



# Clareville School.

Established 1873

Closed 1974

Photo Taken Early 1970

This research has been undertaken by Robin Carlyon. I started school in the late 1940s and went to Wellington Training College in 1960. For all but one year I taught in schools run in the Wellington Education Board Area. For 36 Years I was Principal of a number of schools. Thirty Five of those years in the Wairarapa Bush area. This research project is presented with this background and experience.

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JB = Jubilee Booklet

The first school Clareville School was in a cottage which then into the “Dipper’s Chapel” and afterwards in the old schoolroom JB

**Clareville:** 1874-1974 A school often with a bigger roll than Carterton Opposite the racecourse, now showgrounds, with shops and a community. When the public school closed the buildings were used as a special needs school. 3 Kilometres North of Carterton on State Highway  
The first school was a private one conducted by a Miss Green in a cottage then the Dippers Chapel, which is now Devine at Clareville, built by Wm. W. Corpe. She charged 1/- a week for each pupil.

## 1873

29<sup>th</sup> March A school has been opened under the Education Board in East Taratahi Another is in contemplation in East Taratahi (*Clareville School*) .PP

15<sup>th</sup> October At a meeting of the Education Board held on Monday, A letter from Mr Corpe, of South-east Taratahi, was read, asking that the Board would erect a schoolhouse there. Similar instructions to those in the last case were given, but at the same time to inquire what amount of assistance the settlers were prepared to give, as also what site was available, seeing that in every instance where a new school was erected the settlers had contributed either in land or money or both. A letter from Mr J. V. Smith, East Masterton, was read, enclosing tender for the East Masterton School for the sum of £150,

and the tender agreed to, the Board at the same time expressing similar opinions as in the case of the Taratahi School PP

21<sup>st</sup> October Mr Reynolds, of East Taratahi, forwarded estimate of the cost of a schoolhouse as £133. The local committee were authorised to call for tenders for the erection of the building. It was determined to hold examinations of candidates for masterships at Wellington, Wanganui, and Greytown, under the charge of Messrs Toomath, Watt, and Graham, and Messrs Toomath and Graham were authorised to prepare the necessary papers.

7<sup>th</sup> November the consideration of a number of applications for the erection of new schools in various parts of the province was postponed until the decision of the Provincial Council in regard to the loans proposed to be raised aid the £9000 grant to the Board had been received. Subject to this decision a tender for the erection of a new school at South East Taratahi was accepted, and the Board adjourned till next day at noon. PP

## 1874

18<sup>th</sup> Feb 1874 Education Board resolved to go on with the school building at Carterton East, Masterton, Featherston, Waihenga, Karori, East Taratahi, and Turakina

30<sup>th</sup> March 1874 TARATAHI. A few years ago a small school was built at Taratahi, but the district has since then received such an increase in the number of little ones that the little school is not able to contain the number of scholars, and the teacher has to admit the children in turn to receive their lessons, a portion of them remaining outside for their turn to be taught. I imagine this state of things to be a neat approach, to a hedge-school. (*A hedge school appears to be an*

*Irish word for an aided school where the Teacher is paid for by the Board and Residents*) It is to be hoped that some energy will be shown in getting schools erected where parents are willing to send their children to school. PP

7<sup>th</sup> May the Board has also applications for schools at Bonny Glen, Turakina Upper Valley, Woodside, Gladstone, and the Taratahi, which the want of funds alone has caused the Board to postpone till now

The first teacher was Mr Skipper it is said he used to walk from Dalefield to teach pupils on the late Mr John Smith's Farm JB

9<sup>th</sup> November. Inspectors Report Examined the Taratahi No 2 School. (*Clareville*) 33 boys and 37 girls present. Of whom, 14 boys and 12 girls could pass Std 1. And only 1 boy has passed Standard 2. The school at present is exceedingly low. There is moreover a great want of method in all the work of the school. W Skipper has only been in charge two months and has not had time to produce results; but there is not much evidence of any systems of work being begun. The discipline and order are far from good.

December James Sunnex, Thos Fitzgerald, Donald Nicholson, Haxton, William Ridgway, Thomas Ridgway. These boys played truant on the afternoon of the 30<sup>th</sup> November. And were punished on this date by 12 strokes of the cane each on the back as I considered from my knowledge of their character that such would be most beneficial to themselves and an example of discipline in the school. Signed A J Skipper, Teacher.

## 1875

11<sup>th</sup> June Inspectors Note. This book (*Log*) should be kept as a diary. The school is very badly effected owing to the prevalence of measles. Only 26 present. I have pointed out the methods in teaching Reading and Arithmetic, which should be adopted and the arrangement of time which should be made.

18<sup>th</sup> June the attendance has been low. Occasioned by the wet weather and sickness of the children. Marked improvement in the style of reading and working arithmetic.

15<sup>th</sup> July Attendance small owing to the bad weather.

2<sup>nd</sup> August Gave notice to board of the intention to resign my charge of the school.

5<sup>th</sup> August Attendance low through bad weather and the distance that many children have to travel to school

31<sup>st</sup> August Mr Ross Started as Head Teacher.

List of maps and apparatus present on handover of school

- a) One map of the world (perfect)
- b) One map of British islands (perfect)
- c) One map of New Zealand (Slightly damaged)
- d) One large blackboard and easel (slightly damaged)
- e) One small ditto ditto (Perfect)

Signed by Mr Skipper and Mr Ross

1<sup>st</sup> September Commenced School, Number present 29

3<sup>rd</sup> September some of the children absented themselves without leave asked or received in order to attend a picnic.

4<sup>th</sup> September. Wrote to the secretary of the Board of Education. Stating that I had taken charge of the school, enclosing copy of

inventory on preceding page and requesting to be furnished with the following.

- a) 1 Blackboard and easel (Large size)
- b) 1 Hand Bell (Large Size)
- c) Abacus
- d) Wall Tablets (Philips)
- e) Maps of Europe, Australia, Oceania,
- f) Diagram of weights and measures (For wall)
- g) Handbook

I specified that the hand bell should be the largest procurable and offered to pay the cost of any bell beyond that of the regulation bell. Mentioned my reasons for requiring an extra large bell, Viz, Want of punctuality of scholars. Mentioned that scantiness of furniture and the inspector's promise of an increased supply. Requested to be supplied with a couple of chairs.

Wrote to Mr Bowden of the Educational Depository requesting him to send a parcel for school selected by Inspector a month ago

6<sup>th</sup> November. Wrote to Mr Bowden enclosing order for further school supplies. It rained heavily yesterday (Sunday) and last night today weather heavy and threatening. Attendance scanty and the few who came were most unpunctual (10 o'clock instead of 9.30 The Hughans' came at 10.25).

7<sup>th</sup> November. Tried to work the new timetable today. It is not an unqualified success

5<sup>th</sup> September. Punished Harry Creston one stroke on the hand with the cane for one mistake in his copy book. Tried time table couldn't keep up to time. Found arrangements of forms and desks inconvenient. Tried a new plan. Hughans were very late, especially the girls.

9<sup>th</sup> September. Found my time 30 minutes too fast. A good and punctual muster. Improvised additional desks with forms and wooden blocks. Find them work well enough.

14<sup>th</sup> September a rough set of shelves made for the school this implies a want much felt. Hitherto there had been nothing of the kind. Borrowed a chair for use in school. Began to keep a register of mistakes in transcribing and writing from dictation. Hope will be a stimulus towards improvement a thing much wanted.

16<sup>th</sup> September. The writing in copies yesterday had the children's hands stiff from cold. Today there was no work in copies in consequence. The Fourth Class and Second Class (Except Sarah Walden and Mary Hughan) did not know their work in the forenoon.

20<sup>th</sup> September. On Saturday received goods ordered from Board of Education. A number of National Societies and of the Society for promoting Christian knowledge wall cards. The later were not ordered and will be useless or almost so. No letter accompanied the goods

On Saturday I gave the 3<sup>rd</sup> class exercise books. Today they brought me their first home exercise.

30<sup>th</sup> September. Let the children go an hour earlier than usual the boys and myself might attend the funeral of Alfred E Gawler- a late pupil of the school (in the time of my predecessor) *Aged 15*

2<sup>nd</sup> October At the inquest held at Carterton touching the circumstances under which Alfred Eli Gawler met his death while felling timber, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death PP

12<sup>th</sup> October. Carpenters commenced to build the new school.

13<sup>th</sup> October Telegraphed to Secretary of Board of Education about 2<sup>nd</sup> door in new school. Received parcel of school books from Mr Bowden yesterday. He executed my order very imperfectly

14<sup>th</sup> October. Received yesterday from Secretary of Board giving dimensions of desks and instructions to proceed with the construction of them,

Received from Secretary of Education refusing door tile. Same tone as by inspector.

15<sup>th</sup> October received parcel of inkwells and covers with hand bell. The bell was ordered on the 4<sup>th</sup> September and the inkwells on the 21<sup>st</sup>

18<sup>th</sup> October. A few of the boys behaved in an uproarious manner in the schoolroom on Friday, after I had left them, while they were putting the desks and forms in order for Sunday Worship. The ringleader and sole cause of it was Master John Sage. I kept him in for an hour after school hours as he refused to acknowledge the impropriety of his conduct or to promise better behaviour in the future.

19<sup>th</sup> October. Master Sage. His choice to remain another hour this afternoon or promise amendment. He preferred the later

21<sup>st</sup> Sage and Burgess came late to school. They made excuses but during the day the real cause came out, they had been rabbit hunting and they had 5 or 6 young ones in their book bags. One escaped during the day creating a sensation and thus the secret came out. I confiscated the rabbits and made presents of them to some of the little girls- the boys however consenting.

28<sup>th</sup> October let the children go at 10.30. As the carpenter were building a new porch to the school and the clatter of hammers was deafening and quite drowned all voices. Beside the man is come from Featherstone (Sic) with the new desk and is to put them together in the school.

29<sup>th</sup> Holiday today as the carpenters still engaged in the porch.

30<sup>th</sup> Wrote to Secretary about well, closets.

1<sup>st</sup> November. Weather damaged chimney of new school so much it had to be taken down.

2<sup>nd</sup> November. Engaged in getting forms into classroom. Went to Carterton and Telegraphed Secretary of Board of Education about chimney. No session today.

4<sup>th</sup> November We have had continuous wet for a week. Today is as bad or worse than the former days. Only 4 boys and 4 girls came to school. John Sage (See 18<sup>th</sup> October) came over 2 miles through the rain and looked ducked. He has improved much in every way of late.

After writing the above a few more boys and girls came late. So I kept school during the forenoon and told them as it was so very wet they might not come back in the afternoon. Today is still miserably wet.

8<sup>th</sup> November still wet.

9<sup>th</sup> November Carpenters finished at the new school. Finished clock dial for school and gave first lesson in it (*Presumably the classroom, not the clock*).

10<sup>th</sup> November. Devoted whole day to spelling in anticipation of the Inspectors visit.

Got a map stand made. Cost 15/-. It has not been authorised by the education Secretary. Should the Inspector not approve of it I shall have to pay for it myself.

18<sup>th</sup> November. Inspectors Report. I find this school in excellent working order. There has been no time to produce results. The methods employed are to produce good results in time. I have authorised Mr Ross the necessary requisition for furniture and appliances with amount of £13-10-0 as per schedule submitted.

Schedule referred to by Inspector in preceding entry.

Blackboard	£3-10-0
Map Stand	£2-15-0
Pegs (For hats and coats)	£0-10-0
Table	£2-10-0
Shelves	£1-0-0
Cup-Board	£2-0-0
Saw, axe etc	£1-1-0
Window Blinds	£1-10-0
Buckets and Cups	£0-12-0

22<sup>nd</sup> November. T Wagg pulled Joe Barstow's hair and made him cry. Kept Wagg in for half an hour during lunchtime

23<sup>rd</sup> November A man brought an order from the inspector for 4 of Henderson's desks. He could take only 3 in his trap. Mr Corpe delivered them. They are for Moroa School

24<sup>th</sup> November Advanced Adam Hughan from third to fourth class. I expect to have him appointed as monitor at £1.00 (*\$134.70 in March 2011*) per month, Inspector at time of his visit approved of the appointment.

26<sup>th</sup> November This morning: John Sage watered Frank's hat last evening on the way home. Asked Sage if he had done it he admitted that he had. I do not think he is a bad boy but he is full of thoughtless fun, and always ready for a practical joke. Knowing him as I do I might of let him off with a lecture..... I gave him 3 cuts with the cane on his hands. He took his punishment well enough.

At dinner time a row took place between the boys and girls. The latter trespassed on the boys ground and built a tower on it. The boys knocked down the tower and pelted the girls with clods. Harry Preston hit a girl on the mouth with a clod. This is the second time

Preston has been meddling rudely with the girls. I let him off the first time with a caution but afterwards regretted it. I caned him 2 cuts on the hand. And promised him the stick every time he gave the girls cause to complain about him.

2<sup>nd</sup> December End of Quarter. I sent £10-5-0 to School Committee Secretary total fees for the quarter. No arrears

4<sup>th</sup> December. Carpenters are hanging the bell in the belfry of the new school

8<sup>th</sup> December. So few came to school that I let them off at 11.30. We have no fireplace.

16<sup>th</sup> December Received Philips Tablets. (*Presume these are Phillips Milk of Magnesia Tablets*)

17<sup>th</sup> Broke up for Xmas holidays. School to reopen on January 17<sup>th</sup>

## 1876

9<sup>th</sup> August the Inspector read the report of the examiners of teachers for classification. Eighty nine candidates had come up for examination, of whom 17 were pupil teachers, 23 pupil teacher candidates, 2 candidates for third class certificates or classification as assistant teachers, and 13 candidates for higher certificates. The papers of the successful candidates in the higher classes were very satisfactory, as showing not only careful preparation, but also general information and intelligence. The following are among the successful candidates, First class certificate, A S Ross

1<sup>st</sup> February Robert Gooding and John Crawford went to sports yesterday afternoon without leave asked or received. They said their mothers gave them permission to do so.

2<sup>nd</sup> February. Received a letter from the inspector sanctioning the appointment of my pupil teacher Miss Emily Francis. She came in the afternoon and I gave a half holiday in honor (sic) of the occasion.

2<sup>nd</sup> February. Written 10 pm This evening Mr Burgess a School Committee man reported to me Ellen Gillard a girl attending this school had been guilty of immorality with boys on the way to and from school. A report had gone ahead and that there may be only two good reasons to believe in the truth of the report. I got the committee together after 9.00 pm. There was a full meeting Mr Corpe in the chair. It was agreed that I should quietly tell the girl tomorrow that I had heard reports of her misconduct, and that she should not attend school any more until I shall made enquiry, when if I should find the report incorrect I shall send her word to that effect and she may return to school. As to the Boy or Boys involved further evidence must be sought and reported to the chairman who, should he think fit another meeting before further action is taken (*Counter signed by Mr Corpe*)

4<sup>th</sup> February In accordance with the above I quietly informed Ellen Gillard that she could not attend school any more until the matter should be investigated and sent her home. She had not been long gone when she returned with her mother. They were both excited and seemed bent on making themselves heard. I got rid of them as quietly and as soon as I could. This morning Mrs Gillard called at the school wishing to have a message about the matter delivered to one of the boys in school. I absolutely refused to any message on the subject to be delivered as harm enough will have been done already without familiarising boys at school with these matters.

Examined Allen Waldrin and John Sage about this matter. They are the two whose names were mentioned at the committee meeting.

Tried to win their confidence and persuade them that I am their friend, even if they should prove guilty. Talked to them both at dinner time and after school had been dismissed for the day. Waldrin seems to be truthful. Sage showed disposition to “dodge” but I hope to get at the truth yet.

8<sup>th</sup> February Saturday evening after I had gone home I came back to the school about 5 o’clock or after and found a few girls in a great state of excitement because they had lost a little girl, Maggie Hughs among the Taratahi Tree scrub. The little girl’s father Mr Hooper and myself with the girls searched for her. After an anxious time of it I found her.

9<sup>th</sup> February Commenced needlework for the girls and drill with the boys.

10<sup>th</sup> February. Mrs Swan a woman who cannot read or write had 3 little girls at school; Amelia and Emily were in the second class. Emily was doing the work well and would have done it much better if her attendance had not been so irregular Amelia’s education has long been neglected. She was quite unfit for the second class, but as she is the biggest in the class by a good deal and so big a girl and sensitive. Esther was in the alphabet class and making very little headway on account of her irregular attendance. They were nice dispositioned little girls, not over tidy, but in no way troublesome and I liked them a good deal. This afternoon they brought a little brother to school. He squalled a good deal, and then became clamorous to get away, so I sent Amelia out with him. Shortly after 4.00 just we had broken up and the Boys and Girls were about, Mrs Swan came to the school in a towering passion and asked me why I had turned her out. I had quite forgotten for the moment having asked Amelia to go out with the little boy- I said I had not turned them away She said I had turned her

out. I instantly recollected the circumstances and told her of it ..... She said that she’ll take them all away. Told her she was welcome to please herself about taking her children away. Children were taken away Emily took her books and slate.

10<sup>th</sup> February James Smith turned away from school because he had a disreputable hat. A slit on the top, blood and some red fluid. Well worn .Sent home. Teacher after school visited Mrs Smith who said James would not get a new hat soon. “I said he must pass the intervening time elsewhere than in the school. The mother said it would be sometime until James came to school.

14<sup>th</sup> February This morning Smith called about his boy being sent home for a new hat. He asked to be shown the clause in the act that authorised me to act so. I showed him rule 3.2. His children came back this morning. They were all absent on Friday Today the boys had decent hats.

12<sup>th</sup> February Prizes arrived at school. I showed them to the children today.

Reid and Allan Waldin sparred in school I gave them a cut on the hand.

16<sup>th</sup> February Commenced Euclid (*Early Geometry*) with Archibald Skipper.

21<sup>st</sup> February. On Friday night late there was a committee meeting. It was agreed that Harry Burgess and John Sage should be expelled from school if their parents would not quietly withdraw them. Burgess agreed to withdraw his son; Mr Corpe undertook to see Sage. He did not see him so John came to school as usual this morning. I sent him with a note to Mr Corpe. Mr Corpe told him to stay away until Mr Corpe had seen his father



Mrs Sages' three girls came back today. I said nothing to the girls about their absence. Their mother is very ignorant and I cannot punish the children for her ignorant foolishness.

John Sage and Harry Burgess have been dealt with the affair mentioned earlier.

Broke up my cricket club today and returned to the members their 1/- each. My reason for doing this is that there have been some boys in it who have been connected with the late scandal, though they have not been proved guilty to any great extent. Yet some are suspected and against others there is evidence though not conclusive. Under the circumstances I could not turn them out of the club and yet I did not care to have them there. I shall form a new club and omit the objectionable names from the list.

23<sup>rd</sup> February John Sage came to school this morning. He said his father said he could come. After conferring with Mr Corpe by letter. I told Sage if he came here again I would ignominiously expel him

24<sup>th</sup> February. Mr Strawbridge came to school. He couldn't send his child to school regularly because he needed him on the farm. Teacher told him he couldn't teach his son if his son didn't attend regularly. Finally it was agreed that his son would stay home to work on the farm.

26<sup>th</sup> February The sewing machine came today. I got two of the girls swings finished.

6<sup>th</sup> March Caned John Crawford for absenting himself on Thursday and Friday. He said he had been at the Opaki races and that his mother and brothers said he might go. After he went to his seat he snatched his chance and bolted. I hope I have seen the last of him. Robert Gooding, Tom Wagg, Tom Ray and Maria Way also went to the races

20<sup>th</sup> March. When I came into the school grounds this morning I found the seven new swing ropes cut.

6 children went to a cricket match in Carterton without leave asked or received

21<sup>st</sup>. Spoke to the boys who went to the cricket match Told them I did not regard a cricket match in the same light as races, that if they had mentioned it I would be glad to let all the bigger boys go i.e. those also were likely to benefit seeing a match played.

24<sup>th</sup> May During the holidays I had the circular swing pole erected, closets commenced, girls swing altered, louver altered for leakage etc.

29<sup>th</sup> Painter finished blackboard and the pump set during the holidays. And I permanently hung my maps and window blind

I had the well finished and the pump set during the holidays

1<sup>st</sup> May. Do not find the new blackboard works well It reflects the light too much. The last coat of paint ought to have dried "flat"

10<sup>th</sup> May Roll is 64. Inspectors report ..... The Education Board is fortunate to have a gentleman in its service who devotes so much of his time not only to the legitimate work of the school, but and improvements to the property and the general good of the community amongst whom he is thrown.

11<sup>th</sup> May. Caned Willie Preston 3 cuts for defacing one of the new desks. Let my pupil teacher miss lessons last night and tonight, these were the only instances so far.

*(Mr Ross is probably Australian as quoting an Australian Rev Mcintyre of St Georges Sydney who told him Obedience is the child's first lesson after he has learnt that the rest of the work is comparatively easy. I find it is so.)*

29<sup>th</sup> The closets are finished and will be thrown open today.

On Saturday I had the tracks ploughed up for the first time. The girls ground consists of good soil and ploughed up well. The boys is stony, and rough with roots and ploughed badly.

1<sup>st</sup> June. Commenced the reading of holy scriptures (New Testament) at school.

2<sup>nd</sup> June. Mrs Preston, a widow who lives in the neighbourhood has been giving some trouble of late. I asked her younger girl Emma why her elder sister Annie did not come to school She said that her mother would not let her come to school as the bell did not ring at the usual time. So far as I am aware the bell rang at the usual time. Some time ago her little girls came to school in such a state of neglect that their odour on coming near them may be so offensive that more than once I almost became sick.- This is no exaggeration. I spoke to the girl privately in a kind manner about it- and asked her to mention it to her mother- thinking that by doing so the matter wanted to be rectified. The mother, however, took the matter unkindly and attacked me one day on my way home from school. The grandfather has threatened to “punch my head”, “wring my neck” and “to take my coat off my back” and get me turned out of my appointment. She has written a scurrilous letter to the School Committee. The children smell still of sordid neglect- though not so rankly as before. The eldest girl who comes often with a gaudy exterior frequently leaves the same evidence of neglect of personal cleanliness

3<sup>rd</sup> June I had the collar ties in the roof altered today.

9<sup>th</sup> June Boys and Girls threw their papers across at each other today. Lectured them before breaking up. Said I would blame the Girls much more than the boys if any such thing came to my knowledge again. Promised the boys a sound canning if any of them should be found doing it again.

Gates are being erected today

12<sup>th</sup> Wrote out defaulters for fees to collect in accordance with instructions from Education Office.

14<sup>th</sup> June. John Dash had a blackguardly ornamented match box which he was showing to the boys. I burnt the match box and gave him three severe cuts with the cane. Telling him that if he anything of the like here again I would show him the door. I traced this box through the following hands. Daysh from Staff or White, White from Edwin King. King from Gordon Hughan. Hughan from William James Sewell. I caned Sewell one cut, he winced so I did not give him more. Sewell said he got it from Eagles Shop.

16<sup>th</sup> June Gave out fee notes for quarter.

July School has been closed for a week longer as I had to go up for examination and the examination took place after the regular holidays. I have allowed my pupil teacher a week still longer.

24<sup>th</sup> Came to school early as I often do. Stayed working till school time. Rang the bell and gave out work. Went away for half an hour to breakfast. When I came back found a fair amount of work done and pupil teacher reported that both boys and girls were quite orderly as when I am here by myself.

John Smith who could never behave himself properly before when he had any chance, has been favourably reported on. I gave him a penny as reported. He would usually get more smacks than halfpence. Did not get through the forenoon's work till one o'clock- half an hour later than using. Half hour taken off dinner time. This we can well spare as we usually have an hour and a half.

27<sup>th</sup> July Chairman called a meeting to consider charges laid by a man called Vile (*June 2<sup>nd</sup> called Grandfather*) against the school master. The Board of Education through Mr Beetham one of its

members, required that the meeting be called. The chairman said he had seen the man this morning and told him of the meeting. He said he could not possibly attend tonight. It was moved that the meeting be adjourned to this day week at 7 pm to give the man an opportunity to attend.

At the same meeting it was agreed to call the township Clareville and the school Clareville School and the secretary of education be written to requesting him to enter the School by that name in the Board's Books. This was thought to be necessary in consequence of the confusion arising from that fact that there are more schools than one in the Taratahi School..

3<sup>rd</sup> August. The School Committee met and Mr Vile didn't turn up. The master plead not guilty to the charge and says they have been made in malice and the committee so far as the evidence before them show has no reason to think otherwise. signed Mr Corpe.

8<sup>th</sup> August Last evening my pupil teacher looked ill so I let her off lesson. Today she has been too ill to come to school

14<sup>th</sup> August. Ever since I came here I have been trying to get Colenso's shilling arithmetic to be used as a text book in school. As I could not get it I got supplies of the Royal Arithmetic's No 1 and 2, but these latter contain only the merest elements and beside I could not get copies of the answers. So they have been useless. I have now however procured supplies of Colenso. Arithmetic has been almost neglected in the school as I found that the work of teaching orally without a textbook added to my other work of teaching orally without a text book added to my other work was too much for my strength.

22<sup>nd</sup> August Yesterday my pupil teacher came back to work. She has not been here since the 8<sup>th</sup>. I did not keep her here to lessons last

evening. She said she had none prepared besides she did not look well.

Donald Nicholson's grandmother came to report that he had been playing truant. It turned out that Colin Sewell who had played truant himself induced Nicholson to go. Gave Colin two cuts with the cane and I told him that I'd rather he stayed away altogether as his conduct tends to bring the school into disrepute. Let Nicholson off with a caution.

25<sup>th</sup> August I did not keep my pupil teacher to lessons last evening. Her two little sisters normally stay with us during lessons and one at least, always. Last evening the little girls asked to get away to a juvenile party at Nellie Goodens. I let them go and this is why there are no lessons.

I came over early to work in the playground as I usually do in fine weather. When returning to breakfast I met "Old Vile" as I went across the paddocks. We had a great row, I need not give details here. He has taken his grandchildren away this afternoon. The youngest one Annie Preston is a nice interesting girl. She was getting on well and was in the 5<sup>th</sup> Standard.(highest at school) She came to me crying and said she was to leave school. I asked if her brothers and sisters were going she said "yes," She got their books and slates belonging to all of them. I got her her croquet mallet I had made for her, said I was sorry, but that I did not blame her in any way for the trouble. After a little while she was skipping away gaily in the playground as usual. Childhood griefs are soon forgotten. When the bell rang poor Annie went home when the rest came into school. I felt blank all afternoon. It s a great pity the old fellow has the power of influencing her prospects for life.

29<sup>th</sup> August Rented a paddock from Mr Hunt for the accommodation of horses owned by boys riding to school This has not been sanctioned by the Secretary of Education Board.. I am to pay £3 per year. (*\$425 in 2011 terms*) I do it at my own risk if the Board should refuse to pay, as I will not charge the boys anything.

30<sup>th</sup> Let the pupil teacher off lessons this evening. Her mother is dangerously ill. I have been up since 12 pm with her and I require some sleep

11<sup>th</sup> September Pupil Teacher has no lessons this evening. The reason was the large attendance, 80 occupied my time especially as I had to give books to the new comers., till 5.15 and then I had to leave part of the work undone.

28<sup>th</sup>. September. Mr Corpe called a School Committee meeting and didn't attend Two members came but left. Mr Beetham, Board Member came to consider charges against School master. The Teacher and Mr Beetham had a ding dong row. Teacher accused Mr Beetham of siding with Mr Vile. Including telling Mr Vile " a man could think treason if he liked as long as he did not speak it". Accused Mr Beetham for siding with Mr Vile because he had a vote.

*(A long ranted piece not copied)*. Vile by name Vile by Nature.

3<sup>rd</sup> October My monitor is away today he is unwell. He has been the most regular in attendance. I appointed I Booth interim monitor. When ringing the bell this morning he broke the rope.

3<sup>rd</sup> October I got on the roof and repaired the rope myself this time, Today I opened the school saving bank,

5<sup>th</sup> October. Sent all home at 3 pm today as I am unwell. Gave a holiday for tomorrow for the same reason. I am ill and tired, taught the boys how to cheer on the announcement of a holiday. They did not know how before!

Let my pupil teacher off lessons

Croquet and Cricket season started today. One of the girls said it was too hot to play croquet when I said I was disappointed at the interest they took in the game to which they were so devoted last season

My Monitor A Hughan came back today.

6<sup>th</sup> Today after I felt not quite so ill as yesterday I supposed I would be. Went to Carterton and consulted the Manager of the Bank of New Zealand about my school savings bank. He says that he will let me open account and will give me 5% on £ 10 or more deposited for a fixed period.

27<sup>th</sup> Gave a half holiday. Last Saturday and Sunday I had a severe bilious attack. I have not quite recovered yet and the work of the week has fagged me. I therefore take an afternoons rest.

1<sup>st</sup> November Went to the funeral of the late Mr Garvey. I left at 3.15 and returned at 4.00. Miss Emily reported that all had behaved well

3<sup>rd</sup> November Let my pupil teacher off lessons..... Since writing this I find that today is Friday and consequently would not have had lessons with my pupil teacher under any circumstances.

14<sup>th</sup> Let my Pupil Teacher off . She is to have music lessons at Mrs Wyatt's. This is 3 miles away from her home. This is the first time she is to go there so I gave her time to go early to make what arrangements are necessary

30<sup>th</sup> November. Half holiday in order to get school cleaned in anticipation of inspectors visit tomorrow.

1<sup>st</sup> December Points from Inspectors visit

- a) Junior Reading is taught carefully
- b) Six passed Standard 1. Fourteen unsuccessful candidates from Primers have been two years at school and were near 8 years of age

- c) No school in the service is so well appointed in all aspects as this school. The desks, fittings, playground, library, maps, games, closets, and all apparatus are in order.
- d) Many of the scholars come from Carterton where there is great mumbling throughout the classes. (*In reference to clear reading*)
- e) I am disappointed about finding average results in at least the lowest standard. I am of the opinion that much might have been secured with every allowable margin
- f) I have confidence however that a school under so able, painstaking and experienced and mature master cannot fail to produce the required tenants
- g) ...maybe employed for a fortnight at 8 shillings a day to do necessary work of making road and gravelling and providing earth for closets and digging for planting

15<sup>th</sup> December end of year to assemble 15<sup>th</sup> January 1877

## 1877

19<sup>th</sup> January Holidays Monday and Tuesday for races.

28<sup>th</sup> February MR. VILE'S COMPLAINT. Mr. Vile's complaint respecting Mr. Ross, the teacher of the Taratahi School (*Actually Clareville*), was referred to Mr. Beetham (*Wellington Education Board Member*), in conjunction with the local committee, with full power to act. Mr. Vile accuses Mr. Ross of using improper language towards him in the schoolroom in the presence the children. PP

7<sup>th</sup> February Today was miserably wet. Very few boys and girls came to school I entertained them in the morning with some amusing books

of which I keep about a score on purpose for occasions like the present. In the afternoon I let them go.

7<sup>th</sup> February W Corpe, W Booth, T Waldrin, I Bairstow, W Francis elected to School Committee

12<sup>th</sup> February Annie Preston appointed monitor

22<sup>nd</sup> February At 1.30 a.m. I was disturbed by a noise of something being smashed up. Jumped out of my hammock and shouted. In the morning I found that one of the swings had been smashed and the rope stolen. Informed the chairman of the fact and telegraphed the secretary.

23<sup>rd</sup> February Constable Byrn of Greytown called to investigate. Told all I knew of the matter.

28<sup>th</sup> February Yesterday there was a great alarm of scarletina. Today the attendance is thin in consequence (*Mild form of scarlet fever.*)

5<sup>th</sup> March. Met and called the roll and then dismissed the school for the day. This is the quarterly holiday. I had besides to get ready plans for the school and playground for education officer

14<sup>th</sup> March

- a) Rutherford boys away with scarletina since 19<sup>th</sup> January
- b) Wilfred came back 13<sup>th</sup>
- c) Mr Corpe Chairman came in an excited state said Rutherford boys could not get back
- d) He intended to send a letter to Mrs Rutherford the letter was rude and uncourteous and could only do harm
- e) I begged him not to send it as she would be most hurt
- f) Discussion of report went on and on

15<sup>th</sup> March Committee meeting this evening. Resolved that Mrs Rutherfords' boys be allowed to return. The teacher to communicate the fact

Resolved that in the opinion of the School Committee the language used by Mr Ross in calling Mr Vile a liar before the school assemblies is highly reprehensible and that for the future Mr Ross refrain from making use of any such expressions in school.

Pro. Mr Corpe, Barstow and Waldrin

Con. Mr Booth Mr Francis

This makes Vile no less a liar

2<sup>nd</sup> April Easter Monday. The school cricket club played a match with the Carterton School for a new cricket ball. Clareville scored 68. Carterton School 45

12<sup>th</sup> April A wild bullock chased by two horsemen rushed into the girl's playground at dinner time. He came so far as the swing and his pursuers then headed him. The playground was full of girls at the time. There was no damage done

1<sup>st</sup> May. Half holiday in afternoon of 9<sup>th</sup>. The weather so stormy I was afraid our rickety chimney might come down. Scarcely a creditable state of affairs when there are thousands of pounds of the country's money in the bank in the Board's credit. Attendance of boys increased. I never had so high an average before. Attendance of girls decreased owing to the fact that a "Young Ladies School" has been opened in Carterton and has drawn some of our best girls

We want an addition to the school in the shape of increased sitting and floor room and a school mistress, but I suppose the "Member for the District" will in conjunction with the committee consider these matters, If so when.

4<sup>th</sup> May The supply of water ceased on April 10<sup>th</sup>. It was only today that the matter put to rights if indeed it is right yet.

8<sup>th</sup> May Had to dismiss school early. Very stormy and wet. Had to keep doors and windows shut on account of wet and wind. Wind blew down through the chimney filling the school with smoke and causing all eyes to water and smart and half stifling Thought discretion the better part of valour.

23<sup>rd</sup> May. Committee meeting. Tried to get some work done. Failed. They are to report me to the Board of Education and get me cashiered if they can.

1<sup>st</sup> June The chimney is still standing (though tottering). Disgrace. Should it come down "with hideous fall one day upon our heads.

13<sup>th</sup> June. Great storm of wind and rain. Wind made such a noise could not hear. Let all go at 11. Chimney dangerous, wind smashed part of the ventilation.

Mr Bairstow, interim chairman. Would send a man to take down chimney tomorrow if he could.

26<sup>th</sup> June Men took down chimney only today. It had leant so heavily on the building as to shove it considerably out of the perpendicular

2<sup>nd</sup> July. School assembled today but as the chimney had not been rebuilt we broke up for another week. The bricklayer who has the contract is at present in Wellington about some business connected with Dan Haggerty (*The local drunk*) the supposed incendiary. I could not give less than a week as it is impossible to say when he will be able to go on with the work.

4<sup>th</sup> July. Bricklayers came to rebuild the chimney

5<sup>th</sup> July. Bricklayers detained for about an hour and a half (so they said) waiting instructions from committee. Mr Waldrin undertook the oversight of the work;. He has never once come to see it yet and it is

now nearly finished that I have a fire tonight. Mr Bairstow and Francis came when sent for.

6<sup>th</sup> July A long and eccentric letter from Mr. A .Ross, Master of the Clareville School , Carterton, was read, but consideration of it was postponed to next meeting. The Board then adjourned.- PP

9<sup>th</sup> Chimney was finished on Saturday. There were 60 present on opening.

Frank Richards a little boy from Carterton in the second class got three cuts with the cane for having made an obscene drawing on his slate and showing it about. I have not caned this boy for a long time.

25<sup>th</sup> July. Blackguard writings have been found on pieces of wood lying near the school ground gates sometime back. I could not trace them to anyone at school. Strong suspicion attached to a boy who is not and has not been in my time at least at this school. I caught him one day at a cricket match, took him and showed him two pieces of wood with obscene inscriptions. He of course denied it. Today a boy brought me something objectionable. It was patent to me from a glance at the handwriting that Harry Preston had written it. There could be no mistake this time saying that he had dropped it accidentally and he had meant to burn it. I gave him 7 cuts. 4 on one hand, 2 on the other and one on the back,

25<sup>th</sup> July. Two most impudent letters were read from Mr. Ross, teacher of Clareville School, Taratahi, which caused much laughter. Mr. William Corpe also wrote resigning his seat as Chairman of the School Committee, owing to the abusive language of Ross.. Other letters on the same subject, showing a very unpleasant state of things, were read.

Mr. Beetham, the member for the Taratahi Committee, explained matters, and on his suggestion several- small .repairs- were ordered to

be carried out. He said Mr. Ross was a very good teacher, but of most violent temper. The Inspector gave a very similar account. It was resolved to call upon Mr. Ross for an apology, it being understood that if he refused his services would be dispensed with. The Board then adjourned until ten o'clock. PP

8<sup>th</sup> August. Today was very wintery, excessively wet with sleet, Only 5 girls exclusive of one monitor, put in an appearance. Some of the little things (especially the 2 little Wadhams) come from no inconsiderable distance. They were drenched. I let them read my Graphics. They were soon happy enough. I let all go at noon.

Neither of my pupil teachers came. The weather was such that to more than justify. I should have been displeased had they come as they are girls. With boys the case would have been different. No Pupil Teacher's lesson tonight. This is the first omission since we heard of their passing (*Presumably exams*)

15<sup>th</sup> August. Inspectors Report included

- a) The copy books are in good order
- b) The time and system management are exceedingly good.
- c) About 50 children were present
- d) Met with two local members and have agreed that a wing be added to the building. 32 feet by 22 feet. Giving a classroom 24 x 22 and a cup room with lavatory 22 x 8
- e) The addition is not needed for the present but when a full number is present the present room is insufficient
- f) The pupil teachers who passed their latest exams will be all the assistance which can be allowed until the attendance exceeds 80

27<sup>th</sup> August Miss Emily Francis absent from lessons. She looked so ill in the forenoon that I recommend her stay at home till she should be better,

3<sup>rd</sup> September two monitors stopped work at end of month by order of the Inspector. Trained one boy over the year and he was most useful

5<sup>th</sup> September Received notification that I have been dismissed from the board's Service with a month's notice. Gave the Boys a holiday.

14<sup>th</sup> September . Blew a storm with rain. Unable to open the doors. Let off the few who came. Glad of the holiday as I have a large amount of work to do for the board, preparatory to my leaving at the end of the month.

17<sup>th</sup> September. Exceedingly stormy and wintry with hail and wind. The new chimney shows the effect of the severe weather. It is cracked both sides and at the back. During the forenoon as so few came to school, I gave them the picture and other books which I have provided for such occasions to amuse with themselves. As the weather has not cleared up I shall let them off for the afternoon.

25<sup>th</sup> September. Tomorrow I am to return their money to depositors in the School Saving Bank. I have to go to Carterton to get the money. I have therefore given a half holiday

1<sup>st</sup> October. New School Teacher

Commenced School work. 63 children. Arranged them into classes and introduced new timetable. No pens in school So there was no writing in copy books.

8<sup>th</sup> October Weather fine. Seven names entered in register. Mrs Booth sent to ask whether Miss Rathbone could stay home for a few days as she was not well.

15<sup>th</sup> October. Miss Rathbone and Smiths absent on account of their sister's death.

22<sup>nd</sup> October. Many of the children absent because of fever. Weather fine but roads bad after the rain so that some of the children could not come.

23<sup>rd</sup> October. Very wet kept school on to 11. o'clock only 9 present.

21<sup>st</sup> November. Sent cheque to Mr Graham (Wellington Education Board) for £7-5-0 for fees. £6-15 for present master and 15/- for last teacher.

6<sup>th</sup> December. Attendance in morning not very good on account of Opaki Races. Gave no recess and dismissed children at 3.30.

7<sup>th</sup> December Rather wet, not many present, Gave fourth class half holiday to practice cricket for the match they are to have with Masterton

11<sup>th</sup> 3 boys brought messages to say they would not be back until after the holidays. 2 Burgess and 1 Sewell received a Christmas prize presented by the author Mr Wakelin

18<sup>th</sup> Not many present owing to the work at home. Shearing etc. Holding examinations for prizes.

20<sup>th</sup> Fanny Francis took the prize.

## 1878

4<sup>th</sup> February Mr Beetham, Wellington Education Board Member moved that the teacher's dwelling house at Clareville be proceeded with at once. seconded by Mr Ross. PP

4<sup>th</sup> February New Teacher I (*Probably David Barry*)

Present 28 girls and 30 boys



The school in a very low state Examined in arithmetic in the afternoon all except two or three made mistakes in simple addition and subtraction. The work as a whole was not neatly put down.

11<sup>th</sup> Commenced after school with Pupil Teachers

14<sup>th</sup> March. Wet morning. Average for month 60

26<sup>th</sup> April Opening school in the middle of the week is a waste. The children never attend well. The fact that Carterton School is not opening till Monday next has affected my attendance.

1<sup>st</sup> May Wet, 30 present. I can't get the children to come if the weather is at all bad.

6<sup>th</sup> May Sent a boy home until he has recovered from the whooping cough.

Caned a boy named Donald Nicholson for pitching into a much smaller boy, Tom Ray after school on Friday. Ray had told me something Nicholson had done. Nicholson bolted out of the room as soon as my back was turned immediately after I caned him.

10<sup>th</sup> Very bad attendance during the week. A great many children have got whooping cough.

16<sup>th</sup> May. Went to Tinui School with Mr Lee (School inspector) school closed.

27<sup>th</sup> May Only 29 children present. Whooping Cough still prevalent.

Four new pupils came to school today. They had been attending Carterton School

18<sup>th</sup> June . 12 present at elections. Mr Bairstow, Mr Corpe, Mr Booth, Mr Vile, Mr Francis, Mr Waldrin elected to School Committee..

21<sup>st</sup> June. Attendance still low because of whooping cough.

29<sup>th</sup> Mr Bairstow informed me that Miss Francis was to be dispensed with at the end of the month,

20<sup>th</sup> September. Mr Corpe School Committee member visited the school.

24<sup>th</sup> September. School Committee sent women to scrub the school out.

4<sup>th</sup> October. Pupil Teacher absent (*She has been often absent previously*) on plea of illness. Very inconvenient for me.

14<sup>th</sup> Small attendance owing to opening of railway at Featherston

16<sup>th</sup> October. Gave a holiday at request of committee "official opening of railways"

18<sup>th</sup> the opening of the railway has caused a low average this week.

31<sup>st</sup> Average this quarter 33 boys 28 Girls

1<sup>st</sup> November Pupil Teacher absent to consult dentist at Greytown (might have been done tomorrow Saturday. I should think). I find this would not be possible.

11<sup>th</sup> November Only 8 boys and 6 girls present. General holiday. Pupil Teacher has not come. Sent the children home at 10.00

5<sup>th</sup> December. A good many boys away going to Opaki races.

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Mr Lee. School Inspector examined the school 75 children present.

Follows names of children with marks

a) Standard 1. 6 children range of 129 to 160 (Thomas Ray)

b) Standard 2. 19 120 to 195 (Annie Leach)

c) Standard 3. 7 children 120 to 158 Flora Sewell

d) Standard 4, 2 Thomas Rathbone 168 Joseph Bairstow 152

## 1879

27<sup>th</sup> January School reopened Did not open school on the 20<sup>th</sup> owing to the Taratahi Races being held on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January

50 children present several of my pupils who live nearer to the Carterton School have left and are now going there.

A very small attendance at the meeting to elect School Committee

10<sup>th</sup> February 37 Boys and 40 girls now on books

14<sup>th</sup> February. Closed school. gave holiday on account of Wairarapa races

26<sup>th</sup> February. Caned 4 boys Thomas Ray, John Ray, T Gillard and W eagle for taking peaches from Wallace's garden  
 21<sup>st</sup>. School closed inspectors holiday (went to Tinui.)  
 27<sup>th</sup> February Received two sets, croquet and two sets bats and wickets for school  
 5<sup>th</sup> May Wet only 34 present. (*often repeated*)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Appointed Herbert Grattan monitor  
 1<sup>st</sup> July received cheques for Pupil Teacher and Monitor  
 29<sup>th</sup> August. Last day for my Pupil Teacher and Monitor leaves next month  
 10<sup>th</sup> October. There have been 8 half days when attendance for quarter was over half owing to wet weather.  
 15<sup>th</sup> October. 84 present.  
 15<sup>th</sup> October. Mrs Palmer starts as assistant .  
 20<sup>th</sup> October 83 present. Very crowded.  
 27<sup>th</sup> October Got 4 children back who had not attended for a while.  
 30<sup>th</sup> October 90 children present. School very crowded. Sent a note to Mrs Climrose? Today that it would be necessary to clean her children's heads before returning them to school.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> December 99 present  
 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> December School examined by Mr Lee  
 57 examined in standards, 52 passed. There was only 40 of those who went up entitled to pass by age or attendance Only one failed who ought to have passed.  
 Standard 5, 2  
 Standard 4, 6  
 Standard 3, 16  
 Standard 2, 10  
 Standard 1, 18

## 1880

26<sup>th</sup> January School reopened A weeks delay ordered by the School Committee.  
 10<sup>th</sup> February Louisa Palmer appointed monitor.  
 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February attendance not very good owing to Tauherenikau races.  
 16<sup>th</sup> February. Carpenters started work on new building.  
 24<sup>th</sup> February. 102 present  
 25<sup>th</sup> February A boy named Roy's got his lip cut at play time. I left the school to get his lip fixed. I was away about ½ an hour. Mrs Palmer reported that the children behaved very well.  
 26<sup>th</sup> February 3<sup>rd</sup> March. School closed for alterations  
 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> March School closed. Carpenters working in the room.  
 19<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Palmer and Louisa absent.  
 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Louisa Palmer absent  
 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Mrs Palmer and Louisa absent. Mrs P sent a note that she did not think it wise to venture out in the wet as she had caught a fresh cold.  
 24<sup>th</sup> Mrs Palmer and Louisa absent no excuses sent. Raining yet 10 boys and one girl present.  
 5<sup>th</sup> April Mrs Palmer rudely looked over my shoulder as I was calling the roll, said aloud I should not leave Louisa's name on the roll. I told her I was competent to judge what I should or should not do and it was not her place to tell me my duties. She told me it was her place to see that I did not do that sort of thing. Then I said you force me to speak to you before the children, you do not know your place, you are here to do as I tell you, not to criticise what I do.

This sort of thing is subversive of all discipline in the school if it occurs again I shall be obliged to ask for Mrs Palmer's removal.

I asked Mrs P to keep some of her children in after school and give them some transcription. They stayed in but Mrs P went away at half past three without saying a word.

9<sup>th</sup> April I did not bring the children in until 1.30 as the carpenter was in the room.

28<sup>th</sup> April 1880 THE CLAREVILLE DISPUTE The Secretary stated that this matter was likely to give the Board a good deal of trouble. There was a charge brought by the headmaster against the mistress and a counter charge by the mistress against the master. There was a mass of correspondence on the subject, and in the meanwhile the committee had closed the school

The Chairman asked by whose authority?

The Secretary said he did not know. A resolution of the committee had been sent in, and also a letter from a member, denying that it was the resolution as passed by the committee.

The correspondence was read. The letters from Mr. Barry and Mrs. Palmer, the master and assistant mistress, showed that a series of mutual hostilities had passed between them for some months. The master accuses the mistress of gross insubordination, and also of falsifying the school register with a view of establishing against the master a charge of cruelty to a boy, and the mistress accused the master of habitual insolence, cruel and insulting behaviour, unheard-of tyranny, etc. The Board, on the motion of Dr. Newman, resolved that the school be re-opened forthwith. It was then moved by Dr. Newman, and seconded by Mr. Blair — That Mrs. Palmer be given three months' notice, with a view to finding her employment in some other district.

12<sup>th</sup> April. Took possession of new building, and reorganised school. It was late when I called the children s it took some time to arrange desks etc. Have put my classes in the new room and Mrs P and her daughter in the old room.

Mrs P very indignant at my taking the new room. She disputed my right to do so and in fact acted in a most extraordinary manner. Louisa also on my telling her to teach some of her classes went to consult her mother to see whether she should obey me or not. This shows the force of example. I told her she was to take her orders from me.

13<sup>th</sup> April Mrs Palmer refused point blank before the whole school to stay with the children. I shall write up out to the Board at once. There is no point in giving any further instructions to Mrs P as she refuses to accept her position as a subordinate teacher.

15<sup>th</sup> Mrs P still refuses to stay with the children. She makes the excuse now that she feels so exhausted after giving an oral lesson. While I was talking to Mrs P this morning Louisa stood gaping trying to catch everything that was said. I told her to go on with her work and not stand listening to me. She looked at me and then her mother and turned a head at me. I told her if she did that sort of thing again I should order her to cease work at the school.

16<sup>th</sup> April Friday. Spoke to Mrs Palmer after school about an alteration made in her register of 15<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Palmer demurred and finally admitted she had made the alteration although a month afterwards. On carefully perusing register I discovered that Mrs Palmer had been guilty of four falsifications. ....(*Mrs Palmer has incorrectly marked present children who were absent. Done between inspection by School Committee members and 16<sup>th</sup> March.*)

17<sup>th</sup> Monday. Mrs Palmer was very indignant when I wouldn't allow her to call the roll. I will not allow her to mark the registers until the matter of falsification is cleared up.

21<sup>st</sup> April Attendance small today owing to the funeral of Young Robinson.

21<sup>st</sup> I put a memo on Mrs Palmer's table and pointed it out to her and asked her to read it. This note was to not let her children out for the normal intermission. At 11.00. the children were going out as normal. I stopped them and remonstrated with Mrs Palmer. She was very defiant. Said the children must go out. I called the attention of the school to the fact that Mrs Palmer refused to obey my written instructions. My reason for not letting the children out was the funeral was expected to pass about that time.

24<sup>th</sup> April School Committee passed a motion that the school be closed for one week commencing from 26<sup>th</sup> to await the decision of the Board on the charges made by the master against Mrs Palmer his assistant.

27<sup>th</sup> April Educational chaos appears to be reigning at Carterton. The Clareville School Committee met on Saturday night, we learn from the Wairarapa Daily, for the purpose of investigating certain charges of discourteous conduct which have been preferred by the assistant, Mrs. Palmer, against the head master, Mr. D. Barry. The consideration of this case had been adjourned from the 14<sup>th</sup> inst., in order to admit of Robinson's charge against the master being heard before the R .M. Court. Finding that Robinson's case had not been proceeded with and that both Mrs. Palmer and Mr. Barry had appealed to the Education Board, a majority of the committee decided to close the School for the coming week, pending the decision of the Board, which body meets on Wednesday next, thereby

allowing Mr. Barry and his assistant to appear before it if they think proper. It is to be hoped, adds our contemporary, now that the Clareville School disagreements have assumed such proportions as to warrant a majority of the committee in closing the School a searching enquiry will take place, that the proceedings will be open to the public, that the commission of enquiry will consist of men altogether removed from local prejudice, and that the blameworthy will have their fault sheeted home, PP

29<sup>th</sup> April School reopened by order of the board. Eleven children present

3<sup>rd</sup> May I did not call the children in for half an hour after the time as I had to rearrange the corner. I have put Mrs Palmer in the small room with the infants and taken the large room myself with monitress  
3<sup>rd</sup> May. Mrs Palmer absent in the afternoon. She sent word she was very unwell.

4<sup>th</sup> May Mrs Palmer away. Attendance good over 90%

5<sup>th</sup> May Mrs Palmer still absent, her daughter told me Mrs P had Doctor's Certificate. The school was closed in the afternoon with consent of the chairman of course to enable the master to attend court at Carterton to answer a criminal charge viz. Unlawfully beating a boy Named Thomas Robinson. The only witnesses for the prosecution except the parents of the boy and the doctor were my assistant Mrs Palmer and her daughter Louisa, Monitress in school  
The verdict of the court completely exonerated me from all blame in the matter. (*Papers Past has full details of case before the court*)

15<sup>th</sup> May. Mrs Palmer resumed duties. She asked to be excused from taking the usual singing lesson as she did not feel well.

5<sup>th</sup> June. Louisa Palmer told me she was not coming to school again

6<sup>th</sup> June. Mrs Palmer sent a note stating that she was not coming to school any more as she was taking a month's notice instead of three

10<sup>th</sup> June Mr Lee Inspectors Notes

- a) Made a casual visit today and found 80 children present
- b) The carpenter was at work in the classroom and the noise was so great that a teacher could scarcely make himself heard
- c) The School was in active work under Mr Barry and 2 monitresses
- d) Until an assistant is appointed there will be great difficulty in managing the school.
- e) I pointed out the importance of making the instruction as intellectually educative as possible
- f) At the next examination week will require the might rather than facts.
- g) And sets of ideas rather than mere information.
- h) The school has been under very great drawbacks of late owing to the unpleasant relationship of the teachers, to the closing of the school unnecessarily, and the noise of carpenter's work
- i) The alterations and additions are great improvements to the usefulness and appearance of the school
- j) I trust the troubles of this school are finished.
- k) Settled by the action of Mrs Palmer in leaving of her own rite before the ending of the 3 months "notice" I have seen the results and find the management under Mr Barry satisfactory.

18<sup>th</sup> June. Not very many present, children engaged at home.

7<sup>th</sup> July Mrs. Power, late mistress of the Parkvale School, was appointed to the Clareville School and Mrs. Palmer to the Parkvale School. The latter appointment are made subject to the approval of the School committees PP

19<sup>th</sup> July Reopened school No assistant yet. 79 children present.

29<sup>th</sup> July Miss Reeves was, at the request of the local committee, appointed assistant at Clareville School. It appeared that Mrs. Palmer, the former assistant, resigned, in order to exchange places with Mrs. Power, mistress at Park Vale. The latter, however, now desired to remain 'where she was, and was supported by the local committee. Several members expressed themselves in favour of finding Mrs. Palmer another situation as early as possible PP

25<sup>th</sup> Caned a little boy Hall for watering against the house (4 strokes on the trousers.)

7<sup>th</sup> September Miss Feist begins duties.

16<sup>th</sup> September. Spoke to the boys about bad language in the playground I find the Nicolson boys are the culprits. They are not at school today.

1<sup>st</sup> November Very few children present, opening of the railway to Masterton. Sent the children home at 3.00

4<sup>th</sup> November I have been informed that Albert Nicolson has been swearing in the play ground. This is the second time the boy has come before me for the offense. I have warned him that if it occurs again I will expel him from the school.

5<sup>th</sup> November School closed Pastoral show in Carterton

9<sup>th</sup> November School Closed Prince of Wales Birthday

25<sup>th</sup> November. Miss Feist complained that three boys would not do as she told them. I gave them each 3 cuts on the trousers.

## 1881

17<sup>th</sup> January School reopened 77 children present

26<sup>th</sup> Went to Wellington to attend science examination. I left the school in charge of Miss Feist

28<sup>th</sup> Took charge of school again Miss Feist informed me that everything was satisfactory during my absence

Average attendance not very good. Children at home harvesting.

11<sup>th</sup> February Tauherenikau Races this week has affected the average.

4<sup>th</sup> March. Received a letter from Mrs G saying that she was going to remove her children to the Carterton School as her eldest boy was leaving the telegraph office and going to attend school again. She thought he would be better at Carterton where there were some advanced boys for him to compete with. The Grattuces live much nearer Carterton School

16<sup>th</sup> March The Fields have left the school. They have left the place

17<sup>th</sup> March. The attendance just exceeds the half by one. Sports at Carterton

31<sup>st</sup> March The Floyds and---- have left this school. They have removed to the other end of Carterton This school has lost 15 or 16 pupils this term through their parents having removed out of the district.

8<sup>th</sup> April Bairstows and Burgesses kept at home working.

20<sup>th</sup> April Reopened school after Easter Holidays.

22<sup>nd</sup> April Many of the children still absent

25<sup>th</sup> April caned a boy named Joseph Kelly for using bad language.

4<sup>th</sup> May. The average is lower than it should be owing to several children who attend frequently being kept at home to work.

23<sup>rd</sup> June. Accidental (Correct spelling) visit to Clareville School by Robert Lee

a) 59/90 children present

b) The morning was very foggy and the weather apparently uncertain.

c) The children fairly punctual

d) I spent the whole day in the school and found that work proceeded according to the timetables in use

e) That increased attention is being given to expression in reading especially in the upper part of the school

f) I approve of the plan adopted by Mr Barry of allowing pupils to write on the blackboard while supervised by the class.

g) The lower classes under Miss Feist appear to be faithfully taught. The reading was wanting in life and expression and some interest.

h) The school was given as extra weeks holiday so Miss Feist could spend a week in Wellington schools

i) The school property is in great order. The boys swings need a rope. And a cupboard door in the infant room will not shut.

j) The rooms were clean and tidy.

11<sup>th</sup> June The numbers of children attending this school has decreased greatly during the past six months owing to parents having left the district through the closing of Mr Corpe's mill and other causes.

15<sup>th</sup> July. September Opening a week before Carterton School has affected our attendance. Attendance low

19<sup>th</sup> July Very wet only 15 children present. Left at 2.00 to attend the funeral of a friend

22<sup>nd</sup> July Gave W Wallis four cuts with the cane on the trousers for telling lies.

31<sup>st</sup> August Mr. Bunny, Board Member read a letter from . Gooden. complaining that at the Clareville School the attendance had fallen

off from 111 to 45 The master, it was stated, was kept in office only by the casting-vote of the Chairman of committee. The Inspector (Mr. Lee) said that the master had been seriously handicapped by the action of the committee, it was resolved that the letter be referred to the local committee to report upon PP

19<sup>th</sup> September A meeting of the School Committee was held in the school room on Saturday Evening (16<sup>th</sup>) All members present except Mr Vile. The following resolution was proposed and carried four members voting for and 2 against.

That the committee consider the letter sent to the Board by Mr Goodin as a tissue of falsehoods as proved by information obtained from the Carterton school by the chairman and that the committee fully approved of the teaching of the present master.

29<sup>th</sup> September. At the meeting of the Education Board yesterday a letter was read from the Clareville School Committee, in reply to a complaint made to the Board by Mr. Gooding to the effect that the attendance has greatly fallen off under the present master. The Committee stated that they had unanimously adopted the following resolution " That this meeting considers the letter sent to the Board by Mr. Gooding as a tissue of falsehoods, as proved by information obtained from the Carterton School by the Chairman, and that the Committee fully approves of the present master"

11<sup>th</sup> November Gave John Sharp one cut on the back with cane for talking

12<sup>th</sup> Ditto

## 1882

25<sup>th</sup> January 1882 A large meeting of the Clareville School was held last night. It was intended to oust three of the late committee, but owing to 19 candidates being proposed, the hostile party succeeded through plural voting in returning their three. Six of the seven elected for Carterton have resigned, refusing to sit with the seventh. PP

27<sup>th</sup> January Mr. David Barry was promoted from Clareville to Kaiwarra, for which there were seven applications

## 1884

23<sup>rd</sup> December 1884 EDUCATION BOARD.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held this morning for the purpose of receiving the result of the scholarships examinations, and to consider the protest of the master of the Clareville School in reference to the pupils of the Masterton High School being allowed to compete in the district scholarships. Mr. J. B. Blair was in the chair, and there were present the Secretary Mr. Paterson, Messrs. H. Bunny, and G Beetham. The matter of the protest was discussed very fully, Mr. Blair considered that if the High School children were to be admitted there was nothing to debar the pupils of the Wellington College from competing. Mr. Beetham thought the cases were different, in as much as the College was not under the control of the Board. It was pointed out that it was not necessary for the competing schools to be under the control of the Board. Roman Catholic schools could send up competitors. It was generally admitted by those present that whatever ambiguity there might be in the terms of the Act, there was a decided opinion on the part of the Board that it was not intended that High School pupils should be allowed to take part in the scholarship examinations. On the motion of Mr. H. Bunny, seconded by Mr. Beetham, it was

resolved — "That the results of the recent scholarship examinations be not interfered with, but that measures be taken to prevent any doubt about the matter in the future." The result of the examinations for scholarships was the read by the Chairman as follows:—Philip Mason, Thorndon School, £30; Ernest Griesen, Terrace, .£20 ; Henry Booth, Clareville , £30 (*\$4,895.63 in July 2011 terms, a very good scholarship even today*)

The above scholarships are tenable for two years and the successful pupils have the choice of attending the Masterton High School or Wellington College, or the Girls' High School. This was all the business, PP

### 1885

28<sup>th</sup> January The average attendance at the Clareville School having fallen, owing to the opening of other schools in the district, the salary of the master, Mr. E. Samuel, was reduced by £20 per annum. A proposal to grant him a bonus was deferred for consideration, and meanwhile it was resolved to urge the teacher to work up the attendance if possible.

20 June 1885 CLAREVILLE DISTRICT. Bounded on the North-east and East by the Waingawa River and Waingawa School District, on the South-east by the Park Vale School District, and on the South-west by Carterton and Belvedere School Districts

30<sup>th</sup> September The question of altering the boundaries of the Clareville School District was left in the hands of the Carterton Committee

### 1886

25<sup>th</sup> August Clareville Committee applied for a supply of dual desks. The Board resolved that a master's desk should be supplied at once, and that at a future date the other furniture should be provided

### 1888

20<sup>th</sup> October 1888

87 scholars out 134 presented of whom 1 was absent, 4 were excepted and 11 failed

Class	Presented	Passed	Failed
Standard 7	2	1	1
Standard 6	10	8	1
Standard 5	6	5	1
Standard 4	23	18	5
Standard 3	16	11	4
Standard 2	22	19	1
Standard 1	25	25	0
Preliminary	30		

31<sup>st</sup> October 1888

School Inspections.

The reports of the Inspector of Schools upon the results of his inspection of the country districts during the last month, were laid before the Education Board today. Mr. Lee's comments were summarised by the Chairman as follows: — Masterton School, most excellent throughout; Carterton, head teacher's work good, assistant's work weak, school conducted for the last year under great difficulties and drawbacks ; Clareville excellent, work very good ; Greytown, not satisfactory, assistant's work on the whole good, head master's



arithmetic weak; Featherston and Lower Hutt, very satisfactory ; Mungaroa and Upper Hutt, not quite satisfactory ; Kaiwarra, not more than satisfactory; Taita, not quite satisfactory, master's work in arithmetic weak, Miss Woolcott's work good ; Petone, satisfactory on the whole, spelling and composition a little weak.

In answer to the questions of members of the Board, Mr. Lee said that, apart from arithmetic, the work of the Greytown higher standards could not be said to be weak, though it was certainly not strong. After some desultory dissuasion, it was decided that the Inspector's report should be referred to the Greytown Committee for their attention, and that its consideration be resumed at next meeting. The reports on the Upper Hutt, Taita, and Mungaroa schools were similarly dealt with, members of the Board emphasising their opinions that efficiency in arithmetic must be regarded as a crucial test of a teacher's capabilities. It was explained that one of the difficulties under which the Carterton School had laboured had been the action of the committee, in harassing the head master, whom some of them were desirous of getting out of the school. Mr. Lee said that one of the junior teachers was the daughter of the teacher of the neighbouring school at Clareville, which was a hindrance to the head master, and greatly tied his hand. The Chairman said the best solution of the difficulty would be the removal of the head master. Mr. Lee said that he believed the master prayed for removal. The Chairman observed that this would no doubt be done. The discussion then dropped.

## 1889

3<sup>rd</sup> December The following phenomenal attendance is referred to in the Wellington Post:— The most regular attendant at any of the schools under the control of the Wellington Board of Education is Master Hector Nicholson, of Clareville, near Carterton, who has not missed a single day during the past seven years .This fact was

brought under the notice of the Board lately, by Mr Flux, the headmaster of the Clareville School and the Chairman observed that the lad was deserving of some commendation for the regularity with which he had attended to his duties. The record is a splendid one, and we doubt whether there is another boy in the colony who has proved such a regular attendant at school PP

## 1890

13<sup>th</sup> January Appointed Assistant at Clareville School £60, 2 applicants 30<sup>th</sup> January 1890 (*\$10,320.56 in September 2010 terms*)

26<sup>th</sup> March The Clareville Committee applied for additions to the school. The Secretary reported that desks would be forwarded to the school on Monday. The question of additions was referred to the Inspector and Architect of the Board PP

4<sup>th</sup> July George Flux Head teacher. Broke up at noon for midwinter vacation instead of at 3 pm. Because two teachers wished to catch the afternoon train to Wellington.

21<sup>st</sup> July The playground is in a dreadfully sodden condition. Being perfectly level there is little chance of water draining away.

The sewing class are not working smoothly with their teacher, Miss Feist. Many are kept back for punishment and there seems a combination for punishment and there seems a combination of girls. This, of course, cannot be tolerated and it will be necessary to find out where the fault lies.

18<sup>th</sup> August At Miss Feist's request punished Ernest Allen and Edward Buckeridge for persistent laziness. 4 cuts each- Had to complain of children thrown, paper luncheon wraps about the playground instead of placing them in the box provided for the purpose.

22<sup>nd</sup> August. The girls appear to be much more en rapport with their needlework since I pointed out to them that nothing would justify them in combining against their teacher. ....However they are only following their example of their elders in the world generally. Strikes and combination are in the air, evidently.

Boys and girls both seem to be fond of scale drawing. It pleases them because the result is good not being dependent on the eye and hand

5<sup>th</sup> September Roll 123. Received complaint re bad treatment of Mr Monkhouse's little boy by Oliver and Charles Sunnex, investigated it, but could not sheet it home to them.

19<sup>th</sup> September. 15<sup>th</sup> very wet day. Spent a half hour with the elder boys in making the playground tidy. They seem very willing, especially when they see their teacher engaged with them.

26<sup>th</sup> September Discovered that 2 boys Robert Ray and Alex Nielsen had been passing round portions from the book of Kings- they were doing this evidently with a bad intention, for they passed it to the girls of the class, among others to my own little girl. Have not yet punished them in anyway. But intend to acquaint the parents of Nielsen with his action. Ray brought the extracts from his home. But I fear I should get more kicks than halfpence from his friends, if I took the trouble to send word to them so will take his punishment into my own hands.

30<sup>th</sup> September School closed for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Mr Bunting, headmaster of the Greytown School. Mr Bunting was buried at Featherston Cemetery.

30<sup>th</sup> June In reply to my communication re passing portions of the bible to girls of class Nielson's father wrote thanking me for my action in regard to it.

10<sup>th</sup> October. Wrote to committee stating that Miss Brown was resigning as Pupil Teacher from the end of the year and could they apply for a new one.

Also expressed my disagreement with them re the question of expulsion verses the allowing of parents to withdraw children, stating that the deterrent element would be entirely lost i.e. when the latter course was adopted

16<sup>th</sup> October Pass subjects taken today, and in order to finish the elder scholars were kept back till 5 O'clock. This was better than making another day of it.

	Presented	Absent	Excepted	Failed	Passed
Standard V11	4				4
V1	8		1		7
V	13	1		1	11
1V	15	1			14
111	19	1	1	1	16
11	20			2	18
1	12				12
	91	3	2	4	82

Preparatory Class 29 Total in school 120

Names all listed in log

22<sup>nd</sup> October received and distributed pass cards to pupils passed at late examination

24<sup>th</sup> October Girls had no sewing lesson today as so few had brought their material for their new year's work. Drilled them with the boys

28<sup>th</sup> October half holiday on account of Masterton show

30<sup>th</sup> October Holiday for Carterton show. This and the 28<sup>th</sup> inst by wish of School Committee

31<sup>st</sup> October Inspectors holiday

13<sup>th</sup> November Inspectors report included

- a) The upper standards are strong in spelling and grammar.
- b) Standard 4 is an exceptionally strong class in all subjects, in spelling only one child having nay mistake. The grammar of this class was also excellent.
- c) The infants know a large number of action songs well. They have also been taught modelling in clay.
- d) The school is in excellent hands

18<sup>th</sup> November. Very little more than half the children on the roll present today on account of race meeting in the paddock in the front of the school.

26<sup>th</sup> November. Holiday of account of Wellington agricultural show by resolution of the board

5<sup>th</sup> December Attendance materially declining on account of hay making and potato planting

11<sup>th</sup> December At the request of the chairman of the School Committee sent out subscription lists for the purpose of raising a prize and picnic fund.

18<sup>th</sup> December. Received official notification of my promotion to Greytown.

**5<sup>th</sup> October 1933 MR. GEORGE FLUX**

Very general regret, especially: by ex pupils, will be expressed at the death of Mr. George Flux, headmaster of the Wellington. South School for 20 years which took place at Te Kuiti this morning. Mr. Flux was in his 82nd year, was born at the Isle of Wight, and educated at Winchester coming to New Zealand in 1884. ..Entering

the teaching profession he held the position of headmaster successively; at the Judgeford, Pahautanui, Clareville, Greytown, and South Wellington. Schools. A man of sterling character and fine example he was well beloved by his staff and ex-pupils, and there are. many who will long remember him with esteem and respect. Besides being a prominent educationist he was a well known church worker, being especially, identified with St. Thomas', Newtown. He is survived by his widow, two sons, and six daughters, the family comprising Mr. Arthur Flux (Te Kuiti), Mr. Harold Flux(Wellington), Mrs. J. Bacon (Auckland), Mrs. Mason (Nelson), Mesdames F. Symon, W B. Rainey, and W. G. Fisher, and Miss Flux (Wellington). The funeral will take place at Te Kuiti to-morrow. PP

19<sup>th</sup> Dec. Prizes distributed by Mr W H Booth and picnic held in the school grounds. A fine day and many parents present. Miss Brown severs her connection with the school (Passed Pupil Teacher ) the children presented her with a gold ring and brooch. Took advantage of the occasion to bid the children good byes- many of them personally. Such occasions have their sadder side. The thought will come of many opportunities wasted and time misspent

## 1891

B Browne started

2<sup>nd</sup> March. Entered upon duties today. Found attendance numbers up to average and took the necessary steps to secure regularity. Order decidedly bad.

6<sup>th</sup> March included

- a) Fort (sic) my way among the children
- b) Especially astonished at the chattering, Which by the frequency appears to be habitual
- c) Hope soon to have this state of matters improved

13<sup>th</sup> March I am pleased to report more favourably of the pupils this week. Order much improved. History and Geography weak. I remarked that the number of girls being taught sewing by Miss Feist rather too many for one person. Miss Ussher very pleasantly manages the infants.

27<sup>th</sup> March Miss Feist's classes might be conducted with less noise and more... I think no relative of a member of Committee might be on the school staff.

Infants very quietly taught

10<sup>th</sup> April It is somewhat hard to get pupils to do any homework. Assured from observing Miss Feist's management and treatment of individual children that a few suggestions from one might be advantageous, placed in her hands written regulations for her guidance.

24<sup>th</sup> April I am informed that Miss Feist is not liked by the children but my own observation had already taught me this..Faced Miss Ussher about this week, ailing of a severe cold

8<sup>th</sup> May. Visited on the 5<sup>th</sup> by Mr Riley, school of design, who expressed himself satisfied, with the drawing. He made a few suggestions which will be attended to,

22<sup>nd</sup> May Miss Feist by her want of discretion in the management. brought the matter before the committee, but they refuse to take notice of it. Influenced by Mr “ “ who is her cousin. I am seriously grieved for the sake of this school and my own reputation hereafter.

5<sup>th</sup> June. Weather still worse. A fair amount of intelligent work done. New books arrived but parents object to supply until after the school exam.

19<sup>th</sup> June. Impossible to report favourably this week except of my own and infant classes. I am glad to know from Miss Feist that she intends to apply for another situation for I think it is fully time.

30<sup>th</sup> June End of quarter Average 100

6<sup>th</sup> July Miss Feist assistant transferred to Wanga hu (sic) and for the sake of the school I am glad.

31<sup>st</sup> July. Attendance good and order fair. Better than has pertained for months. Pupils work promisingly But Standard 2 and 3 lately under the teaching of Miss Feist are so backward in their work that I have to give them special attention to the loss of the higher standards.

14<sup>th</sup> Aug Miss Evans entered upon her duties as Junior Assistant on Monday. She promises very well. Half holiday granted by committee on Tuesday and Today Board holiday in connection with opening of new education offices.

4<sup>th</sup> September. Much sickness prevails among the children and many absent. Miss Ussher still away. This lady is physically unfit and I am of the opinion that an intelligent pupil teacher would discharge duties equally well. Progress although fair retarded by the impossibility of getting parents to provide .....

Miss Ussher returned on Monday  
25<sup>th</sup> September. Could wish Miss Ussher had a little more “go”, but she is evidently physically weak. Miss Evans is most painstaking and the pupils seem to work most cheerfully.

The lower school is healthy.

16<sup>th</sup> October Inspector Lee came. Names of children passed named in log.

Inspectors Report. Included

Standard 4 to 7 Mr Browne 32 children

Standard 2 and 3 Miss Evans 33

P1 and P2 Miss Ussher 40

Total Roll 105

- a) The building and grounds are in good order
- b) The trees planted some years ago are more well grown and look very ornamental
- c) The primer classes are somewhat restless
- d) Mr Browne appears to advantage in a larger school.
- e) For many years this has been a good school There is an earnest spirit of work amongst the children.
- f) The parents should supply another set of readers in addition to the ordinary class readers.
- g) There is no good reason why kindergarten work should be in abeyance as the material is to hand and Miss Evans on the spot.
- h) The roof of the teacher's residence leaks, and the building needs painting externally.
- i) If the proposed school is built at Taratahi West it will take away about a dozen children who live more than three miles away.

13<sup>th</sup> November Prince of Wales birthday Nothing of importance to write.

20<sup>th</sup> November One or two left to help at haymaking.

4<sup>th</sup> December. My experience is that an examination coming shortly before the Summer Holidays is usually followed by irregularity, a consequence of the thought, no doubt that there is no need to trouble so much for a time, the work for the year being over. Parents also become equally indifferent and hence the lowering of the average.

18<sup>th</sup> December. Closed school yesterday afternoon for summer holidays. Today enjoying their usual annual picnic.

## 1892

25<sup>th</sup> January Reopened today and "turn out" very fair. Of course many have yet to put in an appearance and I doubt not I will learn soon that a few have left, but I anticipate a good attendance this year. 5<sup>th</sup> February Sorry to report the loss of more pupils than I expected. I trust however that the losses may be made up by the admittance of others.

12<sup>th</sup> February Roll 111 only 7 less than last year

26<sup>th</sup> February Received information from chairman that expenditure for pens etc being considered by them, too much, the committee had resolved to supply them no longer out of capitation grants. I can only say that I ordered no more than what was absolutely required, and if the demand was more than might have been. the case was solely the want of Lockfill places in which to secure them

11<sup>th</sup> March With reference to resolution of committee noted 26<sup>th</sup> march in reply to my query as to its legitimacy. Mr A Dorset (Secretary of Masterton Schools) replies that pens, nibs and stationery needs be provided out of capitation fees.

18<sup>th</sup> March. Progress satisfactory. Thursday St Patricks Day. This day has been granted to the pupils as a holiday for years and was allowed last year also by Mr Foss, chairman who remarked that he saw no reason to interfere with what was customary

25<sup>th</sup> March With reference to notice from Wellington Education Board re empowering committee enforcing regulatory of attendance. I am afraid as far as my committee are concerned that it will not be taken any notice of any further notices. I have reason to believe that the people of the neighbourhood know it.

8<sup>th</sup> April Nothing to report save possibly the trouble children of members of committee give me to keep in order. The fault of course lies with the parents

29<sup>th</sup> April Miss A Evans leaves to take charge of Opaki School. I regret her loss to the school.

6<sup>th</sup> May. Order good, save the difficulty of keeping the children of members of the committee in order. Who act in school as if they had a right to do so as they pleased.

20<sup>th</sup> May The new assistant Miss M Gill is altogether unfit to manage her classes and as a consequence the discipline is becoming loose.

3<sup>rd</sup> June. My assistant Miss M Gill I am informed has resigned.

10<sup>th</sup> June. Miss Gill left today as unsatisfactory as she came.

17<sup>th</sup> June. A few withdrawn until after winter

24<sup>th</sup> June Mr Sutherland presented himself with a note of introduction from Board's secretary. Placed him in charge of Standard 2 and 3. He promises fairly.

Inspectors report from Mr Fleming.

- a) In the senior room work is going on fairly
- b) Mr Sutherland who is a temporary teacher "has not" enough to do. Mr Browne reports favourably of his teaching and from what I saw his report was correct
- c) The work in the infant room was only moderate. Some work put on the board for children to copy was carelessly written.
- d) The discipline too is not good
- e) The residence has been recently improved (papering and painting) to the satisfaction of the teacher.

22<sup>nd</sup> July. Since Mr Fleming's visit found Miss Ussher becoming so careless in her management of the infants had to request Mr Sutherland to take charge of them (pro term) until he could bring

them into some sort of order. Miss Ussher is now with me acting as a pupil Teacher. But I allow her three half hours per day to give a kindergarten lesson to the infants. She also gives a kind of a singing lesson one half hour weekly.

9<sup>th</sup> September Results of drawing examination supervised by Mr Foss Chairman of the School Committee. Results sent away to be marked

Free hand 19

Scale 18

Geometry 19

Model 11

16<sup>th</sup> September. Work in senior room but exhausting to myself as the assistance I receive from Miss Ussher is so little to be depended upon, that I have to take the whole work almost into my own hands.

30<sup>th</sup> September. *A long well written piece neatly written explaining how things were going on in the school*. Mr Sutherland did not give due attention to individual cases of backwardness in the classes under his care and I wished to have them in my own hands.

Through October and November a very difficult handwriting in short bursts where there were difficulties Re Mr Sutherland and his incompetency. On the 11<sup>th</sup> November the only part to be decipherable Was the statement most unhappy with the injustice .

26<sup>th</sup> November Inspectors report Mr T Fleming

- a) Mr Browne has taken charge of all the upper classes and done some good work with them
- b) The schoolwork is on the whole much improved
- c) Physiology was very taught
- d) But all the object lessons were in the old style
- e) All the work in Standard 6 and 7 was very well done

## 1893

25<sup>th</sup> January 1893 The Board decided that the Clareville Committee must formulate definite charges before the question of removing one of the teachers could be considered. Mr. Buchanan stated he had been informed that the teacher had not behaved properly towards the committee, who were so disgusted at the present state of affairs that they do not intend to seek re-election PP

6<sup>th</sup> February Reopened today owing to the presence of diphtheria in Carterton , which has caused a general scare.

Miss Brann newly appointed assistant entered upon her charge of the infant Department and promises to be a more zealous teacher of work done than Miss Ussher.

24<sup>th</sup> February. Infant room becoming too crowded. Miss Brann keeps very fair order and seems energetic. Work in my own apartment goes on cheerfully but I am going to say Miss Ussher seems not to care a straw how she acquits herself, and hence causes me much anxiety.

24<sup>th</sup> February Inspectors Report. Mr Lee Included

- a) The weather very wet attendance thin
- b) The work was carried on quietly and satisfactorily, except the girls forgot to bring their spelling
- c) Mrs Brann and Miss Usher are acting assistants
- d) Improved work will be wanted from Miss Ussher
- e) The buildings are in fair condition. The windows need refrosting.
- f) The closets are in need of attention. In one of them the children have misused the place
- g) The log book needs to be kept. When there is nothing to say then there is nothing to record.

I am pleased to find the school wasn't closed in consequence of a scare in the district touching the appearance of diphtheria

3<sup>rd</sup> March Received notice that one or two of my old pupils who have not turned up since opening had left to take their share of home work.

10<sup>th</sup> March. School still increasing A few of the new pupils under my own care are rather slothful and backward and I would wish Miss Ussher was of greater assistance.

17<sup>th</sup> March. Necessity to bring Standard 2 to my department. My own work now is more onerous. As it is impossible to trust Miss Ussher in school with the exceptions of dictation or spelling lesson all the work is done by myself. Today half holiday.

24<sup>th</sup> March Roll is 130 and both apartments full.

31<sup>st</sup> March. I regret to say that 80 pupils are rather too many for one man where all the standards are represented with such help as I have. Miss Ussher has failed for the third time to get her 2<sup>nd</sup> certificate.

21<sup>st</sup> April Attendance good and amount very promising. Unfortunately Miss Ussher has insufficient energy to give the assistance required.

Visited by Mr Riley who examined drawing.

5<sup>th</sup> May. Have the work of Standard 2 thrust upon my hands through the sheer incompetence of Miss Ussher.

12<sup>th</sup> May One or two pupils rather irregular and apart from my own influence on securing attendance I cannot prevail on my committee to aid one.

2<sup>nd</sup> June Attendance Fair. Perhaps of all the Standards I have most trouble in securing the regular attendance of Standard 4. The boys especially are the greatest offenders

16<sup>th</sup> June. A little restlessness this week but a fair amount of satisfactory work done.

21<sup>st</sup> July. I am sorry to report that measles has appeared in the neighbourhood and a few in consequence are away.

5<sup>th</sup> August. Today Miss Brann paid me a visit to state that a sister was down with measles and chairman and I consented that she might abstain herself for a while. Scarcely know how to manage without her as the whole work will again devolve upon myself and it is certainly not the time for any one of the staff to be away,

11<sup>th</sup> August. Miss Brann works enthusiastically and a favourite with the pupils.

1<sup>st</sup> September. The (Miss Brann) pupils under her charge are doing well and she seems to be much liked. She is full of life and energy. I would be glad indeed if Miss Ussher would imitate her somewhat slightly.

8<sup>th</sup> September. School opened with a poor attendance. Measles prevalent. The school exam was due.

15<sup>th</sup> September. Attendance is going from bad to worse Not more than one third present this week. We are all sadly despondent. We had hoped much on the successful result of years work but

22<sup>nd</sup> September I do not think there will be many of the children who have not had measles. Pupils naturally not working with the same energy as formerly. This sympathy of Mrs Foss is wanting. Order Dull,

12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> October T R Fleming Report. Lots on subject areas and then also

- A) I am not satisfied with Miss Ussher's work in the school
- B) Miss Brann makes a very good teacher, the children seem very fond of her and try their best. Very different to what it was last year.

C) This school has suffered through Measles, Diphtheria etc but taking these drawbacks into consideration Mr Browne's work has been satisfactory.

D) I would very much like to have less talking at examination time.

Standard	No	Absent	Excepted	Failed	Passed
7	7	0	0	0	7
6	6	0	1	1	4
5	15	1	1	1	12
4	15	2	2	4	7
3	15	0	0	3	12
2	18	1	2	0	15
1	10	0	1	0	9
Primers	48				

Instruction of Standard 7 and Primers. Good.

E) Miss Ussher's work in Standard 2 and 3 is of a very weak character

20<sup>th</sup> October A few Standard 7 scholars leaving the school altogether.

3<sup>rd</sup> November But as usual as Christmas holidays approach for a few of the most unsatisfactory pupils to anticipate them by absenting themselves.

15<sup>th</sup> December. Closed school for Xmas holidays. School picnic held today but not a success owing to the mercy of the weather such has prevailed for a week or two.

16<sup>th</sup> December. I have had much to trouble me during the past few months, but my principal aim has been to maintain ???????



## 1894

2<sup>nd</sup> February All my Standard 7 have left to be employed in home duties

Miss Braithwaite commenced work on reopening but is simple and weakly and more suited to infants

9<sup>th</sup> February. Sorry that Miss Braithwaite seems so nerveless. She is of no use in standard work and I placed her under Miss Brann where she may possibly be of greater service than in my apartment.

16<sup>th</sup> February. Visited today by Mr Delany who gave great care to drill. Children pleased to see him.

23<sup>rd</sup> February I am glad to report that Miss Ussher has turned over a new leaf and teaches with spirit. Miss Braithwaite also shows some sign of life.

2<sup>nd</sup> March. Are now in a very prosperous state so far as attendance goes. Order fair, but an additional classroom is required. A lavatory also is much needed.

15<sup>th</sup> March. Inspection by Robert Lee

- a) Mr Browne had 53 under instruction
- b) Miss Ussher Standard 3 has 13
- c) Miss Braithwaite (Lilian) Standard 1 also has 13
- d) Miss Brann Infants has 53
- e) The atmosphere of the larger room was close the day being very hot
- f) The work of the school is fairly creative
- g) Miss Ussher does not show sufficient energy and power of control
- h) Miss Braithwaite is in a degree deficient in these qualities also but not to an extent which experience may overcome

i) I am pleased to notice an improvement with the storage of chemicals and the library.

j) Also the water supply is much better

k) I think an additional classroom is needed.

l) Means of retirement of Miss Ussher or the removal of Miss Braithwaite I think Miss Bairstow will be a desirable substitute

23<sup>rd</sup> March. Order might be improved if a classroom was provided but as it is with three teachers in one apartment it is impossible to obtain that quiet so necessary to successful teaching.

Further Notes of Inspectors Report carried out on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

a) There is an excess of teaching power, the requirements being Head Teacher, One assistant and two Pupil Teacher's

b) One additional classroom required

c) The Head Teacher has not sufficient confidence in either Miss Ussher or Miss Braithwaite Hence the fewness of the children committed to their charge

d) New library and science cupboard has been provided.

25<sup>th</sup> April It was decided to transfer Miss Braithwaite from Clareville School to Greytown PP

27<sup>th</sup> April Visited by Mr Riley who expressed himself fairly satisfied with the state of drawing in the school. Miss Brann's little folk doing well

4<sup>th</sup> May. Miss Braithwaite transferred to Greytown and I am relieved. The young lady was becoming most unpleasant to deal with.

I think Miss Ussher will prove herself more useful but until she does I can only entreat her with Standard 3

Copy of report on drawing

- A) Infants and Standard 1. Drawing Satisfactory. Knowledge of geometrical subjects very fair!
- B) Drawing in books satisfactory. Knowledge of solids very fair!
- C) Standard 4 to 7 Freehand "Good" Geometry Very fair to good, Scale Satisfactory, Model. Object drawn as of a parallel position. It would be better to commence an angular position at once, as very few find the object in a true parallel position. Knowledge of geometrical figures "very fair"

16<sup>th</sup> June An excellent turn out on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, but on the morning of that day, felt ill, the beginning of an attack of influenza which confined me to the house for two weeks. On the following days of same week, weather became so stormy that the school remained closed. On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June Miss Ussher and Miss Ada Bairstow, a volunteer opened school, and remained in charge during my absence and I am glad to say kept the pupils well together. Miss Brann present with infants

Resumed work myself on Monday and all who had been absent turned up.

27<sup>th</sup> July. Weather cold and wet. None turned out on Thursday. Average in consequent low.

17<sup>th</sup> August. Whooping cough keeps a good many away.. Miss Ada Bairstow by permission of the committee remains at school as a monitor. She is very helpful and altogether a very obliging girl.

Miss Brann continues to do well.

29<sup>th</sup> August B Browne extinguished an attempted arson PP

31<sup>st</sup> August, Miss Ussher doing fairly well with Standard 3. But find it necessary to confine her labours to it and she is unable to take charge of all.

14<sup>th</sup> September. Think it is right here to mention the willing and useful help rendered me by Miss Ada Bairstow, a volunteer monitor by permission of Committee. She is most earnest in her efforts and gives promise of becoming a good teacher.

21<sup>st</sup> September. Have a hope that a very fair exam may result from the programme made by those who have been in attendance over half a year, A few late comers certainly backward but I trust some may pass.

28<sup>th</sup> September. Average 113

Drill alone has suffered the state of the playground scarcely ever being in a condition to exercise on.

12<sup>th</sup> October. Regret to have been under the necessity of expelling two girls named Clara and Ethel Kiddie for rudeness in and out of school and for general reprehensible behaviour and loose language. Approved by committee

9<sup>th</sup> November received a letter from a parent threatening that if I did not advance her 2 children to a higher class, although they have failed, they would be withdrawn. Endeavoured to explain but uselessly and the children left.

16<sup>th</sup> November. Four pupils-children of members of committee-temporarily detained at home, that their services may be utilized. Regret the example set by those whose duty it is do otherwise. Trust it may not be copied.

30<sup>th</sup> November. I learn with much regret that Miss Brann intends resigning with the intention of joining her parents in Wanganui.

12<sup>th</sup> December It was decided that Miss Ussher should be transferred from Clareville School when a vacancy in another school occurs.

20<sup>th</sup> December. Closed school today for Christmas holidays. Tomorrow is day appointed for school picnic and awarding of prizes to most deserving

With the exception of the more difficult test applied at Exam, I close fairly satisfied with the work done.

29<sup>th</sup> December The following are the latest donations to the Wairarapa Belief Fund in Wellington Clareville School , 7 shillings

## 1895

1<sup>st</sup> February. Opened Monday with 100 pupils in attendance Sorry to learn also a further reduction may be anticipated when the West Taratahi School goes up as the district being an old one there is no source from which to replace them.

I think it is right to state that I do not inflict corporal punishment, hence the absence from log books of any reports being made by me “upon that head”. True I sometimes give a naughty boy an occasional reminding tap, but nothing more. In fact I am pleased to say that the children are on the whole fairly well behaved. Thoughtless they maybe and are, but not evil. After hours is all that I find necessary. The great bar to perfect satisfaction here is the presence of Miss Ussher and the unjustifiable sympathy shown to the efficient assistants by the committee.

8<sup>th</sup> March I have lost at least 8 pupils through removal from neighbourhood caused by the scarcity of work. I am afraid Clareville School will suffer greatly as there seems to be no employment for

working men at present here who of necessity must go where they can find it.

15<sup>th</sup> February Miss A Bairstow promises fairly and will ultimately turn into a good teacher. Miss Ussher seems to believe that she will shortly be transferred.

*Miss Martha Ussher went to Carterton School and then went onto sole charge schools at Bideford. Tauherenikau, Matarawa and Kaitara, Retired in 1919-1920*

22<sup>nd</sup> February. A few of my pupils have returned to Carterton their old school. I trust the drain will shortly cease.

6<sup>th</sup> March West Taratahi children going to Clareville PP

8<sup>th</sup> March. Find that I am to lose more than I expected when West Taratahi Opens. It seems to the people even in that quarter that the Board must have been misled as to the number of children of school age. They admit however that Mr Allan is canvassing for pupils.

28<sup>th</sup> February Miss Bairstow appointed pupil teacher. PP

29<sup>th</sup> March. Girls quite pleased with club drill now that it is being taught efficiently.

5<sup>th</sup> April Started with 123. West Taratahi has yet to be opened.

3<sup>rd</sup> May. I regret that I will lose many Wesleyan children with the parent's intention of sending them to Carterton School. The head master of which belongs to that denomination.

17<sup>th</sup> May 10 pupils withdrawn through the week. School visited by Mr Riley Technical School Wellington who examined drawing classes and their work.

31<sup>st</sup> May. Have lost largely by the opening of the West Taratahi, I am sorry to think that having worked up the Clareville School to a fair state of efficiency and largely raised the numbers in attendance it was

deemed advisable by the Board to gratify the whim of a few settlers to wreck another school in such an old district.

Inspectors Visit T R Fleming.

- a) Mr Borthwick Browne
- b) Miss A Bairstow Pupil Teacher
- c) Miss J E Davies (assistant)

26<sup>th</sup> July The drop in roll is not as bad as I thought.. However Miss Davis is not as much liked by the little folks as Miss Brann, but I trust she may ultimately win their affections

13<sup>th</sup> September. Two pupils withdrawn from Infant department. Not catastrophic the parents say it is with the way that Miss Davis is teaching. The fact of the matter is this- Since the opening of West Taratahi. Mr Allan, knowing that those over age with whom he has made up the number represented to the board must soon leave. Mr Evans has been diligently canvassing the Clareville pupils and has succeeded in this case.

20<sup>th</sup> December. It is arranged that pupils have an excursion to Wellington on reassembling.

## 1896

31<sup>st</sup> January Carterton and Clareville School children are enjoying a holiday in town (*Wellington*) to-day. A special train brought several hundreds of youngsters down this morning at a remarkably cheap rate, and as they arrived about 10 o'clock and do not return until 5 12, they should have a good long time in which to enjoy the sights PP

31<sup>st</sup> January A few joined excursion to Wellington and the remaining students spent an enjoyable picnic in school grounds

7<sup>th</sup> February Miss Davis is not so much liked by any means as Miss Brann was. Miss Bairstow continues to do well and is an obliging girl

21<sup>st</sup> February Glad to report that a croquet set has provided for the amusement of the girls. To be followed shortly by cricketing equipment for the boys.

22<sup>nd</sup> March Miss Ada Bairstow successfully passed her 1<sup>st</sup> year exam and obtained a partial pass in 2, failing in English and Time management.

20<sup>th</sup> March. St Patricks Day was not observed this year to my satisfaction.

Children have the use of a croquet set now with very much attention on the part of the girls.

17<sup>th</sup> April Yesterday a great many pupils absent attending Carterton School sports

22<sup>nd</sup> April Glad to say attendance continues regular but the loss of numbers from parents leaving the locality is rather regretted. I find that the loss from this cause alone amounts to 11 during the last 9 months and 20 during the year.

8<sup>th</sup> May Miss Davis continues to conduct infant classes with fair satisfaction and Miss Bairstow works diligently.

Inspection report included:

Standard 2 to 6 Mr Browne Miss Bairstow. Present 54 Roll 64

Primers Standard 11 Miss J E Davis. 29 Roll 31

The ground in front of the boys shelter shed is rather wet, a little gravel would improve its conditions. The shed has been floored

5<sup>th</sup> June Standard 6 falls slightly lower than the others..... It is a fact however inferior materials are sometimes met with even in schools.

14<sup>th</sup> August Miss Davies improves and infants cheerful.

11<sup>th</sup> September over the year he following losses have been made.

Carterton School 9

Left neighbourhood not replaced 22

Left passed Standard 6 or 7 and over 13 years 18

Now have all the children of the neighbourhood attending.

23<sup>rd</sup> October Received Standard 1 from Infants and introduced each class and their work for ensuing year

## 1897

Clareville lies about five miles from Carterton on the railway line towards Masterton. In addition to the railway service, drags run between Greytown, Carterton, Clareville, and Masterton on Wednesdays and Saturdays. There is no telegraph office, but a telephone connects the village with Carterton. The education of the rising generation is provided for by a public school, at which the average attendance is about 112.

Mails for Clareville close at Wellington at 6.45 a.m., arriving at Clareville at 11.30 a.m.; and close at Clareville for Wellington at 6.45 a.m., arriving at Wellington at 11.50 a.m.

Clareville Public School, which is a wooden structure of the usual type and contains two rooms, stands on a section of two acres in extent, with teacher's residence adjoining. The average attendance of scholars is 100, the staff consisting of the headmaster and two lady teachers.

Mr. Borthwick T. Browne, Headmaster of the Clareville Public School was born in 1847 in Edinburgh, and was educated in Glasgow. After some years in Africa, where he filled important scholastic positions, he came to New Zealand in 1886 on account of ill health. Mr. Browne has held his present appointment for about five years.

NZETC. Cyclopaedia of NZ Wellington Provincial 1897

June 1915 Mr Borthwick Browne lived in Upper Hutt

26<sup>th</sup> February. Miss Davies continues to teach well.

April Order good, progress very satisfactory. In the management of the school I find the pupils obliging, orderly and delightful and the assistance willingly and dutifully extended by Miss Davies and Miss Bannister remains the work entrusting.

23<sup>rd</sup> April All seemingly pleased to be back after and progress very Fair. Easter holidays.

21<sup>st</sup> May Attendance good. Grieve to say that a child had his leg broken in the playground this week. Playing with a boy his own age, he was tripped up accidentally or fell with the above result. Sent word to Dr Johnston who at once attended and set all comfortably. He is now in a fair way of getting well

25<sup>th</sup> May Rather a serious accident happened in the playground early this week. A little lad named Daysh fell with one leg twisted in such a manner to cause the bone to snap. Thinking at first the leg was very sprained we kept him in such a manner as to give him least pain, but at last have had him conveyed home, and directed Mr Johnston to attend upon him. We hear that he is now getting quickly better.

14<sup>th</sup> June. Miss Davies and Miss Bairstow doing satisfactory work and both seem great favourites with eth pupils.

18<sup>th</sup> June Closed for mid winter holiday to which were added one week of commemoration of record reign of Queen Victoria.

20<sup>th</sup> August. Home lessons I do not now insist upon as I find it useless to do so.

8<sup>th</sup> October. Reclassified according to passes at last week's exam. Attendance very good although a few senior pupils have left.

22<sup>nd</sup> October. Pupils working well. I find a few disconcerted at their failure to pass when leaving. I am sorry but they were far from diligent pupils.

Inspectors report included the school is in need of a coat of paint, the outbuildings are out of repair and several rooms in the residence should be repaired.

## 1898

25<sup>th</sup> February Please to say that the school has been supplied with new closets and of a style that appears neat and presentable  
We hope to have suitable shelter sheds added.

11<sup>th</sup> March Thursday and Friday excursion to Wellington

1<sup>st</sup> April Pleased to say that an entirely new shelter shed for girls has been put up and boys efficiently repaired. We have therefore have all wants to attend to and everything is now in a satisfactory condition

13<sup>th</sup> May One or two boys in std 4 are of dull intelligence are I fear the possibility of getting them up to passing point but will give them extra attention.

10<sup>th</sup> June. Visited this morning by chairman of the committee.

24<sup>th</sup> June. May just remark here that corporal punishment is rarely inflicted and then only very slightly.

5<sup>th</sup> August Still the old difficulty with the natural dullness of a few boys but possibly a slight improvement manifests itself. Can't be quite sure and yet the boys do what they can. Weather severe on Tuesday.

12<sup>th</sup> August. Visited by the chairman. All is well.

3<sup>rd</sup> September. Exam on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and boys anxious to secure a pass hence diligent and orderly.

17<sup>th</sup> September. Dull boys and those lately admitted are my only cause of distrust

30<sup>th</sup> September. This week rather a busy one rearranging and classifying. A few pupils who have passed having left to be employed at home.

## 1899

25<sup>th</sup> January 1899 Complaints made about trespass by the children attending the Clareville School, and the master ridiculing those making them, were referred to the master for explanation (*Letter written to Wellington Education Board*) PP

17<sup>th</sup> February Job Advertisement Pupil Teacher Clareville School PP

24<sup>th</sup> February Attendance affected by Masterton agriculture show being held on a Wednesday. Only a few turned up on that day, and only to say parents wanted them to go to Masterton so gave a holiday. A fair amount of work done on other days

3<sup>rd</sup> March. Not much to note except Excursion to Palmerston took place on this day.

24<sup>th</sup> March. Two boys Fisher and Foss rather troublesome. They are sons of members I am sorry to say.

14<sup>th</sup> April Pupil Teacher manages her class promisingly (Miss Bairstow) Infants doing nicely under Miss Davies

1<sup>st</sup> May Education Board has made a number of changes in the teaching staffs of country schools. Mr. Browne, of the Clareville School retires at once, and Mr. Davidson, the Board's permanent relieving teacher, who is at present at Carterton, will assume charge of the Clareville School to-morrow morning PP

3<sup>rd</sup> May Relieved Mr Browne this morning. He handed over to me all apparatus, books, registers etc, Attendance 86. Jas Davidson.

5<sup>th</sup> May. Weather dull Attendance 86. I caned two boys (4 cuts) Frank Daysh, Reg Hannah for copying and one (2 cuts) Alf Daysh for throwing a piece of paper across the room.

10<sup>th</sup> May Had to again cane three boys again for copying.

10<sup>th</sup> May 1899 Head Teacher, Clareville School ; average (Roll), 92. Salary, about 200 pounds and residence PP. (*July 2011 worth \$34,537.31*)

12<sup>th</sup> May Weather very wet. Only 16 present.

23<sup>rd</sup> May Wellington Education Board report Clareville School (about £200 and residence), There were 49 applicants

29<sup>th</sup> May. Visited by the truant officer who took the names of several irregular attendees.

31<sup>st</sup> May. Caned several boys for being late at lunch hour, although they heard the bell at one o'clock they didn't come into school until 2.10 pm. Three others (Bairstow, Challis, and McGill) didn't come in at all.

1<sup>st</sup> June Received from chairman of committee a supply of ink, chalk, lead pencils and foolscap.

20<sup>th</sup> June. Received word from Mr Archer that the measles had broken out in his family. Communicated with the chairman who advised me to send the Archer children home.

22<sup>nd</sup> Received word from Mr Dorset (Secretary of Wellington Education Board) to exchange with Mr Drummond as soon as convenient.

23<sup>rd</sup>. Saw Mr Drummond and arranged to exchange with him Next Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> inst.

26<sup>th</sup> June. I relinquish duty today. Mr Drummond taking charge this morning. (*Mr Drummond From Parkvale*)\

8<sup>th</sup> August Punished seven boys today for meddling with a bag of peat left in front of the store

10<sup>th</sup> August. Received a bottle of ink from the committee

23<sup>rd</sup> August Boards carpenter called in today to make repairs at school residence.

Drawing examination held today. School closed in the afternoon to enable children and teachers to attend Mrs Reid's funeral.

Inspectors report included.

- a) Mr Drummond Head Teacher Roll 31 (*Hugo Manson's Mother was a daughter of Mr Drummond. Hugo Manson is a leading Wairarapa authority on oral histories*)
- b) Miss Davies Assistant Mistress Roll 32
- c) Miss L Robinson Pupil Teacher
- d) Mr Drummond has only been here a short time and he has already done much to get the school into his methods
- e) 3 candidates passed Standard 7
- f) Spelling and composition were decidedly weak
- g) Mr Drummond is both capable and experienced and under his management the school may confidently be expected to regain its way

10<sup>th</sup> November Only 23 children present today out of 97 on the roll This is the second day of the Taratahi Races hence the poor attendance

22<sup>nd</sup> November Standard 6 and 7 started learning Tennyson's "Revenge"

## 1900

23<sup>rd</sup> January. Found painters at work in the school today  
Communicated with chairman of School Committee who advised  
opening school on Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup>

31<sup>st</sup> January. Painters finished yesterday.

6<sup>th</sup> February. Punished 4 boys Alfred Daysh, James Smith, Alfred  
Archer, and Henry Simimonds (sic) for stealing apples. Alfred Daysh  
actually committed the theft but the others were equally as guilty.

16<sup>th</sup> February. School closed today on account of South Wairarapa  
Fair.

28<sup>th</sup> February. School closed today in Honour of British Victory over  
the Boers and surrender of General Cronje

2<sup>nd</sup> March. Splendid weather all week Average 80 Roll 96

9<sup>th</sup> March. I begin to see a decided improvement in the work of the  
children especially in arithmetic.

16<sup>th</sup> March. Have decided to drill (*Physical Education*) twice a week  
instead of having drill once a week. I now have two half hours for  
drill as the one hour lesson seemed to be rather too much of a tax on  
children.

22<sup>nd</sup> March School closed today on account of a demonstration by  
the Maoris at Papawai in aid of the More Men Fund (*Boer War Fund*)

31<sup>st</sup> May. School closed in honour of the relief of Mafeking

23<sup>rd</sup> May. Attendance under half today. Cold southerly rain

1<sup>st</sup> June. Received a bottle of ink from School Committee today.  
Pretoria evacuated by the Boers. School closed today.

4<sup>th</sup> June. Very poor attendance today. Holiday at Carterton

11<sup>th</sup> June. Some gravel is being spread in the playground today

4<sup>th</sup> August. Pump out of order. Some little boys have been tampering  
with it.

16<sup>th</sup> August. Inspectors report included

- A) Standard 7 to Standard 3 Mr Drummond Present 44 Roll 47
- B) Miss Robinson Pupil Teacher
- C) Standard 2 Primers Miss Davies Present 36 Roll 42
- D) This school is now in better working order than formerly. The  
methods in use are good.
- E) Mr Drummond reports favourably on the work of the Pupil  
Teacher Miss Robinson.
- F) Accommodation Sufficient. The inside painting has improved  
the appearance of the two rooms
- G) Small matter regarding the urinal (Pointed out to Mr  
Drummond)
- H) Drill and Exercises/ Military Poles and Swedish good
- I) Under the new management a gratifying change for the better  
in the work of the school generally. This is the more  
noticeable in the class subjects which last year were  
deplorably weak. The standard work in Miss Davies room  
was very satisfactory but more attention should be given to  
the slate work of the primer class. A committee of ladies was  
good enough to report on the sewing.

23<sup>rd</sup> August. Received new blinds for my room

29<sup>th</sup> October Fierce gale today from the North West. A pane of glass  
in Miss Davies room was blown in and scattered in all directions.

1<sup>st</sup> November School closed today Carterton Agriculture Show

12<sup>th</sup> November The measles are again the cause of a number of  
Children being away today.

21<sup>st</sup> Annual School Picnic held today.



## 1901

11th February School closed today. Visit of imperial troops to Masterton

20<sup>th</sup> February Masterton Agriculture show today. Closed school in the afternoon

8<sup>th</sup> March. Piano for school arrived today. Funded by means of concerts

10<sup>th</sup> April Work resumed under direction of Miss Davies as I had leave of action for three days.

25<sup>th</sup> April Householders failed to elect a committee for ensuing year. Evidently a regrettable lack of interest in n school matters pervade in the district.

3<sup>rd</sup> May Miss Millington gave her second lesson today on cooking.

9<sup>th</sup> May. Very poor attendance at school today. Sports are being held at the racecourse and the children are unable to resist the attraction

24<sup>th</sup> May. School closed Today. Victoria Day

28<sup>th</sup> May Last night at about 7 00 the woodshed was destroyed by fire. Had it not been for the vigorous work of the neighbours. The school would certainly have been burned down. As it was the windows in Miss Davies Room are all cracked. The girls' shed is also badly scorched and about half a chain of fencing is burned down.

28<sup>th</sup> May. The fire must have been caused by a little boy named Bertie Reading playing with matches in the shed.

I left school at about 4.15 pm but did not notice any sign of fire. I happened to go out that evening and found on my return that the shed had been destroyed.

28<sup>th</sup> May inspectors report. Every Friday Miss Millington gives a lesson in Cookery. The girls take this instead of sewing for 6 months of the year.

**29<sup>th</sup> MAY 1901 LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FROM WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD. DESTRUCTION OF SOME OF THE OUTBUILDINGS AND DAMAGE TO THE MAIN BUILDING BY FIRE ON THE NIGHT OF 27<sup>th</sup> INST.**

**I PROPOSE TO HAVE DAMAGE REPAIRED AND BUILDINGS REBUILT AND SUBMIT THE ACCOUNT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.**

**APPROVED ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF JUNE.**

**4<sup>th</sup> JULY LETTER FROM MR FISHER SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TO WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD**

**A) THERE IS NO DOUBT IT WAS CAUSED BY A LITTLE BOY KINDLING A PIECE OF PAPER ON THE FLOOR OF THE WOOD SHED.**

**B) HE PUT IT OUT AS HE SUPPOSED BUT SOME OF THE DRY DUST MUST HAVE BEEN ALIGHT AND SMOULDERED FOR THREE OR FOUR HOURS BEFORE BURSTING INTO FLAME**

**C) WHEN IT WAS NOTICED PLENTY OF WILLING HELP GATHERED TO PUT IT OUT IF POSSIBLE**

**D) FORTUNATELY THE WATER RACE WAS JUST AT THE BACK OF THE SHED AND THE NIGHT BEING CALM THEY WEER ABLE TO CONTAIN THE FIRE.**

**31<sup>ST</sup> JULY COST OF REPLACEMENT £27 3.0**

**PLAN FOR NEW CLASSROOM 30 X 24**

9th July Carpenters at work repairing shed. Damaged by fire and rebuilding woodshed.

30<sup>th</sup> July. School Concert held last night. Very large attendance.

20<sup>th</sup> September 1901 INSPECTOR LEE'S DISMISSAL

The Minister for Public Works stated in the House of Representatives yesterday that the Education Department has no power to order an enquiry into the charges which led to the decision for the compulsory retirement of Mr. Lee, Chief Inspector of Schools, Wellington. The Clareville School Committee has passed the following resolution: — "This committee, not being fully conversant with the facts that led to Mr. Lee's retirement, are unable to express any opinion on the matter as laid before them by the Wellington committees."

16<sup>th</sup> October. Inspectors report included The work of the school is improving under Mr Drummond's management

The upper class teaching is of an intelligent character.

22<sup>nd</sup> November. Key of school missing.

5<sup>th</sup> December. Inspector Lee "Called In" on my way from West Taratahi

- (a) I called for the logbook which was produced.
- (b) My visit is not an inspection.
- (c) I found this school in excellent working order under Mr Drummond, whom I have known as a successful teacher throughout his career.
- (d) I gave an address to school reviewing its history and saying a few words of commendation of the children's habits and attention to duty.
- (e) Also advice in shaping their future lives.

20<sup>th</sup> December. School closed today for Christmas vacation

Annual school picnic tomorrow

## 1902

20<sup>th</sup> February. Miss Robinson received notice today of her transfer to Masterton. In consequence Miss Davies will have to take charge of Standard 2

28<sup>th</sup> February. School concert to be held tonight.

4<sup>th</sup> March Concert on Friday was very successful The receipts amounted to £8-4-6 (*1,397.00 in 2011 terms*)

26<sup>th</sup> March BY TELEGRAPH — OWN CORRESPONDENT.] CARTERTON, This Day. A presentation was made yesterday to Miss Robinson, who has severed her connection, with the Clareville School to join the Masterton School teaching staff.

7<sup>th</sup> April Mr Fisher and Mr Pull put flagstaff into position.

9<sup>th</sup> April Paid John Rock £1/2/6d for sweeping school for January 27<sup>th</sup> until 31<sup>st</sup> March

17<sup>th</sup> May. Purchased Harbutt's Plastic Methods and sets of drawing cards for the committee

2<sup>nd</sup> June Peace terminating the Boer War proclaimed today. School closed at 12.00

3<sup>rd</sup> June. Prince of Wales's birthday. School flag hoisted for the first time today.

17<sup>th</sup> June. Started forming flower garden in school playground.

Inspectors report included

- a) Standard 7 to Standard 3 Mr Drummond Present 41 roll 46
- b) Standard 2 Primers. Present 39 Roll 49
- c) The school was in active work and the children well employed
- d) Good reading lessons were given in both rooms
- e) Mr Drummond gave a very good lesson in Physical Geography

- f) Discipline very good in both rooms
- g) Appearance Generally Satisfactory. A few pictures suitably framed would improve the appearance of the rooms
- h) Under the Board's scale the school was entitled to the services of a Pupil Teacher in addition to the present staff but under the colonial scale only an assistant is allowed in addition to the headmaster. Miss L Robinson was therefore transferred to the Masterton school

8<sup>th</sup> August School closed for Coronation Holiday

15<sup>th</sup> August Paid John Rock 12/6 for sweeping out the school

22<sup>nd</sup> September. Received clock today from Wellington Education Board

11<sup>th</sup> November very poor attendance today owing to races

26<sup>th</sup> November. School closed today on account of general election

28<sup>th</sup> November School concert held tonight £ 7-5-0

12<sup>th</sup> December Attendance for the week has been very poor. Many cases of measles in the district.

## 1903

26<sup>th</sup> January Miss Moncrieffe took up her duties as assistant mistress.

5<sup>th</sup> February Very poor attendance this morning. Most of the children are away at Masterton where the band contest is being held. School will be closed in the afternoon.

9<sup>th</sup> March. Started brushwork today.

27<sup>th</sup> April School Committee elections. Messers Fisher (chairman) Pull, Archer, Booth, Monaghan, Hartley and Oliver elected

1<sup>st</sup> May. Mr Booth delivered two cords of firewood today.

25<sup>th</sup> May School Closed Today- Empire Day.

5<sup>th</sup> June Mr Bakewell inspector made a surprise visit. Found the classes in good working order. Mr Drummond's method of treating class subjects is approved of.

20<sup>th</sup> June. Resumed work today. Alterations in the big room have been carried out by Mr Wallis. The ceiling has been raised about 4 feet. And two ventilators placed at the Northern and Southern ends of the room.

21<sup>st</sup> July. Sent in a report about three boys who are living at Mrs Pearse's home.

7<sup>th</sup> Aug School Concert in aid of Piano funds held tonight.

5<sup>th</sup> September. Inspectors Report included

- a) Mr Drummond Roll 53 Present 42
- b) Miss Moncrieffe Roll 47 Present 37
- c) Building improvements are already in hand. I trust the opportunity has not been lost of improving the lighting of the infant room At present it is most defective
- d) Buildings Satisfactory generally but boy's office requires gravel and the urinal should be lowered

10<sup>th</sup> September Roll 111 Average attendance 99

25<sup>th</sup> September An epidemic of mumps is playing havoc with the average attendance.

Inspectors report

- a) Five candidates passed Standard 7
- b) A change of teachers has affected the work of the lower division but I fully anticipate that an improvement will be effected by Miss Moncrieffe who is a careful and painstaking teacher.
- c) Drill and exercises military and clubs

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. Average attendance for week is still poor, mumps accounting for this.

## 1904

25<sup>th</sup> January. School opened with roll of 87

17<sup>th</sup> February. School closed for afternoon Masterton Show

5<sup>th</sup> May. Record attendance today 108/113 present

24<sup>th</sup> May Empire Day. School closed

13<sup>th</sup> June. Sent down 7/6 to Timaru. This sum was subscribed in aid of purchasing a trophy to be placed on H M S New Zealand

19<sup>th</sup> June. School Concert held tonight, passed off very successfully. The proceeds were £6.18. This sum will enable the School Committee to make final payment for the piano.

30<sup>th</sup> June An average of 94 for the September quarter will entitle the school to a pupil teacher

8<sup>th</sup> July Inspectors report included

- a) Standard 7 to Standard 3 Mr Drummond Present 46 Roll 55
- b) Standard 3 Primers Miss Moncrieff Present 45 Roll 60
- c) Good lessons are done in singing and drawing
- d) The spouting of the residence is in need of repair, and there are leaks in the scullery and the living room
- e) At present the work load is heavy.

4<sup>th</sup> August Attendance under half today. Ground is covered in snow.

9<sup>th</sup> August Severe shock of earthquake. Top of chimney in Miss Moncrieff's room shaken down

24<sup>th</sup> August Roll number is now 121 Average attendance for the week 111

1<sup>st</sup> October received a wall cupboard from the board

7<sup>th</sup> October. No information to hand with regard to Pupil Teacher appointed by the board

8<sup>th</sup> October

Inspectors report

	Roll	Present	Passed
Standard 7	7	7	7
Standard 6	8	8	8
Standard 5	12	12	10
Standard 4	12	12	10
Standard 3	18	17	15
Standard 2	14	14	12
Standard 1	22	22	20
Primers	29	25	
	122	117	75

- a) Drawing and Freehand Design and Blackboard. Good
- b) Drill and Exercises Military Physical Clubs Good
- c) Reading in the lower classes though improved was only fair
- d) The examination showed that Mr Drummond is an able and intelligent teacher
- e) The satisfactory condition of the school is due to the earnestness of Mr Drummond and his assistant Miss Moncrieffe, for a roll number of 112 with all standards to teach, makes the work somewhat heavy for two teachers.
- f) The school will soon be entitled to a Pupil Teacher if the average is maintained.
- g) Another tank is required before the summer

- h) The repairs to the residence which have now become urgent and some necessary improvements to the lower room have reported by the clerk of works

13<sup>th</sup> October Miss Minnie J White who has been appointed Pupil Teacher reported herself today

17<sup>th</sup> October Miss White commenced work today

14<sup>th</sup> November. Received three dual desks from the Wellington Education Board

## 1905

27<sup>th</sup> June Received copies of Education acts 1904

10<sup>th</sup> March. Very close day. The ventilation of the little room is very unsatisfactory.

14<sup>th</sup> April During the week repairs to the chimneys have been carried out and new spouting has been placed round the building

12<sup>th</sup> May Received 11 lbs of Flexpine today for modelling etc

21<sup>st</sup> June. School used last night for Milk Suppliers Social

14<sup>th</sup> July. School closed today for Arbor Day. Concert in aid of school funds held in the evening. Takings amount to £6.18..0

20<sup>th</sup> July. Mrs Young (Govt Inspector) called today to see orphan children who have been placed in various homes in the district by Government

21<sup>st</sup> July Boards clerk of works called today I drew his attention to several matters that require looking to. The most urgent need is better lighting of the smaller room. The light is so badly arranged that the children can hardly see their work and good writing is an impossibility

1<sup>st</sup> September That £3-5-0 would be granted by Wellington Education Board for the purpose of purchasing necessary apparatus PP

5<sup>th</sup> October. Purchased a rain gauge, thermometer, barometer tube, microscope and sundry chemicals with money raised at last school concert.

6<sup>th</sup> October I have decided to take up cottage gardening as one of the school subjects. The committee has agreed to fence off the portion of the playground needed.

11<sup>th</sup> October. School closed Labour Day,

25<sup>th</sup> October. A double window has been placed in my room Has greatly improved the lighting and ventilation.

2<sup>nd</sup> November School garden fenced in and dug.

7<sup>th</sup> November Children today worked in garden. All show interest in the work

10<sup>th</sup> November. Received cupboard for storing curiosities collected by the children

13<sup>th</sup> November Inspectors report for September 20<sup>th</sup> included

- a) A southerly gale was blowing on the day of the visit so that the examination was conducted in rather trying circumstances.
- b) The general condition of the school was most credible to the staff
- c) The handwork and drawing are specially commended.
- d) I hope to see improvements made in the lighting of the small room. It will then be possible for Mr Drummond to make more satisfactory arrangements for the organisation of the work.
- e) Average age of those to whom Certificate of competency and Proficiency in Standard 6 are granted 13 years 8 Months.

- f) Nature Study and Science Good. Rather too much attempted in lower standards
- g) Handwork. Plasticine, Brushwork and paper folding all very good.

## 1906

16<sup>th</sup> February. Miss White has passed her first Pupil Teacher examination

17<sup>th</sup> March Received 6 spades and 6 forks from the Wellington Education Board

2<sup>nd</sup> May Received a bag of artificial manure from Wellington Education Board

22<sup>nd</sup> June The school has been closed for the last four days as a mark of respect to the late Premier Richard John Seddon who died on June 10<sup>th</sup>

20<sup>th</sup> July. Playground gravelled

2<sup>nd</sup> August Mr Bligh representative of the White Cross League paid a visit to the school today and addressed the upper boys. (*The White Cross League was an organisation lead by Mr Bligh teaching sex education to boys*)

28<sup>th</sup> August Received a collection of seeds for the garden from F Cooper

Also 1 cwt (*Hundredweight, About 51 Kilograms*) of manure

10<sup>th</sup> September Received a range from the Wellington Education Board

24<sup>th</sup> September Received a box of chemical apparatus

1<sup>st</sup> October. Transferred Standard 6 to 2 to long room. Placed Miss White who has now completed her second year in this school in

charge of Standard 3 and 2. Miss Moncrieffe will take Standard 1 and Infants and Standard 2 for certain subjects.

8<sup>th</sup> October. Received a parcel of papers for paper folding.

30<sup>th</sup> October. Some person has taken the top of the rain gauge.

2<sup>nd</sup> November School Concert held tonight. Grossed about £8.00

5<sup>th</sup> November Wrote to Secretary with reference to repairs of school residence sanctioned some two months ago

19<sup>th</sup> November The bottom of the rain gauge has now disappeared. Have reported it to the police.

7<sup>th</sup> December. Whooping Cough in the school. Attendance low

21<sup>st</sup> December School closed for holiday Average attendance for the year 95. Average roll 109

## 1907

15<sup>th</sup> February School awarded First, Second, Third prizes for best kept garden plots; 1st Prize for collection of vegetables and 1st prize for collection of plants

15<sup>th</sup> March Received today from Mr Fisher (School Committee Chairman) a lawn mower and a wheelbarrow for school garden

25<sup>th</sup> March Carpenters started repairing school residence.

19<sup>th</sup> April School Closed at 12 o'clock today to enable children to hear the of the " " of the Barn Band

15<sup>th</sup> July Inspectors report included

- a) Standard 7- Standard 4 Mr Drummond Present 61 Roll 67
- b) Standard 3- Standard 2 Miss White Pupil Teacher
- c) Standard 1 Primers Miss Moncrieff A F 33 38
- d) Roll of 90 needs to be maintained to keep a Pupil Teacher
- e) The Pupil Teacher is receiving regular instruction

- f) The building requires outside painting
- g) The fence of the residence is in a dilapidated condition
- h) The bricks of the fireplace are loose
- i) The School Committee has spent money on improving and gravelling the path to the schoolroom.
- j) The pictures forwarded by the board have been suitably framed

2<sup>nd</sup> August Mr Davies and Mr Isaac, a technical inspector paid a visit to the school today.

26<sup>th</sup> September received one dozen small gardening forks for the girls

3<sup>rd</sup> October A child, on its way to school at Clareville, was blown right off its feet and caught in a wire fence on the side of the road, and could not regain its feet without the assistance of a passer-by. Trees were uprooted and much damage was done to orchards. Heavy driving showers of rain fell at intervals. PP

10<sup>th</sup> October received 12 new infant desks from the Wellington Education Board

8<sup>th</sup> November Great many children suffering from influenza

22<sup>nd</sup> November in the competition for school gardens Clareville School came 2<sup>nd</sup> having 73/75 points

9<sup>th</sup> December. Sent a boy named George Roberts home this morning for not having provided himself with a 3d (*Three pence*) exercise book for entering school gardening notes

11<sup>th</sup> December. Mr Fisher (School Committee Chairman) and Mr Allen generously donated a sum of money to be given in prizes to best kept vegetable and flower gardens

Mr A Booth was asked to Judge

16<sup>th</sup> December. Roll number has been steadily decreasing for the last three months. Many families leaving district

19<sup>th</sup> December School closed for Christmas Vacation. Mr Fisher presented prizes for school gardens

## 1908

3<sup>rd</sup> February School resumed. Roll number considerably reduced. Several families have left the district

7<sup>th</sup> February School Picnic

17<sup>th</sup> Feb Punished a boy Hubert Rathbone (two cuts with the strap) for disorderly behaviour in playground

6<sup>th</sup> March. Received hyloplate from Wellington Education Board

9<sup>th</sup> March. School scrubbed out on Saturday and new blinds provided for long room and Miss Moncrieff's room

March 20<sup>th</sup> First heavy fall of rain since November 12<sup>th</sup> 1906 Cold rain from the South East

25<sup>th</sup> March Received 1 gross of specimen vials from Wellington Education Board

27<sup>th</sup> March Received notice that my application for leave of absence for one month has been granted. My right eye has been giving me considerable trouble of late. I felt it was wise to go under medical treatment

31<sup>st</sup> March Received notice that Miss Dempsey was to take charge

7<sup>th</sup> April Miss Dempsey in charge

4<sup>th</sup> May Resumed duty today feeling much better for the months rest. Miss White has been away for the last three weeks. She came back today but looks very unwell

15<sup>th</sup> May Mr Osborne ploughed up school gardens

26<sup>th</sup> June. Received a case to cover chemical balance from Levin

10<sup>th</sup> July received 6 lamp glasses and a plane from the Wellington Education Board

31<sup>st</sup> July. A great number of children absent this week as the result of colds, croup and influenza

19<sup>th</sup> August Wrote to School Committee secretary pointing out that nothing has been done towards putting in the tubs for the school residence though this work was authorised over six weeks ago.

21<sup>st</sup> August The tub mentioned above were put in today. The chairman of School Committee had been instructed to act by the Secretary

27<sup>th</sup> August. Inspectors Report of May 11<sup>th</sup> included

- A) Standard 6- Standard 2 HM Mr Drummond Present 47 Roll 56 Miss White Pupil Teacher 4
- B) Standard 1 Primers 36 40 Miss Moncrieff
- C) Unless numbers pick up it will be difficult to get an average attendance of 91 and therefore will lose a Pupil Teacher
- D) Satisfactory teaching in both classrooms
- E) The school is very much improved by the recent alterations
- F) The fencing however is in a state of disrepair and some of it should be repaired at once. Especially around the residence
- G) I would recommend the Wellington Education Board to allow a grant to the committee and ask it to undertake the work

28<sup>th</sup> Repairs to fencing mentioned in report have been done

25<sup>th</sup> September. During the week special lessons have been given throughout the school bearing on the history of NZ. Dominion medals were given out

16<sup>th</sup> October. Miss White away from school today and yesterday. Sprained ankle.

28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> October School closed for Carterton P and A Society

10<sup>th</sup> November. Very Poor attendance today. 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Taratahi Races

17<sup>th</sup> November. Holiday for general election

1<sup>st</sup> December. Two boys George Smith and Frank Reid reported that they had seen a shooting star in the middle of the day (Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November)

5<sup>th</sup> December 1908 The final judging 'was made on 30<sup>th</sup> November by Mr. A. R. Hadfield, and he has given his award in, the following order of points Clareville School 74 points, first ; Carterton School and Gladstone School, each 71, second ; Dalefield School, 65, fourth; Featherston School, 63, fifth. PP

12<sup>th</sup> December School closed for half a day with consent of chairman. Children taking part in a Garden fete at Dr Johnsons

## 1909

15<sup>th</sup> March. Received notice of my appointment to Lansdowne School (*Mr Drummond*)

24<sup>th</sup> March Mr R. C. Drummond, who has been appointed to the charge of the new school at Lansdowne, commenced his scholastic career at Mount Cook Boys' school under Mr. C. A. Hardy, B.A. he is at present master of the Clareville School . The Age states that Mr. Drummond is very popular in the Wairarapa district PP

2<sup>nd</sup> April Received the shield presented by Messers Buchanan and Bunny for the best kept school garden in South Wairarapa

30<sup>th</sup> April My last day at Clareville School

5<sup>th</sup> May. Miss M H Wilson relieving

10<sup>th</sup> May. Had to reprimand boys for throwing stones at one another and for leaving playground at lunch recess without permission



17<sup>th</sup> May On Friday George Roberts accidentally put his hand under Fred Walkers spade with the result that a finger was badly cut.

18<sup>th</sup> May Inspectors Report

After 10 years most successful management of this school Mr Drummond has received well earned promotion to Lansdowne. He will be succeeded by Mr Beechey of Dalefield. The Committee are fortunate. PP

31<sup>st</sup> May Mr. Beechey has been appointed 'headmaster at Clareville School PP See Dalefield Notes Re Mr Beechey

7<sup>th</sup> June. J M Beechey commenced at Clareville School

1<sup>st</sup> July received circular from Wellington Education Board "Tidiness of Buildings and grounds"

## 1910

31<sup>st</sup> January School reopened Mr F Butler the newly appointed Pupil Teacher entered on his duties this morning.

10<sup>th</sup> May. School closed a day of Mourning for the late King Edward V11 who died Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

20<sup>th</sup> May Coronation Day .Children marched down to Carterton Show Grounds. The infant classes were excused but all the scholars from Standard 2 upwards went. A glorious day as regards weather

10<sup>th</sup> May Inspectors report included. Inspected 10<sup>th</sup> May

- a) Mr Beechey and T Butler Roll 57
- b) Miss Moncrieff Roll 30
- c) I gave a composition lesson to the Pupil Teacher's class and made recommendations with regard to slates and pencil and Blackboard work

d) Mr Beechey is sparing no effort in the matter of cottage gardening and elementary agriculture the flower plot especially looking very well indeed. I think however the area under cultivation is too large for the school. Half the present around would be ample

e) During the day I heard excellent instruction being given in singing and deep breathing

12<sup>th</sup> July Today the septic tank was used for the first time since coming here. I have recommended that one should be installed as the water supply presented no difficulty

How to find the necessary money was the difficulty.. After some time I got the committee to enter in a "joint and several" guarantee as security and the money was secured from the BNSW (*Bank of New South Wales eventually morphed into Westpac*) at 6 per cent.

It is such an immense step forward that I am naturally very pleased at the School Committee's progressiveness As a public body they deserve every credit and I'm sure the surrounds will be much more healthy now.

16<sup>th</sup> July Of what use is a school committee? is a question often asked by some querulous householder who doesn't know enough to see good in anything (says the Wairarapa News). To get an answer to this particular question, such a one should pay a visit to the Clareville School , where the committee, on its own initiative and at its own expense, has just installed an excellent septic tank sewerage service, and had the necessary lavatories, etc., constructed at a cost of some £60 or £70. (*In terms of 2011 costs equal to \$9,368.42 to \$10,929.82 a massive investment even in these times*) Of course there were no school funds for this purpose, and the Board would only grant £10 towards the work. The committee, therefore, in the interest of health

and cleanliness, resolved to raise the money on their "joint and several guarantee," and trust to the public to "see the thing through." Each member of the committee has personally subscribed to the fund, and other settlers are contributing. The balance will probably be wiped out by a series of entertainments, the proceeds of which the Board should certainly subsidise. This action of the Clareville School committee is, we believe, unique in the educational history of the Dominion, and is a pretty solid answer to the question of what use are school committees? PP

20<sup>th</sup> July. Arbour day. The boys and I did some tidying up and dug three holes into the gravel to try and drain some pools which made the playground very sloppy.

26<sup>th</sup> July. Gave out tickets for the concert to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> August to raise funds for the drainage improvements

16<sup>th</sup> September. Quite an influx of new scholars. Some of the new scholars are behind in their work. There have been 100 children present on two days.

23<sup>rd</sup> September Have had very blustery weather about Equinox. A day or two either side of it.

11<sup>th</sup> December. Race day affected the attendance adversely. The 9<sup>th</sup> was kept under instructions from the Board but the children also stayed away on very lame pretexts.

At a School Committee meeting held on Monday it was decided to Hold the annual school treat on the 16<sup>th</sup> December. This will make for a good finish to the school year. School Holidays only begin on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

## 1911

3<sup>rd</sup> February School reopened on Monday Roll 109

!7<sup>th</sup> March Inspectors visit included

- a) Mr Beechey Roll 43 present 29
- b) Mr Butler (Pupil Teacher) 25 23
- c) Miss Moncrieff 47 41
- d) A rearrangement of the platform in assistant's room was suggested to me as giving a better light for pupils. If the Clerk of Works thinks the work feasible then I would recommend that it would be done

April Mr McDougall (Clerk of Works) has visited the school and reported on shifting the platform in the infant room. As Miss Moncrieff now has 51 children there it will be necessary to have the room enlarged.

24<sup>th</sup> May Word has come from the Board that we are to extend the term holidays on account of the coronation.

We are in the middle of an epidemic of measles and eh attendance is very poor consequently

June. The attendance has been going steadily down and today there are only 30/114 children present. The School Committee have asked to Board to close the school

This afternoon word came that the school could be closed and consequently I sent the children home 10 were sent home ill during the day.

3<sup>rd</sup> July. Reopened the school today Attendance 92 weather fine July Spent the morning at school and the afternoon in pruning.

15<sup>th</sup> December. Our average for the quarter has been 112 and there is really airspace for 100 children. With such an average it must be seen that in fine weather there is overcrowding.

A application has been made for a new room without success though Masterton has just obtained an assembly hall which though no doubt very convenient will only be used a few times during a year.

**THE WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD NOTE THEY ARE LOOKING AT A NEW BUILDING AT CLAREVILLE SCHOOL 1874 BUILDING IS 441 SQ FOOT WHICH IS SAY 10 METRES BY 4.20 METERS**

**1880 BUILDING 608 SQ FEET 10 METRES BY SAY 7.51 METERS**

**THE ROLL IN 1908 WAS 83 IN 1909 82 AND IN 1910, 83 PUPILS**

**NUMBER OVER 14 YEARS OF AGE ATTENDING SCHOOL 9. THIS IS RECORDED BECAUSE THEY DON'T ATTRACT STATE FUNDING**

**CENSUS OF CLAREVILLE DISTRICT 1901, 93 RESIDENTS. 1906, 333 RESIDENTS AND IN 1911 466**

**2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 1911 RECOMMENDED A NEW 30 FOOT X 24 FOOT (9.12 X 7.25 METERS) WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT IT IS A STANDALONE BUILDING BECAUSE OF THE AGE OF ORIGINAL BUILDING.**

**OCTOBER AVERAGE ROLL WAS 112 NOVEMBER ROLL AVERAGE 123**

**THERE WERE 26 CHILDREN OF 3 AND 4 YEARS OF AGE IN THE DISTRICT.**

12<sup>th</sup> December Appointed Clareville School Miss M. Moxham PP. Clearly Miss Moxham didn't take up her position

19<sup>th</sup> December The Minister for Education wrote intimating that the grant for another class room at Clareville School must be declined. It

was decided by the board to obtain further information as to the conditions of the School and acquaint the department with these PP 20<sup>th</sup> December Mr. Butler (Clareville to Carterton). Transfer of pupil teacher PP

## 1912

2<sup>nd</sup> February Miss Priest the newly appointed Assistant entered on her duties today. She takes charge of Standard 3 and 2, lately in charge of the Pupil Teacher. T Butler. Owing to various causes 8 scholars so far have left. Three are attending Belvedere as it is nearer. One has gone to High School One is assisting her mother and one family has left the district.

1<sup>st</sup> March. Quite a number of children are away with the chicken pox. 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Owing to some misapprehension the Prince of Wales Birthday was not observed as a holiday. A notification in the papers gave out that no holiday was to be served. But this was overridden by a belated note in the Evening Post As country teachers do not get this paper there was no holiday for country schools though town schools got it.

29<sup>th</sup> June Mumps are still spoiling the attendances

9<sup>th</sup> August Mumps and bad weather have affected the attendance. Several farms have changed hands lessening the roll numbers very considerably.

**25<sup>th</sup> MAY 1912 A LETTER FROM MR HOGBEN, SECRETARY OF EDUCATION TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION. IT IS HARD TO SEE WHY THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD FIND MONEY FOR BUILDING IN EXCESS TO PRESENT REQUIREMENTS MERELY BECAUSE THE PRESENT SCHOOL WAS AWKWARDLY**

**DESIGNED. MAYBE A SOLUTION MIGHT BE FOUND IF I CONFER WITH THE BOARD**

**GRANT FOR HALF A ROOM!**

EDUCATION AND ECONOMY. An instance of what some members were pleased to term the cheese-paring policy of the Department was given at the Education Board's meeting this afternoon in connection with the intimation from the Department that a grant of £245 had been made for the purpose of building an additional room at Clareville. It appeared from the secretary's statement that the sum granted was less than had been asked, and members wanted to know the why and the wherefore, especially in face of the fact that the sum granted was not nearly sufficient to do what the board considered it was necessary to do. It was Suggested that the reason underlying the Department's parsimony was that the board was asking for an additional room for which, when built, they would only have children enough to fill half the room! The school, it was made clear, was an old and old-fashioned building, to which it was not intended to add. Mr. Allan said he could not help making a protest against the system of the Department in offering money for half a room. The thing was absolutely absurd. It was simply a waste of money. On the motion of Mr. J. G. W. Aitken, it was decided to send a deputation to the Department on the subject. PP

**11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 1912. A STRONG LETTER TO MR BUCHANNAN MP COMPLAINING ABOUT THE HALF SCHOOL PAYMENT AND WONDERING WHY THEY CAN'T START A NEW BUILDING AS THE OLD BUILDING CANNOT BE ALTERED AND WILL HAVE TO BE REPLACED.**

[Picnic List for school picnic](#)

20	Small Loaves
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25 Doz.(324)	Assorted Cakes
20 Doz. (240)	Pastry
14 Pounds	Slab Cake
1	Ham
1	Leg Of Lamb (From Campbell)
	Milk

29<sup>th</sup> December The Board of Education has accepted the following tenders Additions to Clareville School Rose and Mason PP

**1913**

3<sup>rd</sup> February School reopened today. Quite a few have dropped off and next week the roll will need a purge

The work in connection with the new room was begun on Thursday Why the painting of the interior should not have been done during the holiday NO TEACHER can tell though the contractor or architect could perhaps tell why.

**13TH FEBRUARY LETTER FROM J M BEECHEY HEAD TEACHER TO WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD. THE POINTS HE MADE INCLUDED**

- A) TWO ROOMS ONE FOR THE SENIORS AND THERE IS NO ROOM FOR FLOOR DRAFTS (SIC) OR FREE ARM DRAWING ON BLACKBOARDS**

- B) AS HEAD MASTER I AM IN CHARGE OF THIS ROOM BUT NECESSITY TO HAVE THE ASSISTANT IN THE ROOM TOO**
- C) WE CANNOT POSSIBLY MANAGE TO WORK SILENT AND OTHER LESSONS WITH ALL THESE CLASSES IN ONE ROOM**
- D) IN STD 4, 5 AND 6 I HAVE 41 CHILDREN TO OVERSEE AND INSTRUCT, QUITE ENOUGH IF ONE HAS THE ROOM TO ONE SELF.**
- E) MY ASSISTANT HAS 26 CHILDREN IN THE SAME ROOM AND LESSONS SUCH AS READING AND RECITATION ARE VERY HARD TO MANAGE**
- F) THE ROLL IS NOW 115**
- G) 48 ARE IN THE INFANT ROOM AND ALLOWING FOR THE 10 FEET ALLOWED IN THE ACT THERE SHOULD NOT BE MORE THAN 37.**
- H) THE ROOM FACES THE WEST AND IN THE AFTERNOON IN SUMMER THE TEMPERATURE OFTEN REACHES 85 DEGREES 29.4 CELSIUS). LITTLE CHILDREN CONFINED IN SUCH A TEMPERATURE SUFFER GREAT DISCOMFORT AND NATURALLY THEIR HEALTH IS LIKELY TO SUFFER.**

**LETTER FROM WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD APPEALING TO SECRETARY OF EDUCATION FOR SUPPORT.**

- A) THE HEADMASTER MAKES A GOOD CASE FOR ANOTHER ROOM**
- B) IN THE JUNIOR ROOM WHILE NOMINALLY 23'6 BY 19' HAS IN IT, NOT ONLY A CHIMNEY BELONGING TO THAT ROOM BUT AN ENORMOUS CHIMNEY EXTERNAL TO THE LARGER CLASSROOM. SO THAT THE USEABLE SPACE IS 20' X 19' (6.01 METERS BY 5.79 METERS)**

**GIVING SPACE FOR NOT MORE THAN 30 CHILDREN THERE ARE HOWEVER 48 ON THE ROLL**

- C) AN EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE IN GETTING TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION BUT THE LOCAL COMMITTEE REPORTS THAT SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION IS NOT TO BE HAD,.**
- d) THERE APPEARS MOREOVER TO BE NO PROSPECT OF A FALL IN ATTENDANCE**

20<sup>th</sup> March The new room is approaching completion It is of a very good design and the contractors are putting in particularly good work and timber in it. The inside and outside of the old school building have been painted and the whole place looks fresh and clean.

Took names of the children who wished to join in the excursion to see the new flagship New Zealand. 55 Wish to go

18<sup>th</sup> April School excursion to visit Battleship New Zealand. Railway people were very careful and thoughtful over the affair. 40 children went,

9<sup>th</sup> May This week the average is even worse than last week The weather is very cold and wet. The Andrew's have left to go to Taumarunui. Many changes have taken place in the school since the holiday. 38 children leaving and 29 being admitted

12<sup>th</sup> June. Today the new room was officially opened by Mr Hogg Wellington Education Board member, and G Sykes MP. Both gentlemen gave suitable addresses to parents, members of School Committee and children present

12<sup>th</sup> June Mr. A. W. Hogg, representing the Wellington Education Board, will officially open a new room at the Clareville public School PP

20<sup>th</sup> June. The infant division is attending remarkably well

7<sup>th</sup> July Caned Whitford (Round legs) for openly threatening before his classmates “to tell his father’ when corrected for not doing right turn when in line.

9<sup>th</sup> July Today a complaint from Whitford

11<sup>th</sup> July Further complaints from Whitford saying he was taking his child to the Doctor and to the chairman of committee.

15<sup>th</sup> August. Many children have gone through the vaccination ordeal and this with measles had affected the attendance for some weeks now.

29<sup>th</sup> August. Announced an extension of holidays as teachers are attending agriculture classes in Masterton.

19<sup>th</sup> September. Received notification re Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup> being declared a holiday for Dominion Day

26<sup>th</sup> September. 9 children have been admitted.

31<sup>st</sup> September. This has been a very broken week. Inspection holiday, show holiday and labour day all being observed as holidays

**13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER. FULL AND FINAL PAYMENT FOR ADDITIONS TO CLAREVILLE SCHOOL HAVE BEEN MADE PAINTING OF SCHOOL THE WHOLE OF THE OUTSIDE WOODWORK INCLUDING SHELTER SHED TO RECEIVE ONE GOOD COAT OF RED LEAD PRIMING AND TWO GOOD COATS OF CHAMPION’S GENUINE WHITE LEAD AND PURE LINSEED OIL PAINT.**

**THE WHOLE OF THE INSIDE WALLS AND CEILINGS OF CLASSROOM AND CORRIDOR (DADOES EXCEPTED) TO RECEIVE 3 GOOD COATS OF PURE WHITE LEAD AND LINSEED OIL PAINT. WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY ROSE AND MASON.**

## 1914

7<sup>th</sup> February School Residence Painted.

14<sup>th</sup> February Now the roll is purged the numbers of scholars belonging to the school is 93

27<sup>th</sup> February The asphalt between the buildings is now finished and will be a decided help in keeping the classrooms clean. The total cost is £5-10-0 I understand this work is on the top of the metalling done in June and is a decided improvement to the surroundings. I hope to get a further piece done next season

18<sup>th</sup> March., Dr Elizabeth Gunn made a medical inspection in Standard’s two and three today. Notices, 20 in number, in connection with her report were posted

9<sup>th</sup> April Yesterday the chairman of the board Mr Lee visited the school staying the afternoon

9<sup>th</sup> May. Announced 3 weeks’ vacation owing to teacher’s physical instruction course immediately before term holiday.

4<sup>th</sup> June. Prince of Wales Birthday holiday was taken yesterday so that school could go right on when it started

14<sup>th</sup> September Physical instructors visited school Miss Blackburn and Mr Longworth

## 1915

2<sup>nd</sup> February The Junior assistant has sent in her resignation. The country is very dry

3<sup>rd</sup> March Miss Dixon has come to relieve until Miss I McKenzie is able to come

8<sup>th</sup> April Miss McKenzie took up her duties

5<sup>th</sup> July School Committee Meeting

- a) Mr Beechey reported roll of 90
- b) Some chalk was wanted for school use
- c) The gates in girls flower garden needed fixing
- d) Arbor day is fixed for July 14<sup>th</sup>
- e) The subcommittee inspecting fences interviewed Mr Meenkin but could not get any satisfactory reply from him. It was resolved that Mr C Campbell to try and make arrangements with Meenkin failing this to serve notice upon him under the Fencing Act.

f) School Cleaning to Lily Bell £2.00

16<sup>th</sup> July Today I got an open order from Wellington Education Board office for seeds and manures. I shall try to procure Sutton's as I have not been at all pleased with Coopers seeds the past two seasons.

6<sup>th</sup> August. Fine all week. Average 84. So far the weather for the time of the year has been very favourable

4<sup>th</sup> October I had to leave Miss Moncrieff in charge while I went away for a few days owing to my wife's illness. Left Friday returned Tuesday night and began work again on Wednesday morning.

5<sup>th</sup> October. Mr Campbell reported he had spoken to Mr Meenkin about repairing the fence but he refused to do anything.

6<sup>th</sup> December Mr Beechey to arrange with Mrs Bell to scrub and disinfect the rooms during the holiday.

## 1916

1<sup>st</sup> February Miss Mckenzie has telegraphed saying that the Board has granted her a week's extension of holidays- owing to her brother leaving for the front

7<sup>th</sup> February Miss Mckenzie has sent word she returns tomorrow

7<sup>th</sup> February Moved that the school picnic be held on the Taratahi Racecourse on February 26<sup>th</sup> to commence at 1.00

To procure 10 lbs of sugar, 8 lbs of butter, 1 ham and tongue, 1 tin lollies, 1 lb of paper bags

Mr Buckley 1 lb of tea

I Fisher Firewood

Wadham and Monaghan Milk

3<sup>rd</sup> July. Correspondence was received from Mrs Udy re her daughters punishment. No action was taken.

An account for water rate of **£ 1.00 WAS RECEIVED**

The chairman to procure 3 boxes chalk, 1 axe handle and 1 broom

25<sup>th</sup> July. Packed and sent away 8 cases and a sack of various things which will be sold in aid of the Belgian Children's funds

## 1917

As during 1916 the attendance fell, Miss Mckenzie was removed. So Miss Moncrieff and I will have to carry on the work. Miss Moncrieff will take the Infants to Standard 2. This is a somewhat unsatisfactory ending to my school career- to lose an assistant when one more year's work will permit my retiring. I shall have 40 year's service (From passing of Education Act in 18877) at the end of the year. Several scholars are leaving passed Standard 6 and others to change school.

5<sup>th</sup> February Headmaster reported that roll was 66. Some had gone to the convent school and some going to high school.

26<sup>th</sup> February. **£8-8-6 HAD BEEN COLLECTED FOR THE PICNIC. IT WAS RESOLVED THAT MRS — BE ASKED TO CATER FOR THE PICNIC.**

15<sup>th</sup> March Mr F R Just, instructor in Physical Education called at the school today. Mr Just criticised methods and in the infant department suggested another course more advanced than Miss Blackburn gave last year. "Fundamental Position" received quite a good portion of the Instructor's time.

About a dozen children of very poor physique came under the notice of the inspector.

23<sup>rd</sup> March The weather has been very warm this week and I have taken the drill work under the shadows of the trees- thinking the blazing sun too strong

5<sup>th</sup> May. 2 Withdrawals reduce the roll to 62

22<sup>nd</sup> June. Received a notification from Wellington Education Board as to steps being taken to alleviate distress of London School Children hurt by aeroplane raids and asked children to bring their pence (Result £1/13/0)

27<sup>th</sup> July Inspector reports the attendance at this school fluctuates very considerably. Four years ago the roll number was 114 and now it is only 61

24<sup>th</sup> August A great deal of wet weather late. Which has prevented gardening operations being undertaken

## 1918

5<sup>th</sup> February School reopened today Average 48

22<sup>nd</sup> February I had 3 inches of rain last week (*76 millimetres*)

26<sup>th</sup> February Miss Moncrieff unable to attend school this morning as her mother died this morning.

2<sup>nd</sup> March. Miss Moncrieff absent on leave for a month A relieving teacher Miss Nutsford is taking her place.

20<sup>th</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup>. These 3 days I was absent my presence being required up the Main Trunk on account of the big fire. Miss Nutsford took my upper standards and Miss Philpott, the daughter of the chairman kindly came along to assist.

25<sup>th</sup> Half day school the afternoon being a holiday for Anzac Day. Nearly all the students attended the public service in Carterton held to celebrate the anniversary.

3<sup>rd</sup> May I got a parcel of brown paper and 30 boxes of chalk to use to cover part of the new drawing programme

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Moncrieff returned to duty after two months sick leave

10<sup>th</sup> May. Roll 51.

7<sup>th</sup> May As Len Sewell has left and gone to Featherston our roll number is 50. Several cases of sore throats and gastric influenza about.

3<sup>rd</sup> June. School holiday Kings Birthday and Empire Day.

7<sup>th</sup> June Had to get some necessary work done in Boy's lavatory. One of the bowls was broken by a boy named Steffert. Two very sharp frosts

22<sup>nd</sup> July. Snow on Saturday but today a big fall again. Very low attendance on 22<sup>nd</sup>

30<sup>th</sup> September I finish my term of service and retire today- I have been in charge here since June 1<sup>st</sup> 1909. Several improvements have been effected since I took charge- the most noticeable being the new infant room

Owing to the energetic help by Committee I was able to get a septic tank installed and it has been a great source of satisfaction to me.

Asphalting has been done round the buildings and metalling and a new shelter shed erected. All this in the 9 years I have been in charge.



Just at present the roll is very low, but I feel pretty sure that it will rise again in the course of a year or two.

I have been very fortunate in having such a good School Committee,  
15<sup>th</sup> October 1918. A letter from Wellington Education Board was read. As to whether it would not be advisable to send the Children Mr Beechey taught to Carterton School and only retain the lower standards under Mrs Moncrieff. The chairman was instructed to write to the Board informing them that the committee and parents of the children strongly objected to the scheme.

18<sup>th</sup> October After all I have put in another fortnight here. The Secretary of the Wellington Education Board asked me to continue for a fortnight owing to a relieving teacher not being available- I have done so- but finished up today. Miss Fellingham relieves me.

21<sup>st</sup> October Miss M U Fellingham There were 20 children present in this room

11<sup>th</sup> November Closed school on account of influenza Epidemic.

28<sup>th</sup> November .Received notice to send returns etc by 2<sup>nd</sup> December also notice to pay out cheques for November and December.

## 1919

4<sup>th</sup> February There was a good attendance of children left in the upper room 11 children were admitted

The weather is fine but muggy. The school has been thoroughly cleaned throughout

31<sup>st</sup> March. I leave here to relieve at Kaiwairangi Mr Williams of Kaiwairangi succeeds me.

1<sup>st</sup> April Mr J T Williams commenced duties here today

3<sup>rd</sup> April The school was visited today by the Minister of Education, Mr Hansen and the Chairman of the Wellington Education Board Mr Forsyth, They were accompanied by Mr Hornsby MP, Mr Hughan Mayor of Carterton Mr Moss Member of Wellington Education Board and Mr Philpott chairman of the School Committee.

Some very necessary improvements especially to the residence were brought under the party's notice. In honour of the event the Minister granted the children a half holiday.

14<sup>th</sup> April . The chairman gave a hearty welcome to Mr Williams on behalf of the committee and householders. Mr Williams responded saying he would do his best

2<sup>nd</sup> July. It was agreed to provide hot cocoa at lunchtime

Moved that the partitions in the lavatories be made higher.

Write to Wellington Education Board asking for the residence to be connected to the septic tank.

10<sup>th</sup> July Mr Cumming Agriculture Instructor had a talk with classes about fruit trees and pruning

21<sup>st</sup> July Holiday for peace celebrations

12<sup>th</sup> December Unveiling of roll of honour. Address appropriate to the occasion was delivered by Mr J T M Hornsby MP and the Revs Young (Anglican), Tipler (Presbyterian) and Ward (Methodist) Mr Philpott former chairman of School Committee occupied the chair.

## 1920

17<sup>th</sup> February New Syllabus came to hand

19<sup>th</sup> February. School reopened a fortnight later on account of influenza

9<sup>th</sup> July That a card tournament and dance be held in the hall on Friday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. Gents 2/- ladies a basket.

30<sup>th</sup> November Dr Patterson Medical Inspector visited school

2<sup>nd</sup> December. Mr Darroch Secretary Wellington branch of the Navy League accompanied by Colonel and Mrs Roberts, visited the school addressed the children and presented souvenir photos of the Prince of Wales for members of the Clareville sub branch. Colonel Roberts also spoke. Mr Howard Booth Mayor of Carterton presided.

2<sup>nd</sup> December. That Wallis's be asked to fix spouting and keep birds out of ceiling at school

9<sup>th</sup> December South Wairarapa school sports holiday

## 1921

Mr J Williams Head Teacher. Miss Moncrieff Assistant

1<sup>st</sup> February Roll 60

18<sup>th</sup> April Chairman to interview Mrs Nicholson and see if she would sell sections used as school gardens.

16<sup>th</sup> August A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Nicholson for the use of her paddock for a school garden for a great number of years.

It was decided to try and get the Board to purchase an acre of land from Mr F Meenkin It was decided to lease ½ and acre of land from Mr D Matheson at a yearly rate £ 2 10 and rates .School Committee to keep fences in repair.

The chairman to wait on county council about gravel for school grounds.

10<sup>th</sup> November Proficiency Exams held here. Schools represented were Parkvale, Gladstone, East Taratahi, West Taratahi, Carrington-Inspector Cowles BA

## 1922

24<sup>th</sup> April Chairman to see about topping pine trees, to inspect well and see about getting a new flagpole

19<sup>th</sup> July Governor Generals Holiday (Lord Jellicoe)

19<sup>th</sup> August Inspectors Report J T Williams Grading 101 Head Teacher Miss J Moncrieff 162 Roll 78

9<sup>th</sup> October that the old rail fence between school garden and Mrs D Matheson be replaced with a cyclone wire fence

It was decided to procure 12 small chairs 3 small tables and six mats for the infant room costs to not exceed £10-00

30<sup>th</sup> November Mr Hadfield Judge of school gardens for A and P Society's shield judged the garden plots.

1<sup>st</sup> December School Sports in A and P grounds (*Centre of Carterton where rugby is now played*)

7<sup>th</sup> December, General election holiday

14<sup>th</sup> December School concert in hall. Net proceeds £11/7/- towards providing tennis and basketball outfits.

Central Library Scheme Initial contribution from Clareville £17/0/0

## 1923

1<sup>st</sup> February School reopened roll 75

19<sup>th</sup> February That the picnic be held on the racecourse. The holding of a dance on picnic night be left to the ladies.

Chairman to get gutters cleaned and the well covered.

9<sup>th</sup> March School Picnic. Fine weather

30<sup>th</sup> April That we buy a new lawnmower and scythe. Chairman to write to Wellington Education Board re floor to girls shelter shed  
Chairman to see about getting a new flagpole and a fastener for the back gate.

That we get the trees cut out by day labour and ground levelled for a tennis court.

8<sup>th</sup> May. First instalment of libraries from Central Library. *(This was a library scheme where South Wairarapa set up a library and books rotating around school)*

18<sup>th</sup> July received notice of my appointment to Petone DHS as first assistant master

24<sup>th</sup> July Mr. J. F. Williams, of the Clareville School has been appointed first assistant at the Petone District High School

13<sup>th</sup> August Carterton Red Cross (sub centre) represented by Mesdames Hornby, King, Wakelin and Fairbrother presented a framed souvenir to the school and a medallion to Miss Moncrieff in recognition of war time activities

24<sup>th</sup> August Mr T Clark from Parkvale succeeds me

11<sup>th</sup> September. T Clarke started Roll 56 boys and 32 girls Total 88

24<sup>th</sup> September Closed Dominion Day

16<sup>th</sup> Cold and wet excepted half day

17<sup>th</sup> Ditto

24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> School closed Carterton Show

31<sup>st</sup> October. Mr Direen Truant Inspector visited the school and warned the irregular attendants

12<sup>th</sup> November Mr Clarke given a hearty welcome as Head Master.

Left to Mr Clarke to get 4 towels and 2 brooms

Mr Clarke and chairman to get price of asphalt tennis court with power to act.

Chairman to write to Wellington Education Board for subsidy for court

7<sup>th</sup> December. School closed Wairarapa South School Sports. W George a pupil attending the school was the winner of the primary boy's championship with a total of 10 points made up as follows. 1<sup>st</sup> in 100 yards. 3<sup>rd</sup> in mile, 2<sup>nd</sup> in ½ mile 1<sup>st</sup> in ¼ mile and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 120 yards hurdles

## 1924

5<sup>th</sup> February Roll 45 Boys 29 Girls

Received a supply of chalk, cardboard and Plasticene

20<sup>th</sup> February From a note on the Blackboard it appears that Inspector Cowles paid a visit and found the school closed

29<sup>th</sup> February School picnic School closed.

19<sup>th</sup> March. Dr Barclay and Nurse Wallace visited and medically examined the children present during the day

27<sup>th</sup> March. Dr Barclay paid a visit this morning and left me a supply of pills which are to be issued once a week to those suffering with goitre

23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> April Miss Moncrieff is away from duty being held up at Otane Hawkes Bay owing to railway strike.

25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac Day School closed

5<sup>th</sup> May The balance at Householders meeting was a credit of £17/9/7  
That the action of the chairman in refusing to conference with the Carterton School Committee re change of school boundaries be endorsed.

2<sup>nd</sup> June received a school clock from Wellington Education Board  
30<sup>th</sup> June Frank Wiley gashed his arm badly necessitating my taking him into Dr Tweet who dressed it and put in two stitches. I was in consequence of this away from 12.30 pm to 2 pm. He is at school this morning

30<sup>th</sup> September That we get the tennis court ploughed

December The Wellington Education Board informed that they had given authority to install the fittings in the school residence by the Power Board

Re Lights That we apply for 10 points for the school residence and 5 points for the school

That we procure one first aid cabinet price £2/15/0

The Head Teacher reported the roll was 79

6<sup>th</sup> October Mr Lawton Agriculture Advisor named two lots of weeds and gave an interesting lecture on the Puriri Moth which one of the pupils had brought to school

6<sup>th</sup> October. Inspectors report included

- A) Roll 74 Present 71
- B) Mr T Clarke Grading No 109 Head Teacher
- C) Miss J Moncrieff Grading No 154 Assistant
- D) The Standard classroom is badly lighted

8<sup>th</sup> October 13<sup>th</sup> October I was away from school owing to illness

20<sup>th</sup> The school concert is to be held tonight in the Clareville Hall

21<sup>st</sup> The school concert was successful The school funds will benefit after expenses are met by £ 18.00

27<sup>th</sup> November I attended the proficiency exam held by Inspector Cowles at Carterton today 4/5 passed

Mr Hadfield inspected the garden plots and awarded the first place to plot 4 (Gavin Wadham) and 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Plot 2 (R Fisher) gardens

and. In the flower plots Plot 1 Vina Neich and 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Mavis Kay.

The conditions attached to the Buchanan Shield for school gardens need to have a complete revising if all schools are to compete on an equality. This is very necessary owing to the altered syllabus in Agriculture

1<sup>st</sup> December. Miss J Moncrieffe tendered her resignation to me from the position of infant mistress. And same has been forwarded to the chairman of the School Committee.

She had had continuous service in this school of over 20 years

5<sup>th</sup> December South Wairarapa Public School Sports were held at Carterton today.

Miss J Moncrieff wrote tendering her resignation from the service of the Wellington Education Board as she was retiring from the service of the board as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 1924. Accepted with regret. The committee wish to place on record their appreciation of the faithful services rendered during her twenty two years as infant mistress.

The annual concert was held on October 20<sup>th</sup> and was a great success Earned £22.17 Expenses £5/5/9 Credit £17/11/3 For which the committee wish to thank the teachers and Mrs Clarke and Miss K Campbell for the valuable assistance they rendered.

## 1925

2<sup>nd</sup> February. School still closed owing to prevailing epidemic.

4<sup>th</sup> February Miss B. Harvey appointed to Clareville School

27<sup>th</sup> February Miss G R Read Infant mistress reported for duty  
Homework begun

13<sup>th</sup> March Wellington Education Board district scheme begun so I have dropped my own scheme in favour of the Board

Announcement that schools would not reopen until after Easter. Staff to be in full attendance each day so as to have everything in order for the reopening. Diphtheria Epidemic.

1<sup>st</sup> April Received a supply of books from the Wairarapa South School's Central Library Carterton

15<sup>th</sup> April Schools reopened today.

20<sup>th</sup> April Received from W Wilton and Co

- a) Thermometer, min and max vertical
- b) A barometer tube with ½ lb mercury
- c) 2 single boxwood pulleys
- d) 2 double Boxwood pulleys
- e) 2 triple boxwood pulleys
- f) 1 model house pump
- g) 2 x 500 cc flasks
- h) 1 bag corks
- i) 1 lb flask tubing
- j) 6 test tubes
- k) ½ lb shottas chlorate
- l) ½ lb manganese dioxide

11<sup>th</sup> May. Death of Honourable William F Massey Prime Minister. School closed. The children were assembled and addressed on Mr Massey's work during his long connection with Parliament and on his great work for the Empire.

11<sup>th</sup> May One of the difficulties that is being encountered in providing the Wellington Education Board with the convincing facts for a central school for the younger pupils is the restricted area of the

Carterton School district. The top end of the borough at present is included in the Clareville School district, and the first move appears to be in the direction of having the whole of the borough declared a Carterton School district PP

14<sup>th</sup> May School closed Funeral of Mr Massey

21<sup>st</sup> May More Science equipment arrived

- a) 2 ounces potassium
- b) 1 conducting ring
- c) 1 pyrometer

Inspectors Report

- a) Mt T Clarke graded 103
- b) Miss G Read Graded 210
- c) Roll 75 present 68
- d) Approved modern methods are used intelligently, enthusiastically, and effectively
- e) The pupil's responses to oral questions are pleasing
- f) Accommodation Ample
- g) The lighting in the Headmaster's room needs attention

31<sup>st</sup> Aug. The school was thoroughly scrubbed out during the holiday.

1<sup>st</sup> December The competition for the Buchannan Shield has been won by this school. The school also won the champion plot which carries with it medals for the boys working in the plot.

11<sup>th</sup> December. Proficiency sat on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 5/6 gained proficiency and one gained competency

6<sup>th</sup> August. Framing of pictures left to Mr Clarke.

Mr Wadham to get classrooms scrubbed Mr Hall to get gravel for school grounds

That one committee man visit school each month

Left with A foster to get estimate for tennis court

**18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER LETTER FROM WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD TO DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.**

- A) THE RESIDENCE WAS ERECTED IN 1878**
- B) NOT CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR A HEAD TEACHERS RESIDENCE.**
- C) THE ROOMS ARE SMALL AND NOT WELL LIGHTED**
- D) THE MAIN HALL IS 3' 9 WITH VERY LITTLE LIGHT**
- E) THE BUILDING IS CLOSE TO THE GROUND WITH DEFECTIVE TIMBERS AND CONSIDERABLY AFFECTED WITH BORER**
- F) RECOMMEND THAT THE BUILDING BE CONDEMNED AND SOLD FOR REMOVAL**

**10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER. A REPLY BACK SAYING NOT THIS FINANCIAL YEAR. TOO MANY DEMANDS. IT WILL BE DEFERRED**

**21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER PENCIL NOTES ON BOTTOM OF PAGE, EITHER WELLINGTON EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NOTES OR MR SAVAGE DEPARTMENT ARCHITECT**

- A) RESIDENCE NOT CONNECTED TO SEPTIC TANK**
- B) SEVEN ROOMS,**
- C) LITTLE BORER**
- D) FLOORS A LITTLE SHAKY**
- E) MAINTENANCE GOOD**
- F) ELECTRIC LIGHT RECENTLY INSTALLED**
- G) OUTSIDE WEATHER BOARDING TOTARA AND IN GOOD CONDITION**
- H) VERANDAH FLOOR A LITTLE SHAKY AND REQUIRES ATTENTION**
- I) H M STATED THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF A NEW RESIDENCE**

**1926**

**26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**R SAVAGE. BOARD ARCHITECT SUMMED UP THOUGH THE HOUSE IS OF THE OLD TYPE ITS CONDITION DOES NOT WARRANT ABANDONMENT AND IN MY OPINION IS GOOD FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS**

1<sup>ST</sup> February The school reopened. The school is being repainted The paint in my room is still wet and as a result much of it is coming off on the children's clothes

3<sup>RD</sup> February The paint is still wet in my room

11<sup>TH</sup> February Decided to hold the school picnic on Taratahi racecourse on Saturday March 6<sup>TH</sup>

The chairman to write to Wellington Education Board re gramophone.

The Head Teacher reported that 5/6 obtained proficiency and the other competency

22<sup>ND</sup> February Miss G R Read Infant mistress is away from school and will be away for a period of 7 to 10 days. With a severe attack of tonsillitis. A Doctors certificate has been sent to the Board. Mrs Clarke is taking charge pending the arrival of a relieving teacher

4<sup>TH</sup> March Miss Clarke applied to chairman for two extra days. Making a period of 14 days

3<sup>RD</sup> May The balance sheet had not been returned by the auditor but showed a debit of £10/6/3d

Dental clinic To write to Secretary of the South Wairarapa School Committee Assn asking him to call a meeting to try and get a dental clinic started in the South Wairarapa.

That we get the Tennis Court be dug up and levelled then sown down in grass.

Left with the chairman to get it done

That a Gramophone be purchased from the Wellington Education Board

Wellington Education Board advised that they were doing repairs to the residence and putting in a new range.

Also the Board's carpenter would improve the ventilation in the school

5<sup>th</sup> August Inspectors Report

- a) T Clarke Graded 96
- b) Miss G R Read Graded 197 Infant Mistress
- c) Roll 66 present 61
- d) There is at present a spare room
- e) The children have raised quite a number of seedlings

23<sup>rd</sup> Mrs A Johnston Child Welfare Officer visited today. Her address is Box 2 Government Buildings Wellington

24<sup>th</sup> September Miss Blackburn visited today and took rhythmical games with infant and upper school.

25<sup>th</sup> October The school is open as permission has been granted to the committee to observe Labour Day on the first day of the Carterton Show. Received 1 Columbia Granola from the Education Department (Record Player)

1<sup>st</sup> December. School gained 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the school garden competitions

1<sup>st</sup> December 6/6 passed proficiency

## 1927

1<sup>st</sup> February several children down with whooping cough.

9<sup>th</sup> February received 2 gramophone records for school use.

14<sup>th</sup> February: That the grass on the tennis court be burnt off and that the work be left in the hands of Mr Foster to carry out

The Gramophone and 2 records were received from Wellington Education Board at a cost of £5. It was moved by Mr Wadham that we spend £5 on records

Mr Clarke reported that 6/6 obtained proficiency

The school finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the school garden competition. Belvedere were first

We also wish to place on record that Jack Archer won the championship in primary events at the South Wairarapa Schools Sports

5<sup>th</sup> March The Boys and Girls from Standard 3-6 were taken to Masterton to see the Duke and Duchess of York.

7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> March. School closed in honour of the Royal Visit.

16<sup>th</sup> March Received 11 gramophone records.

25<sup>th</sup> April School made and laid 2 wreaths on the Soldiers Memorial Stone in Carterton

9<sup>th</sup> May Roll 73

The gramophone records have been supplied by the Wellington Education Board.

That another bubble fountain be put in.

Also that Mr Wallis repair window cords etc.

That Miss G Read be congratulated on the very able way which she carried out her duties at the picnic.

28<sup>th</sup> July Inspectors Report

- a) T Clarke Ranked 89<sup>th</sup>
- b) Miss Read Ranked 194
- c) Roll 71 Present 66

14<sup>th</sup> September Mr H W Lawton Agriculture Adviser came and gave a lesson on onions to the Senior Room

19<sup>th</sup> September. Miss Read is away from school with Synovitis of the knee caused by a fall sustained in the playground. A medical certificate was received from Dr Slater Wellington stating that Miss Read would be away for several days.

29<sup>th</sup> September The chairman's action in granting leave of Absence to Mr Clarke was endorsed

Mr T Clarke's resignation was accepted with regret His duties to terminate on September 30<sup>th</sup>

Miss Read was granted leave of absence on account of an accident from September 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Roll 73

30<sup>th</sup> September I finished up here today Mr Bell of Upper Hutt Succeeds. To whom I wish every success

3<sup>rd</sup> October. I commenced duties here today as relieving teacher L R Wingfield

31<sup>st</sup> October C R Bell took control today. Everything apparently in order Miss Read's roll number is 43

3<sup>rd</sup> November Mr C R Bell notified the School Committee that he had assumed control of the school as from 1<sup>st</sup> November and expressed himself pleased with things as he found them. Also that the relations between the committee and himself would be the happiest

That school open at 10.00 rather 9.00 as at present

7<sup>th</sup> November George Gregory returned to school but sent home again for further week according to health regulations (Mumps)

11<sup>th</sup> November. Armistice Day Two minutes silence carried out indoors

Lunch over in half an hour. Afternoon session commenced 1.40  
Closed 3.10. Continuous Rain

14<sup>th</sup> November Lunch 1 pm 1.40 Closed school 3.40 Over 90% of children lunch at school The playground being in such a bad state. The weather atrocious Still raining (4.40) and many children having colds

15<sup>th</sup> November. Still raining Lower parts of grounds under water.

5<sup>th</sup> December. Made train and other arrangements to visit Wairarapa industrial Exhibition

6<sup>th</sup> December Measles in district 3 families affected so far.

The main posts of front fence of school grounds and residence bow to the breeze of the Wairarapa

7<sup>th</sup> December. Mumps, Measles and other ailments make attendance thin.

8<sup>th</sup> December. A party of school children- 40 visited industrial exhibition Children enjoyed the outing the more so on an unsettled week.

9<sup>th</sup> December. School closed. Sydney Boustead won the primary schools Boys championships at Annual South Wairarapa sports.

13<sup>th</sup> December. Closing emergency Only 22 % present. On recommendation of Mr Fisher junior Chairman of Committee closed for the year.

14<sup>th</sup> December Distributed books reports certificates re to those who called today.

## 1928

1<sup>st</sup> February Miss Davies reported for duty as probationer



2<sup>nd</sup> February Probationer Teacher appointed Mr. C. Wiseley;  
Clareville School

6<sup>th</sup> February Handwork material arrived by rail

16<sup>th</sup> February Progress is not quite satisfactory, Many afternoons since opening of school the thermometer in the room has stood at from 80° to 85° F (*27° to 30° C*)

13<sup>th</sup> February Repairs urgently needed reported to the School Committee

- a) Fence along frontage of school residence
- b) Bath and Sink for residence
- c) Papering not done in back room in residence
- d) Fireplace in dining Room
- e) Cisterns in outer offices
- f) Broken windows
- g) Swings and Flagpole
- h) Leakages (Spouting infant room)
- i) Lopping of lower tree branches
- j) Clearing noxious weeds

24<sup>th</sup> February Drought broken at last 65 points of rain recorded by 9 am.

Roll 74

2<sup>nd</sup> March. Annual picnic under auspices of School Committee successful under ideal conditions. Well patronised especially by mothers.

Silver medal for all round athlete (under 12) presented by Mr Campbell was won by A Fisher

29<sup>th</sup> March. All broken windows repaired. Miss Read absent from duty by permission of chairman of committee.

23<sup>rd</sup> March Residence faults corrected

24<sup>th</sup> May Several sent home owing to chicken pox

25<sup>th</sup> June Repairs to school fences completed.. Cut down trees in boys playground.

12<sup>th</sup> July. Boys defeated Parkvale at rugby 32 to 5. Mr Campbell has kindly lent his paddock for rugby, committee supplying substantial goal posts. We lost the return match 29-22

June Average Temp 44.6° F (*7° Celsius*), Rainfall 4.68 inches. (*118 millimetres*) Prevailing wind S. Measurements taken at 9 am.

17<sup>th</sup> August. School Committee chairman drawn to leaks in boys passage in upper room and in the room itself. Also the state of the flooring in the girl's offices.

4<sup>th</sup> September. Floors scrubbed. First time in years

11<sup>th</sup> September C.R.O was admitted to the school. Early he showed that he would have to be watched. Last term he received at my hands a severe reminder that insubordination, insolence and obscene use of language would not be tolerated in Clareville School . As this boy has lost the use of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> joints of both index fingers I administered the thrashing on either glutinous maximums. He promised not to use bad language again especially in front of the girls.

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September Mrs Bellworthy child welfare called. Believing that this lad was a menace to the peaceful working and discipline of this school reported his conduct to her and confidentially stated my grounds for further suspicion.

As the boy who is a state boarded out child, 12 years 3 months admitted swearing in the playground for this his 2<sup>nd</sup> offence I punished him in the presence of only boys 11/9/28.

He is a bright boy apparently and under guidance and vigilance should develop into a good pupil. Mr and Mrs Vennell, Carterton are

his foster parents. He left Clyde Quay school 8/6/28 entering Brooklyn 12/6/28 leaving that school 29/6/28. His previous records are not so far available i.e. of conduct.

28<sup>th</sup> September The boy purchased cigarettes in Carterton , recommended child welfare department to transfer this child (Carried Out)

24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> October. £12 of sports gear have been purchased. Funded by proceeds of sale of plant seedlings

3<sup>rd</sup> October Inspectors Report included

- a) Mr Bell Grading 96 Roll 33
- b) Miss G R Read 190 assisted by Miss N Davies probationer Roll 42

1<sup>st</sup> December Won Buchanan Shield for best gardens

13<sup>th</sup> February That Mr Foster engage labour to grub blackberry, fill the old well with tins, cut trees and cut the limbs into firewood also get spouting around school cleaned.

Left to chairman to see about flagpole and get windows and steps repaired. Also see Underhill re lavatories and get 10 foot hose for same

Mr Bell was congratulated on the tidy appearance of the grounds around the residence.

23<sup>rd</sup> April Householders meeting £21/17/8 in credit

Also the new hose had been put in the boy's lav, also the flush tanks in both boys and girls had been repaired. The old well filled in, trees cut back and cut into firewood and stacked.

16<sup>th</sup> July: The Secretary write to Secretary of South Wairarapa School Library Committee and find out the amount contributed by each school

28<sup>th</sup> November The chairman reported that the fences were put in a good state of order.

Mr Bell reported that tennis net, racquets had been purchased for the children.

The annual inspection report showed that good progress had been made in all classes. 5/7 got proficiency 1 endorsed competency and 1 competency

It was agreed that the Clareville tennis Club could use the court on the following conditions

That the club do not use the court between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm on school days.

The children to have use of the court on Saturday morning when required.

## 1929

15<sup>th</sup> March Annual Picnic at Taratahi Racecourse. Clifford Archer (Watch as prize) Margaret Hatch and Jean Foster tied for girls aggregate (books)

1<sup>st</sup> May 18 New Desks arrived

10<sup>th</sup> May School closed with a Farewell to Miss G R Read in the local hall who has spent 4 years here. Miss O'Donnell reported to fill infant mistress position permanently

20<sup>th</sup> September. Mr Darroch Secretary Navy League addressed massed pupils. Dr Dougall, lady doctor was at work all day

23<sup>rd</sup> September. It is most difficult to find "items" for the School Committee to deal with. This year so far I have not met my committee since the annual meeting of Householders.

Wells of desks have been painted black as an experiment Effect on eyes??? Sold 500 gums,.

Dramatisation of incidents in history. Action rather than words which will follow. Rendezvous in Mr Campbell's paddock.

Work in school gardens commenced

1<sup>st</sup> October Viewed at 11 am Brilliant display of halos around sun

10<sup>th</sup> October. Lecture to boys on bad language used in the school ground occasionally still, as is the case in most school. Punished Standard 1 boy not for actual swearing but for using certain words of which he knew the meaning "said for fun". This evil influence is evidentially a 13 year old Masterton cousin

30<sup>th</sup> October. School exhibit of garden produced grasses awarded 1<sup>st</sup> prize

28<sup>th</sup> February Mr Bell reported that rain came in two rooms of the residence and that one room required papering. Wellington Education Board to be asked to attend to matters

Mr Wilson and chairman opposed to taking the swings down.

22<sup>nd</sup> April

Miss Davies Probationer started teaching on February 1<sup>st</sup> and left at the end of the year.

The school gained the Bunny Buchanan Shield for the best garden in the district.

Miss Gwen Read's resignation was accepted with regret. From May 26<sup>th</sup>

## 1930

3<sup>rd</sup> February In bright sunshine school opened today. The long vacation was spoilt by excessive rain

7<sup>th</sup> Feb received word today that no assistant teacher (extra) will be appointed. But if the number on the roll reaches 84 or 85 I am to communicate again with the board. Books for state boarded out children to hand. Roll 45 boys 31 girls Total 76.

1<sup>st</sup> May. Mr Brockett paid a visit. Questioned on Dairy Science

26<sup>th</sup> May. Miss Carter reported for duty today as an extra student teacher.

2<sup>nd</sup> June Received Board's communication that I have been appointed to Miramar South – 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant

8<sup>th</sup> July School closed 1.55 p m by direction of Chairman School Committee on the Death of Sir Joseph Ward Prime Minister.

3<sup>rd</sup> July To Mrs E M Peters of Parkvale School my successor I wish success

24<sup>th</sup> July Mrs. E. M. Peters, head teacher, Clareville School PP

5<sup>th</sup> September Mrs E M Peters took charge here today Miss Foss has been Relieving Head Teacher since Mr Bell relinquished

Miss D G O'Donnell ranked 190 on grading list. Mrs E M Peters ranked 107 Head Teacher. Roll 80

July 1930 Miss Carter had been appointed relieving teacher from May 26<sup>th</sup> Also that woodwork and domestic science would be held at Carterton from 1 pm till 3.00 at Carterton School

Chairman to make arrangements to get girls to Domestic Science every week

3 Cords of firewood to be ordered from Mr B Jensen

Mr Bell tendered his resignation as from 1<sup>st</sup> August he being appointed assistant master at Miramar South school. That we place on record the good work done both for the school and district by Mr C R Bell while at Clareville.

Decided to meet at the school on Friday at 2 pm to inspect the grounds

That the Secretary write to the Wellington Education Board protesting about the appointment of a Female as Head Teacher when we have already got 2 female teachers. We being of the opinion that where there are three female teachers there should be one male teacher at the same time we have nothing against Mrs Peters as a teacher

10<sup>th</sup> August Wellington Education Board writes that the appointment of Mrs Peters must stand as Head Teacher and that we would be losing the assistant teacher at the end of the year.

A written complaint was received from Mrs Tom McKenzie that Miss Carter hit one of their children across the face with a ruler and asked the committee to take action in the matter. After full discussion it was left with the chairman to interview Miss Carter and advise not to use the ruler when punishing children.

The chairman to get the windows and lock on door repaired.

## 1931

2<sup>nd</sup> February Roll 77

Next Meeting

The chairman reported he had interviewed Miss Carter re complaint and Miss Carter said she never used a ruler to punish the children.

The chairman welcomed Mrs Peters stating that as Head Teacher we hoped she would work with the committee for the benefit of school and children.

It was decided to get Bairstow and Ashton to put a door in the girls Lavatory. Also repair the window and door fastener.

27<sup>th</sup> July A vote of Sympathy was passed to Mrs Beechey on the death of Mr Beechey a former Head Teacher at Clareville School

The Chairman and Mr McKenzie to interview Parkvale committee re Dental Clinic.

14<sup>th</sup> December Correspondence was received from the Master Printers Guild re the printing of school books with the object of having the price reduced.

## 1932

1<sup>st</sup> February Roll 69

22<sup>nd</sup> February That we order 4 boxes of chalk from Wellington Education Board

That the sweepers pay unemployment tax

Decided to get Mr Sugrue to repair desks and cupboards in the school  
Mrs Peters to warn the boys about broken windows

18<sup>th</sup> April: That the children who sweep the classrooms also sweep the Lavatory. They be paid £1/7/6 per quarter.

28<sup>th</sup> June: From Wellington Education Board on Lectures to be given by Rev Charles Wickham on alcohol which the board approves of.

Left with the Head Teacher to arrange a time.

That Mr Fisher and McKenzie be the dental clinic delegates for the year.

The dental Committee now consists of 4 members from Carterton 2 each from the larger and 1 from the smaller country schools. The chairman to find the cost per child for treatment for the year.

That the committee met on the last Thursday of the month and that one member of the committee visit the school each month and report to the next meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> August That Mr L Hawke be appointed Clareville School representative on the calf club.

Dental Clinic. Parents have paid all their first half fees 2/6

13<sup>th</sup> September From Wellington Education Board saying that paying of postage by the Wellington Education Board would only be on letters from the Chairman, Secretary or Head Teacher

The Wellington Education Board asked if we (*Clareville School*) were in favour of helping the Otaki Health Camp financially. That no action be taken.

Mr McKenzie visited for the month and reported on work done during the month.

Mrs Peters to write to Wellington Education Board changing Labour Day for first Show Day

Mr Smith was appointed visitor for the month

3<sup>rd</sup> November: A letter was received from the Carterton Silver band offering their services at any time

Chairman to see Mr Donald re the Wellington Education Board supplying new pipes from the road to the Bubble Fountain.

Mrs Peters was given permission to get 1 lb of Jelly Ink. (*Jelly Ink is used in printing*)

Vote of thanks to Mr L Hawkes for getting grass seed and giving the boys a cricket ball

Also to the golf club for the use of their roller.

29<sup>th</sup> November Received notification from Wellington Education Board

- a) Re placing Health Department sheet on one of the school walls
- b) Temperance charts may be issued to children
- c) Navy League's Mr Darroch given permission to speak to children with committee and Head Teacher permission
- d) The Board intimated that they have made arrangements for the supply of free exercise books. Mrs Peters to make arrangement for same

December During the year a considerable number of (100-150) of 2 year old seedling eucalyptus trees which have been raised in the school forestry plot have been given to other schools

## 1933

It was decided to get the drain dug for the pipes to the Bubble Fountain by Mr Sugrue

Also to cut down two trees

27<sup>th</sup> February That we buy pencil sharpeners from Miss Philpott

28<sup>th</sup> March After some discussion it was agreed at the Householders meet to make other arrangements for cleaning the latrines.

## 1934

### Roll 51

Miss P B Trapp has been appointed temporary teacher a "Rationed Teacher" (*A rationed teacher was a trained teacher who couldn't get*

*a job during the depression and was employed in schools at £60 (\$6,805.88 ) per year and supposed to stay the whole year)*

19<sup>th</sup> March Miss Trapp is absent and will be unable to attend school for some time: Measles

20<sup>th</sup> March Miss P B Trapp has been transferred to Taratahi West School.

1<sup>st</sup> October. No pupils came to school owing to a raging gale which made roads unsafe as iron, timber and limbs of trees were blown in all directions

## 1935

I held school for half day only on 5<sup>th</sup> February On the next morning I rang Wellington Education Board and was informed that for the month of February schools were to be opened for a morning session of three and a half hours but for no afternoon sessions.

Roll in August 47

23<sup>rd</sup> August Miss O'Donnell who has been infant mistress in the school has taken up duties in Solway School.

9<sup>th</sup> September. Miss Pringle has been appointed relieving Infant Mistress and starts today.

28<sup>th</sup> October A gathering of parents and friends was held in the school in honour of Miss O'Donnell who was the recipient of a gift from the school pupils A very pleasant time was spent. The ladies dispensed afternoon tea

29<sup>th</sup> October Miss Pringle left to take up duties at Masterton West

1<sup>st</sup> November Miss Pragnell has commenced duties as Infant Mistress

## 1936

2<sup>nd</sup> February Roll 42

6<sup>th</sup> April School closed in order that children might visit Titenia's Palace at Wellington Easter Show

16<sup>th</sup> November Miss Pragnell was absent this afternoon owing to bereavement in the family

15<sup>th</sup> December School closed this morning immediately after assembly in obedience to Department of Ed orders issued because of infantile paralysis epidemic. Instruction of pupils be by correspondence lessons.

## 1937

1<sup>st</sup> March School reopened Roll 29

19<sup>th</sup> April As one pupil has contracted Infantile Paralysis I rang the Wellington Education Board and received instructions to dismiss immediately am closing school until further notice, but to continue with correspondence lessons

24<sup>th</sup> May School reopened

10<sup>th</sup> July Miss Pragnell Infant Mistress left the school today

2<sup>nd</sup> August Miss D Dodson has commenced duties as relieving Infant Mistress

20<sup>th</sup> August Mrs Dodson left

6<sup>th</sup> September Mrs Hindley Infant Mistress unable to commence duty, therefore I take sole charge

Roll 36

## 1938

February Two parents Mrs Abbott and Mrs Reid have offered and are conveying pupils to the river for swimming instructions on afternoon which suit their convenience. Mrs Reid is instructing pupils. Seventeen pupils learnt to swim. Some doing quite well while others are just beginning.

29<sup>th</sup> April School closed for afternoon that teachers may attend Speech Training Lectures in Masterton

## 1939

**13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY. PLANS FOR ALTERATIONS FOR CLASSROOMS PRESENTED TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE .**

1<sup>st</sup> February . Roll 32

28<sup>th</sup> February During the month parents have on 8 occasions conveyed pupils to Carterton Swimming baths where instruction was given. Four pupils who could not previously swim learned while one swam half mile, four fifty yards and 5 twenty five yards

4<sup>th</sup> August E M Peters Head Teacher leave of absence for two weeks Mr G Dandy took charge during my absence.

**18<sup>th</sup> JULY. NEW PLAN FOR HOUSE DESIGNED  
AN APPLICATION FOR OLD BUILDING AREA 1110 SQ FEET TO BE DEMOLISHED. REMODELLED ROOM PLUS NEW ROOM  
TEACHERS 2**

**ROLL IS 36**

**1936 ROLL IS 40 CHILDREN 1937= 37 1938 =38 1939= 40  
SECTION LISTED AS LOTS 12 AND 23 PT SECTION 188  
TARATAHI BLOCK 2 ACRES**

**18<sup>th</sup> JULY APPLYING FOR A REMODELLING OF THE 1912  
BUILDING TO AN OPEN PLAN CLASSROOM. THE**

**CONVENIENCES AND OTHER BUILDINGS ARE ALSO VERY OLD.**

**TEACHER MRS E M PETERS**

30<sup>th</sup> November Won Buchanan Bunny shield for interschool garden competitions

## 1940

16<sup>th</sup> March. On Saturday a party of children escorted to Wellington to visit the centennial Exhibition The children enjoyed themselves and I was pleased with their behaviour

27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> School closed Death of Prime Minister. Michael Joseph Savage. Died on 27<sup>th</sup> March 1940

September During last term a School Concert in aid of NZ patriotic funds raised £10-6-9d

## 1941

3<sup>rd</sup> February Roll 39

3<sup>rd</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> May Mr Brockett Agriculture Instructor called to weigh farm root crops. Owing to flood conditions one crop was out of reach

9<sup>th</sup> May relinquished today as I retire from the teaching service. To Miss Craig my successor, I wish success E M Peters

26<sup>th</sup> May F M Hendley relieving Head Teacher. Mr J P Gunn relieving

28<sup>th</sup> May Mr Brockett called to weigh root crop which had previously been left owing to flood conditions.

30<sup>th</sup> June. Mr Gunn finished today

2<sup>nd</sup> July A Creagh took up duties today.

21<sup>st</sup> October School visited by Mr Beere AA officer who spoke to children re traffic rules also showed film in local hall- no electricity in school.

**12<sup>th</sup> MARCH. ASKING FOR REPLACEMENT OF TEACHERS RESIDENCE WITH A GRANT OF £1193 TO REPLACE RESIDENCE BUILT IN 1878**

**A) MRS PETERS IS RETIRING AND HASN'T LIVED IN SCHOOL HOUSE FOR THE PAST YEAR.**

**B) A NEW APPOINTMENT IS TO BE MADE.**

**16<sup>th</sup> MAY WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD TO DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION. I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HEADMASTER AT CARTERTON SCHOOL REPORTS THAT ACCOMMODATION IS DIFFICULT TO GET AT TIMES**

**IT WILL INTEREST THE DEPARTMENT THAT A SINGLE FEMALE TEACHER HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE POSITION OF HEAD TEACHER AT CLAREVILLE.**

**27<sup>th</sup> MAY 1941. RECENTLY AN UNMARRIED SINGLE TEACHER HAS BEEN APPOINTED AND WILL SECURE SATISFACTORY BOARD.**

**I RECOMMEND YOUR APPROVAL OF THE CONDEMNATION OF THE SCHOOL RESIDENCE.**

**6<sup>th</sup> JUNE RESIDENCE CONDEMNED**

## 1942

27<sup>th</sup> February School picnic held in school ground, beautiful weather, and very successful gathering

28<sup>th</sup> May Mr Brockett called again but weather too bad to dig and weigh carrots (Dug 8<sup>th</sup> June)

25<sup>th</sup> June. Day after quake came out to school. Found all the chimneys down- visited chairman, dismissed children some of whom had come to school.

29<sup>th</sup> June School as usual repairs to chimneys having been effected during the weekend

29<sup>th</sup> September School visited By Mr Brockett who took a lesson on percolation,

19<sup>th</sup> November Parents day in local hall- display of works done during year handwork projects, writing drawing and art work also sewing and cooking. Prizes awarded at school

3<sup>rd</sup> December Mrs Hindley absent

17<sup>th</sup> December Mrs Hindley resumed. Function in afternoon Farewelled to Mrs Hindley who is being transferred on account of decrease of roll

## 1943

1<sup>st</sup> February School opened with much depleted roll

30<sup>th</sup> March Visit from Red Cross delegation re formation of Junior Red Cross

7<sup>th</sup> May Electric Light installed

8<sup>th</sup> June. Heaters installed in classroom

July 30<sup>th</sup> Completed my term here today. K Creagh

20<sup>th</sup> August Completed relieving duty L Young

**31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST. THE CONDEMNED SCHOOL HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR THE USE OF CLAREVILLE SCOUTS GROUP. PROVIDING THEY INSURE THE BUILDING AND REMEDY ANY DAMAGE DONE BY THE SCOUTS**

6<sup>th</sup> September. J Feist Commenced duties



10<sup>th</sup> September Capitulation of Italy School closed  
29<sup>th</sup> October forwarded 10/- to Otaki Health Camp fund  
29<sup>th</sup> November Installation of fountain and wash basin completed  
1<sup>st</sup> December J F Bell Started

## 1944

16<sup>th</sup> February School closed for Wairarapa A and P Show at Carterton

23<sup>rd</sup> February: Bricking in of fireplace done

27<sup>th</sup> April New Culvert put in.

3<sup>rd</sup> July 26 children on roll

14<sup>th</sup> July Repairs to boy's lavatory completed.

**THE CARTERTON SCOUT GROUP HAS OFFERED £20 FOR THE OLD CLAREVILLE SCHOOL TO REMOVE AND REUSE 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE. WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD THE BUILDING TO REMAIN ON SITE AS AN ARTS AND CRAFT ROOM AND ONE ROOM TO BE USED AS A PLAY ROOM FOR THE CHILDREN ON A WET DAY.**

## 1945

4<sup>th</sup> May Special holiday for fall of Berlin etc

11<sup>th</sup> June. Arrived at school to find the school had been broken into over the week end Two electric heaters, the Basketball, a box of records and stainless steel knife had been stolen and all drawers and cupboards had been upset. Notified the chairman who called the Carterton Police who then came out and took a statement after examining it to see what had happened

28<sup>th</sup> June. School closed to allow me to be a witness at Magistrates Court Lower Hutt in connection with the breaking and entering of the school

3<sup>rd</sup> August School not closed for collection of clothes for UNRA .

15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> August Closed for victory over Japan

5<sup>th</sup> October. Very wet day only 9 present. Fourth rough stormy day this term with very poor attendance.

16<sup>th</sup> November Sent Ray Buckeridge to Dr Bakewell to have piece of wood extracted from leg. Fell on stump while playing

## 1946

4<sup>th</sup> February Reliever appointed

C E Pankhurst Started Roll 24

7<sup>th</sup> July Visit of Board Architect re installation of Rua Heater.

12<sup>th</sup> October Received a lining for school football and also one dozen (12) short skipping rope and 1 long skipping rope

18<sup>th</sup> October Left school on fortnights examination leave. Relieving Teacher Mr Mckenzie Carterton

4<sup>th</sup> November Resumed duty. Discovered that 6 panes of glass had been broken in windows in old school also that floor of woodshed had been considerably damaged during my absence.

28<sup>th</sup> November roll only 8/27 pupils mumps epidemic.

## 1947

**ROLL 22**

**29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

**DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TO WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD ASKING WHAT'S HAPPENING TO EMPTY CLASSROOMS AT CLAREVILLE SCHOOL**

- A) THERE IS A TRADE REHABILITATION COURSE IN MASTERTON AND THE STUDENTS COULD PULL DOWN AND RE ERECT THE BUILDINGS**
- B) CASTLEPOINT AND MASTERTON SCHOOLS ARE OVERCROWDED**

5<sup>th</sup> July Visit from Traffic Officer Hood to show class films on safety first

17<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> October. School closed while I attended examinations for university degree examinations

1<sup>st</sup> December School closed on account of infantile paralysis epidemic

**1948**

2<sup>nd</sup> February Schools to remain closed until after Easter on account of paralysis epidemic

9<sup>th</sup> February Commenced distribution of correspondence lessons. Propose visiting each child once each week

1<sup>st</sup> March School reopened Roll 30

22<sup>nd</sup> March. School Committee decided to buy filmstrip projector. Also decided to hold school picnic on Taratahi Racecourse on the

10<sup>th</sup> April

18<sup>th</sup> June. Visit of West Taratahi to play basketball, soccer and handball results

Basketball 7-0

Soccer 0-6

Handball 2-0

**LETTER FROM MR MCKENZIE CHAIRMAN OF CLAREVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE. AT THE HOUSEHOLDERS MEETING**

- A) THE WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD SHOULD TAKE OVER AND REPAIR THE SCHOOL RESIDENCE. SOME 4 CHAINS FROM THE SCHOOL (*1 CHAIN = 66 FOOT=20.12 METERS*)**
- B) THAT PRESENT TENANTS BE ASKED TO VACATE THE HOUSE**
- C) IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE WELL BEING AND HEALTH OF THE CHILDREN, CARE OF THE GROUNDS ETC FOR THE TEACHER TO LIVE CLOSE TO THE SCHOOL**
- D) SOME TIME AGO THE RESIDENCE WAS CONDEMNED. NO TEACHER HAS LIVED NEAR THE SCHOOL BUT THE HOUSE HAS BEEN LET ALL THE TIME.**
- E) WE HAVE A MARRIED TEACHER LIVING SOME FIVE MILES DISTANCE AND HE HAS RECEIVED NOTICE HIS HOUSE IS NOW REQUIRED FOR A MARRIED COUPLE**
- F) MR PANKHURST THE TEACHER GAVE HIS WORD TO GIVE UP THE COTTAGE WHEN ASKED**
- G) THIS MEANS MR PANKHURST WILL BE MOVING ON AND THIS SCHOOL WILL HAVE TO SCRATCH ALONG**
- H) AT PRESENT THE TEACHER HAS TO CYCLE FIVE MILES NIGHT AND MORNING ARRIVING AT SCHOOL AT ABOUT 8.45 AM. (*ABOUT 3 KILOMETRES*)**
- I) HE THEN SETS THE COKE HEATER GOING ON A FROSTY MORNING THE TEMPERATURE IN THE SCHOOL IS BELOW 40 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT (*ABOUT 4<sup>o</sup> CELSIUS*)**
- J) AND EVEN WITH THE HEATER GOING WHEN HE CHILDREN COME IN IT IS STILL COLD.**

**K) IF THE HOUSE WERE TO BE PUT IN ORDER. THE FIRE COULD BE LIT AT 7.30**

**L) THE MEETING FELT THAT IF LABOURERS HAD TO LABOUR UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS THERE WOULD SOON BE A STOPWORK MEETING.**

**M) THE MEETING ALSO THOUGHT THE ROOM WANTED MORE LIGHT AND THE WINDOW PROMISED TWO YEARS AGO SHOULD BE SPEEDED UP A LITTLE.**

**10<sup>TH</sup> JULY WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD TO THE DIRECTOR IN RESPONSE TO ABOVE LETTER**

**A) A SINGLE WOMEN WAS IN CHARGE FROM JULY 1941 TO JULY 1943**

**B) ANOTHER WOMEN TO JANUARY 1946**

**C) A WOMAN RELIEVER TILL MAY**

**D) MR PANKHURST WAS SINGLE WHEN APPOINTED**

**E) NOT PROPOSED TO TAKE OVER THE HOUSE AS THE JOB WAS ADVERTISED WITHOUT A HOUSE.**

**F) THE WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD THINKS CLAREVILLE SCHOOL SHOULD AMALGAMATE WITH CARTERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL. (A DISTINCT HIGH SCHOOL WAS A SCHOOL THAT WENT THROUGH FROM INFANTS TO SECONDARY SCHOOL CLASSES)**

**FURTHER ANGRY REPLY FROM MR MCKENZIE**

**A) THE WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD HAS POLLED THE LOCAL RESIDENTS AT LEAST 6 TIMES ABOUT AMALGAMATION BUT HAD NOT GOOD SUPPORT.**

**IN REPLY WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD MR MCKENZIE IS NO LONGER SECRETARY OF CARTERTON DHS BUT CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY CLAREVILLE SCHOOL .**

**OF THE FIRE EARLY TO HAVE THE CLASSROOM WARM. IT IS THE CLEANERS JOB TO LIGHT THE FIRES TO HAVE THE CLASSROOM WARM**

**FIRE IN CHIMNEY BECAUSE OF SHONKY WORK. TEACHER PUT OUT FIRE AND THEN THE FIRE BRIGADE LIFTED OFF THE IRON TO INSPECT THE DAMAGE. SOME OF THE FLU HAD BEEN STUFFED WITH WIRE TO KEEP THE BIRDS OUT.**

## **1949**

4<sup>th</sup> February School fire group did a good job in helping to extinguish a grass fire which threatened the school

10<sup>th</sup> February Commenced swimming lessons in a pool at the back of Mr Keith Reid's, Chester Road

15<sup>th</sup> February Fire group had to help extinguish another grass fire

4<sup>th</sup> March School closed while children visited Wellington. Visit to Fords Car Work, Zoo and Shipping Wharves

9<sup>th</sup> March. School closed for polling day.

13<sup>th</sup> June Visit from West Taratahi to play soccer 0-4 and handball 0-5

6<sup>th</sup> June I have received no reply from Wellington Education Board re my request for a log book

19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> July School closed for two days while I attended an art refresher course in Carterton

3<sup>rd</sup> August Planted a number of eucalyptus trees in area at back of old school as our contribution to arbor day 1949

21<sup>st</sup> September Discovered 5 broken windows in old school. Damage caused by stones and bottles Reported matter to committee

## **1950**

1<sup>st</sup> February Roll 28 School reopened

1<sup>st</sup> March Swimming classes most successful five children passing all test

30<sup>th</sup> March. First movie film for new projector arrived

23<sup>rd</sup> May Visit to Carterton to see Empire Games film

14<sup>th</sup> September. Miss Blumhart Art specialist visited who took art lesson

## 1951

5<sup>th</sup> February Roll 30

12<sup>th</sup> March Miss Noakes District Organiser Junior Red Cross visited the school

22<sup>nd</sup> May Received notification of appointment to position at Greytown DHS as from 1<sup>st</sup> July

2<sup>nd</sup> July B Allwood started. Mr Pankhurst gone to Greytown DHS

19<sup>th</sup> July Post Office official visited who talked to the children about importance of school banking

20<sup>th</sup> July Very pleasing increase in number of children banking money Ten new books issued. B Allowed finished

17<sup>th</sup> August 23<sup>rd</sup> September School consolidated with Carterton (Temporarily)

3<sup>rd</sup> September Someone took up duties as sole teacher

11<sup>th</sup> October West Taratahi visited for a longball competition.

Clareville 97 West Taratahi 52

19<sup>th</sup> November Mr Cooksley MP inspected the school buildings

19<sup>th</sup> December. A very successful concert party held in the hall. The children gave a concert and presents were distributed from the Xmas trees

## 1952

4<sup>th</sup> February Roll 30

7<sup>th</sup> February School closed as a mark of respect to late King George V1

11<sup>th</sup> February Proclamation of new queen at 11.30 a.m. this morning

27<sup>th</sup> February Annual country school sports held in Masterton Park oval

6<sup>th</sup> March The school visited West Taratahi today to play a return Longball match. Clareville won 64-52

8<sup>th</sup> March. A very successful picnic was held on Saturday in the Greytown Domain. A bus was hired to take parents and children to and from the picnic.

14<sup>th</sup> March New supplies of tables and chairs. First issue today.

17<sup>th</sup> March School closed for a discussion day with inspectors at 1Waihakeke School.

## 1958

28<sup>th</sup> March Miss V Pemberton Phys Ed Specialist arrived at 9.15 and spent the morning at school Instruction on forward rolls and ball handling

17<sup>th</sup> April Forms 1 and 2 went down with teacher to South Wairarapa County Council meeting. Commenced 10.30 Children and teacher left at 12.15. The visit was both enlightening and educational

12<sup>th</sup> June. Miss Pemberton (Phys Ed) visited emphasis on country dancing

2 pm. Booster Polio injections given. Parkvale and West Taratahi children came to Clareville School for their injections

5<sup>th</sup> August Mr Ewing (Senior Inspector) called into the school Borrowed the old log book. Suggested that the national Film Co might make some filmstrips

8<sup>th</sup> Aug. Miss Pemberton took rope work and large ball handling

8<sup>th</sup> Aug. Log book returned by 2 other inspectors

12<sup>th</sup> September. Nurse Church called in re polio injections for 5 year olds and preschoolers

17<sup>th</sup> September. Mr Johnson Featherston called to take children for singing for those taking part in South Wairarapa Music festival. Comes again on 8<sup>th</sup> October

19<sup>th</sup> September Mrs Gaskin called to discuss post primary education of Josephine Sullivan (Gaskin) it was decided to try to get Josephine enrolled in the Home Science Course at Wairarapa College

23<sup>rd</sup> September. The young Primers, Standard 2 and Form 2 children were medically inspected. Three parents came. Only one girl had bad teeth and another had tonsils and ear trouble.

25<sup>th</sup> September Traffic Officer Doyle came. The senior children were taken first with General Road Safety, bicycle inspections and then actually riding on the road. Turning and giving hand signals. The Junior children were given the 5 safety rules.

1<sup>st</sup> October. Miss Pemberton took the children for baton changing and western roll (*High Jump*)

6<sup>th</sup> October. Mrs Church came and showed the children a film on "keeping Young and Healthy" The children's heads were examined for vermin. They were all clean

1<sup>st</sup> October Roll 41. Mrs M Thomas Head Teacher and D O Olson, Assistant

This inspection was a 12/1, (that is a general school inspection held every 3 or 4 years. Teachers had their own day long inspection for a personal grading) The school is now well equipped and settled in the new buildings The grounds and buildings well maintained in a sanitary condition.

8<sup>th</sup> October Mr Barnett from Shaw Saville Wellington came to tell the children about the Southern Cross which we hope to visit on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. He gave the children a model of the SS Southern Cross

23<sup>rd</sup> October. The Home and School Association took the children to Wellington A bus was hired and two cars went with the overflow. Toured over the Southern Cross and visited the zoo

Mr Burgess came and spent a day with Mr Olson advising him on organisation planning etc. A very welcome visit!

21<sup>st</sup> November. Mr Burgess returned and spent the day in Mr Olson's room. Very Profitable!

10<sup>th</sup> December. Mr Burgess came again and spent the day with Mr Olson. Good results however are already apparent

## 1959

5<sup>th</sup> October. Kerry Rzoska fell off the bars. Complained of hurting her wrists. Appeared more frightened than hurt but sent her home at 11.30

## 1961

6<sup>th</sup> March Ring worm infection throughout school 32 children treated for ringworm by 3.00 Very many lesions on children At 11

Called in school nurse. All children to see Doctor for treatment  
Cancelled participation in South Wairarapa Sports.

8<sup>th</sup> March School was closed yesterday on authority of Chairman  
School Committee and Ward Member Mr Yule

School opened today under instructions from Health Department

Dr Roberts visited school. Lamp being sent from Wellington for  
children to be screened, primarily for head inspection. Screening  
starts tomorrow.

2 pm Doctor to speak to parents

10<sup>th</sup> April Inspectors came for personal inspection of Miss Oliver

18<sup>th</sup> August Mrs Thomas left to teach at Kuranui College

1<sup>st</sup> September No one available for position as Head so Mrs Harland  
has come to help until a reliever or permanent teacher arrives

3<sup>rd</sup> September. Times Age came to take a photo of the children and  
write an article on the teacher shortage

14<sup>th</sup> October. Mr Simpson came to relieve he will stay two weeks

1<sup>st</sup> November Took over as Relieving Head Teacher William Martyn

The school has been in charge of two lady teachers for some 5 years.  
The grounds and interior have a “shabby” appearance and I shall  
endeavour to get pupil cooperation in brightening and general  
cleaning up

The standard of work is low (i.e. in academic subjects) Arithmetic  
and in fact all written work is very poorly done with dirty scribbled  
on pages of inferior work.

2<sup>nd</sup> November Bill Hedley from Wellington Education Board came in  
regard to school cleanliness. Apparently the Wellington Education  
Board is very concerned at the state of the school both inside and out

6<sup>th</sup> November. Board Supervisor came with a 3 foot pipe for the  
incinerator

10<sup>th</sup> November. Sent to Wellington Education Board for 2 sheets of  
pinex for display purposes

13<sup>th</sup> November. Visit by Welfare Officer to school in answer to a  
complaint re Wilkinson family who recently came from the Hutt I  
consider the family is not in need of being singled out.

5<sup>th</sup> December Visited Carterton with 35 children to see Olympics  
1960 Film. An enjoyable afternoon

## 1962

R Scully took over as Head Teacher

Roll 33

The going looks tough as the general academic standard is not very  
high. On first impressions many of the Standard pupils appear to be  
out of their depth as regards their classification

The new residence was begun today with 3 carpenters being  
employed

7<sup>th</sup> February Attended Home and School. Plans made for annual  
picnic at Greytown Domain. About 9 Mothers, Miss Oliver and  
myself were present. Left early to attend a meeting of Country  
Teachers at Parkvale. Still attempting to work out the educational  
muddle as regards the standard of work here

23<sup>rd</sup> March, Miss Oliver had her glasses broken Doctor removed  
pieces of glass from her eyes

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic at Carter’s Bush.

23<sup>rd</sup> March Visit from Mr Doig. P.E. advisor Concentrated on ball  
handling skills and playground games.

4<sup>th</sup> April Wrote to parents suggesting that children have lunch at School before going to Carterton for manual. One or two of the boys have been slipping into town to eat their lunch

16<sup>th</sup> April Health Nurse administered first dose of oral polio vaccine. All the children were treated.

26<sup>th</sup> April Chairman advised that no applications were received for Miss Oliver's position as she resigns on the 4<sup>th</sup> May

21<sup>st</sup> May. Mrs Oxenham commenced duties as relieving teacher.

School residence finished and occupied during term

28<sup>th</sup> May. Children received 2<sup>nd</sup> drink of Sabin Oral polio Vaccine

19<sup>th</sup> November Returned to work after 5 weeks and one day of sick leave. Mrs Oxenham who was in charge of the school while I was away has done a very good job.

4<sup>th</sup> December. Standard Sports(*Standard sports where children get points 3, 2, or 1 for achieving a preset standard rather than coming first second or third*) held at Featherston. The infants participated at a special day at St Teresa's Featherston.

14<sup>th</sup> December. Mr Golder (Stacey) Woodwork teacher at Carterton, Greytown and Featherston. During 1963 Form 1 and 2 to go to Carterton each Tuesday (pm)

17<sup>th</sup> December. 10 children to road safety Christmas party at Lansdowne School

19<sup>th</sup> December. Final Day School House not cleaned out yet. Pinfolds and NZR have contracts to leave it in clean condition. NZR were behind schedule in regards to packing out. (*All teachers moving had to go through New Zealand Railways to shift furniture to another school. They often contracted the work out*)

## 1963

A W Hall

5<sup>th</sup> February Roll 35. Mrs Oxenham Assistant

6 children including one of the school committeemen have enrolled at Carterton School

9<sup>th</sup> February School Picnic at Mount Holdsworth.

11<sup>th</sup> February School closed to allow children to go to Wellington to see the Queen

6<sup>th</sup> March Rev Charles Dickens began weekly Bible in Schools lessons today

In afternoon went to Dalefield for Country Schools Sports

12<sup>th</sup> March discussed with inspectors a growing body of criticism of infant room methods by mothers. Asked that Miss Lenihan Infant Adviser might speak to parents

2<sup>nd</sup> April District Nurse administered TB tests to Junior Room Children.

1<sup>st</sup> May A Maori Hangi lunch was prepared by the children to conclude the Maori Social Studies programme Parents also attended and saw a display of work about the Maori

2<sup>nd</sup> May School visited the Dominion Museum in Wellington. as a follow up to the Maori study.

29<sup>th</sup> May Winter Sports Programme for Country Schools began in the afternoon The Senior Boys attended rugby and soccer in Carterton while the Girls attended basketball (*Netball*) and hockey. Most cycle to Carterton

5<sup>th</sup> June Mr Stothart PE Adviser, spent the afternoon advising on gymnastics teaching

27<sup>th</sup> June. Mr Sam Meads, Inaugural Principal at Kuranui College visited the school collecting enrolments for Kuranui College

26<sup>th</sup> July A Clareville team competed in the Gymnastics festival in Masterton The boys were quite successful but the girls varied in standard considerably

2<sup>nd</sup> August Fancy dress ball reinstated A very successful evening run largely by the children. I spoke again about the school camp

5<sup>th</sup> August Mr Nunn began painting the school interior

14<sup>th</sup> Aug. All children from the school took part in a very successful; country schools festival in King's Theatre Carterton

15<sup>th</sup> August 7 a side Football and Basketball Tournament held at Greytown

17<sup>th</sup> September. Mrs Thornton conducted audiometry test with all Standard 2 children No marked cases were recorded

27<sup>th</sup> A group of teachers travelled to Akatarawa in the afternoon to inspect the school camp site

17<sup>th</sup> October Mr Woodley (Agriculture Instructor) instructed children on care and handling of calves and preparing children for Nature Study work at camp.

24<sup>th</sup> October School calf club day. Animal classes catered for lambs, calves, ponies and pets as well as indoor exhibits including cooking, floral arrangement and handcraft

6<sup>th</sup> November Guy Fawkes evening postponed to 6<sup>th</sup>. A very successful evening included a bonfire and barbecue supper. Money was raised for school camp. This was the most successful community event so far this year

All school families except one and many outsiders participated

7<sup>th</sup> November. Carterton Group Calf Judging Day. Children exhibiting animals attended.

10<sup>th</sup> November Left for a week's camp at Akatarawa on Maxwell's bus at 1.30

All children from Standard 1 to Form 2 attended except 4. Towards the effort the school raised £25 an excellent effort

Monday was devoted to Nature Study and science

Tuesday Bushcraft

Wednesday to Maori Studies (Miss Kururangi)

Thursday Art and Craft

Friday Cleaned up and returned home

The camp has provided a common incentive linking the school community into a vital unit

Here one can see a general improvement in "tone" derived from complete involvement

27<sup>th</sup> November Form 2 testing at Kuranui College all day

9<sup>th</sup> December School camp report evening of tape, slides, talks, songs, hakas, demonstrations and a display of work.

18<sup>th</sup> December The end of year function in the Clareville School It included carols, and mime, songs, games and dances with excellent parent participation Mrs Oxenham who is leaving was farewelled

## 1964

3<sup>rd</sup> February Mrs Street new Teacher

4<sup>th</sup> February Roll 35, 23 in Senior Room and 12 in the Junior Room

5<sup>th</sup> February Swimming instruction 10.45 to 12.00 Daily began at Carterton baths. The PTA will pay 3d per day and parents provide transport on a roster for those who cannot cycle. The swimming standard here is generally poor.



22<sup>nd</sup> February School Picnic at Carter's Bush Not a very warm day but a very successful occasion with a swim before lunch and races afterwards with softball for everyone

26<sup>th</sup> February Country School swimming sports at the Greytown baths. The whole school attended being transported in cars. The success of Clareville swimmers shows the effects of regular swimming instruction

6<sup>th</sup> March The Moorcock family moved to Masterton

9<sup>th</sup> March The PTA agrees to the purchase of a "studio" tape recorder (*This was a reel to reel tape recorder and used a lot to record in schools*)

3<sup>rd</sup> March Mr Stothart Physical Education Instructor tested for swimming certificates. 10 children obtained these.

19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> March. Head Teacher attended an art and craft refresher course in Martinborough

23<sup>rd</sup> March Mrs M W Street was killed in a motor accident on children on her way to school Advised Wellington Education Board but relieving staff is not available (*The accident happened on the corner of Colombo Road and Kuripuni Street Masterton between Mrs Streets car and a truck. Mrs Street lived in Gordon Street.*)

25<sup>th</sup> March School closed on the Morning of Mrs Street's funeral. Mrs McIvor relieving in afternoon

26<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Fuller relieving until end of term

14<sup>th</sup> April Wellington Education Board officer visits school to discuss water removal suggested by the committee

15<sup>th</sup> April County Council School committee and Wellington Education Board rep discussed possibility of piping water race which is a hazard

25<sup>th</sup> May. Junior Room floor sanded and polished. Mrs Slater relieving in Junior Room

25<sup>th</sup> May Sewing Gardening. Tried a new system of using 5 consecutive afternoons for sewing and gardening each term. Mothers supervise the sewing leaving Teacher to look after the gardening.

30<sup>th</sup> July. Miss Dodson of the Milk Board called to discuss school milk arrangements

14<sup>th</sup> August Fancy Dress Ball in Evening Standard of folk dancing better with more instruction and better music available. Best representation of parents at any school function in two years.

21<sup>st</sup> Aug Mrs Slater left

7<sup>th</sup> School Opened. Miss Jacobsen new assistant

9<sup>th</sup> September 1 rubber Ball and 12 small balls arrived from Wellington Education Board

15<sup>th</sup> September. Approved purchase of a floor polisher (£40)

17<sup>th</sup> September. Mr Bill Farland called, Rural Adviser. Discussed ways of giving assistance.

Mormon Elders Edwards and Anderson talked and showed slides to Senior Children

30<sup>th</sup> September Children planted 4 ½ dozen Arctotis plants. Some Livingstone daisies and same nemesia's in flower garden. The school has been entered in garden competitions for the first time in many years

22<sup>nd</sup> October Calf Club Day. Rain came just before judging 12 calves and 8 lambs. The pleasing thing was the degree that the children had organised and run it.

5<sup>th</sup> December . Miss Jacobsen and Mr and Mrs Hall on Saturday took F1 and F 2 children on a trip up Mt Holdsworth.

10<sup>th</sup> December report evening for parents. Display of books, tapes played. The majority of parents attended.

Newspaper Cutting of 7<sup>th</sup> Buchanan shield win for Clareville School gardens was published in Wairarapa Times Age

## 1965

2<sup>nd</sup> February Roll 33 A very wet day making organisation difficult

3<sup>rd</sup> February Began School swimming at Carterton

20<sup>th</sup> February School Picnic at Carters Bush

7<sup>th</sup> May Miss E M Jacobsen returning to Christchurch after two terms

24<sup>th</sup> May No Teacher available Head Teacher in both rooms

25<sup>th</sup> May S Wickens relieving

28<sup>th</sup> June Miss J Simpson replacing Mrs Wickens in Junior Room

29<sup>th</sup> July Mr G Compton District Hydatids officer showed a film and talked to children about Hydatids West Taratahi children also attended. (*Hydatids was a disease spread by dogs and caught by humans. It is carried by a tapeworm. All country areas had a dosing strip to which farmers took their dogs and Hydatids officers dosed each dog. It was declared extinct in New Zealand in 1992*)

12<sup>th</sup> August Country School Musical Afternoon Kings Theatre Carterton Each school presented their own item as well as combined singing

6<sup>th</sup> September. Mrs Morton Assistant

15<sup>th</sup> September Working with Maymorn (*Upper Hutt*) school for camp at Castlepoint holiday homes.

## 1966

No entry made in log by Mr Stanley relieving headmaster Term 1

John Fowler started Roll 26

2<sup>nd</sup> June West Taratahi visited for combined sports

14<sup>th</sup> June. The children attended Showboat matinee in Masterton

26<sup>th</sup> July Head Teacher took 4 senior boys to the Wairarapa Bush V British Isles match in Masterton I was impressed by the good behaviour of the Clareville School pupils.

6<sup>th</sup> September. Planted 12 trees in the front section of the school with Mr Buckeridge

December Mrs Morton, assistant, went to Dalefield at end of year

## 1967

Roll 23. Now a Sole Charge

7<sup>th</sup> February Swimming Instruction All go by car

18<sup>th</sup> February School Picnic at Morrison's Bush

3<sup>rd</sup> march New Entrants got TB Injection from Nurse Rolls

28<sup>th</sup> April School shop day in Carterton

12<sup>th</sup> June Public meeting to discuss Jubilee Celebrations and elect committee

12<sup>th</sup> June Sewing for all girls below Form 1 started today and will continue for 10 weeks

## 1968

10<sup>th</sup> April Violent Storm (Wahine) Damage sustained, fuel shed demolished, some pieces blown over fence, all power out, large Macrocapa blown over some iron lifted on roof

May 21<sup>st</sup> Roll 32 I have written to the board asking for an assistant.  
22<sup>nd</sup> July Received word I could appoint a teacher's aide 15 Hours a week  
31<sup>st</sup> July Mrs Fowler relieved as I attended an Infant course on Number at Lansdowne  
2<sup>nd</sup> September. Mrs N E Simmonds started as teachers aide

## 1970

Peter Debney takes over on 1<sup>st</sup> April  
15<sup>th</sup> April Possibility that Clareville School will close Meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss  
6<sup>th</sup> May Board will make a decision in second week of holidays re school closure. Mrs Simmonds finishes as teacher aide on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
May 25<sup>th</sup> Board decides to close Clareville School at end of year. Carterton Occupation Group to take over at end of year.  
Peter Debney stays on till end of year. Roll 13  
8<sup>th</sup> June PTA and School Committee resigned to see out year with as little fuss as possible.  
Seemingly negative interest in proposed future (this year 0 school activities)  
23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 7 Adults and 15 children to Picton Borough School  
15<sup>th</sup> December School officially closed Strong support from local parents

## 1974

**10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER BOARD HAS TAKEN BACK THE HOUSE AND RENTED IT TO STEVE IVES TEACHER AT CARTERTON.**

## Buildings

**1874 A CLASSROOM OF 663 FT<sup>2</sup> WAS BUILT THIS EQUALS A 10 METRE BUILDING X 6.16 METERS**  
**1880 447 FEET<sup>2</sup> ADDITIONS**  
**1930 720 FEET<sup>2</sup> ADDITIONS**  
**31/12/50 ADDITIONS 3 CLASSROOMS 183 FT<sup>2</sup>**  
**1950 4 2454 2 BUILDING 1110 AND 2 ROOMS 1344**  
**17<sup>th</sup> JULY 1939 NEW RESIDENCE SUBSIDY 1193 10**  
**RESIDENCE 1878 7 ROOMS CONDEMNED 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 1941**  
**BLOCK AROUND 2 ACRES**  
**29<sup>th</sup> MAY 1901 FROM WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD TO SECRETARY OF EDUCATION TELLING THAT SOME OUTBUILDINGS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY FIRE AND THEY PROPOSED TO REPLACE THEM IMMEDIATELY**  
**DECEMBER 1897 VALUATION SCHOOL AND OUTBUILDINGS £300**  
**FURNITURE AND FITTINGS £91 RESIDENCE £275**  
**13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 1912 LETTER TO SECRETARY OF WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD FROM MR BEECHEY HEAD TEACHER**  
**1912 CLASS NUMBERS. STANDARD 4,5 6 41**  
**STANDARD 2,3 26**  
**INFANTS 48**  
**LARGE CLASSROOM 34 X 19'6 665 SQUARE FEET**  
**SMALL CLASSROOM 380 SQ FT**  
**IN THE SENIOR ROOM THERE IS NO ROOM FOR FLOOR DRAFTS OR FREE ARM DRAWING ON BLACKBOARDS**

**18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 1925 LETTER FROM WELLINGTON  
EDUCATION BOARD TO DEPARTMENT RE RESIDENCE “THE  
RESIDENCE WAS BUILT IN 1878 IS NOW 47 YEARS OLD AND  
IS NOT CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR A HEADS TEACHERS  
RESIDENCE**

**THE ROOMS ARE SMALL AND NOT WELL LIGHTED THE MAIN  
HALL IS 3’ 9” WIDE WITH VERY LITTLE LIGHT. THE  
BUILDING IS VERY CLOSE TO THE GROUND WITH DEFECTIVE  
TIMBERS AND CONSIDERABLY EFFECTED BY BORER  
PLAN FOR NEW BUILDING BUILDING COSTING 1193.10 WAS  
PROPOSED IN 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1939  
APPROVED 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1939**

**NOTES FOR UPGRADE OF SCHOOL 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 1939**

- A) 1 ROOM ERECTED 1874 663 SQ FT**
- B) 1 ROOM ERECTED 1880 442**
- C) 1 ROOM ERECTED 1913 720**
- D) ROLL 36**
- E) TEACHER MRS E M PETERS**
- F) MARRIED 8/9/1930**
- G) 2 MILES SOUTH (OOPS) OF CARTERTON**

**25 NOVEMBER 1948 FIRE DAMAGE  
WHILE SCHOOL WAS BEING REPLACED. THE CLAREVILLE  
HALL WAS HIRED FOR £2.10 PER WEEK  
27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1954 REPLACEMENT £6316.17**

**NEW RESIDENCE STARTED 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 1963 COSTING  
£3930.26  
OLD RESIDENCE DEMOLISHED WAS FINALLY DEMOLISHED IN  
1962**

1887/1735	Helen Mitchell	Paul	Borthwick Thomas	Browne	<a href="#">Order Product</a>
1890/6322	Browne		Randal Borthwick	Helen Mitchel	Borthwick Thomas
1893/17178	Browne		Eric Borthwick	Helen Mitchel	Borthwick Thomas
1892/10422	Browne		Oscar Alexander Borthwick	Helen Mitchel	Borthwick Thomas

**RANDAL  
JOHN EDGAR PAPERS PAST**

**1955 97 YEAR OLD**

29 June 1887	Mr Paul	Borthwick Thomas BROWNE  Helen Mitchell PAUL	42  30	Teacher	B  S	Edinburgh  Bristol	Wellington  Wellington	John E Browne  Alexr Paul  Managing Clerk	Gringlon? E A Browne  Agnes Paul  Born STEEDMAN
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Mrs George Drummond, ----- came to New Zealand with her husband in Ballarat in 1868 --- survived by her husband Mr George Y. Drummond --- 3 sons --- Mr R.C. Drummond, headmaster Lansdowne school, Masterton, Mr C.K.Drummond, of Lower Hutt, 2 daughters Mrs R.M.Grant, Northland, Mrs C.J. McKinnon ---

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