period between her and the committee. Miss Eva Coleman as the senior girl pupil, on behalf of the schoolchildren, and Mrs. Dalziel on behalf of the settlers, then presented Miss Allen with a silver tea and coffee service. Mr. Cyril Lambert suitably responded on behalf of Miss Allen. Mr. A. Minns paid a tribute to Miss Allen's energetic efforts as hon. secretary to the recent Belgian Relief Fund concert etc., and tendered to her the hearty thanks of the committee for her services. Miss Allen was then accorded musical honours, after which supper was served by the ladies and then dancing was resumed to Mrs. Bradley's inspiring music I till the small hours. Though universal, regret was expressed at Miss Allen's departure from the district yet she was the recipient of. many congratulations and good wishes on her approaching marriage

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16th July 1915 Accepted. Linkwater School Committee wrote approving of Miss Heffer's appointment to the school.—Confirmed

8th May 1917 At a householders meeting on April 30th the following Committee were elected:—Messrs. J. D. Fronting (chairman), B. Thompson, R. Maddocks, D. Gilchrist, D. Mclsaac. The late chairman (Mr. J. Fulton) did not seek election. A motion placing on record his services, extending over a period of ten years, was carried unanimously.

16th October 1917 Mr. McCallum has given notice to ask the Minister of Lands, whether he will cause inquiry to be made into the grounds of the protest of the Linkwater School Committee against the action of the Education Department in depriving it of the use of a small piece of its glebe upon which it had expended moneys in improvements, and which it insists is required for the purpose of primary and technical! education

26th October 1917 The Minister of Lands (Hon. W. F. Massey) in reply to Mr. R. McCallum in the House as to whether he will cause inquiry to be made into the grounds of the protest of the Linkwater School Committee against the action of the Education Department in depriving it of the use of a small piece of its glebe upon which it had expended moneys in improvements, and which it insists is required for the purpose of primary and technical education, replied as follows: "A school was erected on Section 15, Block X, Linkwater Survey District (an education reserve), and the Marlborough Education Board desired to have D acres around the school cut out for reservation as a school-site. As, however, only 1 acre was used for school-buildings and horse paddock, whilst the other 8 acres were let by the School Committee at a rent of £8 10s per annum, it is proposed to reserve 3 acres as a school-site, this being regarded as ample for school requirements and horse-paddock. It is necessary in the interests of the State that education reserves should be conserved, and not unnecessarily alienated, and Committees cannot be expected to derive revenue for local purposes out of endowment estates set aside for national requirements

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July 1911 Mahakipawa —Messrs. J. Fulton J. P. Campbell, J. Kennington, A. Dalzell, and W. Voyce were appointed a committee for the Mahakipawa school. Mr. Fulton was elected chairman

19th October 1911 Mr. G. Cawte wrote offering to purchase from the Board a freehold site at Mahakipawa as a site for an Anglican Church, but the offer was referred to the School Committee.

5th May 1916 Mahakipawa: Messrs. J. Fulton, (chairman), E. Maddock", J. Dalziel, J. D. Prouting, H. Hobbs
