

## Eastern Hutt

From at least 1910 Hutt Valley District High School ran a side school of the Main School at the Eastern Hutt site, I have kept the references to the side school published in the Hutt DHS site until the Eastern Hutt School became a standalone School

### 1914-1915

1915	303	Eastern Hutt	McBain	Alexander	D1	Head Master	£320.00
1915	303	Eastern Hutt	Olson	Walter H	D2	Assistant Master	£230.00
1915	303	Eastern Hutt	Meager	Ellen	D1	Assistant Female	£160.00
1915	303	Eastern Hutt	Foden	Norman A	B4	Assistant Master	£150.00
1915	303	Eastern Hutt	Fogelberg	Norma E	B3	Assistant Female	£130.00
1915	303	Eastern Hutt	Lea	Nora	C4	Assistant Female	£120.00
1915	303	Eastern Hutt	Hurrell	Doris	C5	Assistant Female	£110.00

The Official opening of the school was in 1915. Though the side school was operating well in 1914 Alexander McBain was still listed at the end of 1914 as being the Headmaster of Manakau School in the Horowhenua

28th January 1915 PROPOSED EXTENSIONS. The Education Department does not approve of the proposals for the enlargement of the Eastern Hutt school. In notifying the board to this effect, yesterday, the Department said that it did not see eye to eye with the board in its fear that the accommodation of the school would be overtaxed after the holidays, as the result of it having been converted, from a side school into a main school, comprising all standards. Referring to the matter the chairman of the board, Mr. R. Lee, said that he had talked the matter over with the Chief Inspector, and had come to the conclusion that the best plan would be to open both the schools) as proposed, as main schools, leaving the matter of extra accommodation in abeyance. The board would, before renewing its application for a grant, await the result and see whether the fact that all standards were to be taught at the Eastern Hutt School would draw a large number of pupils away from the school on the western side of the river. If this turned out to be the case, the board's predictions would be fulfilled. The board decided to fall in with the line of action proposed by the chairman.

2nd February 1914 Wellington Education Board Eastern Hutt School (King's Road)

2nd February 1914 The board has approved the proposal for the separation of the Eastern Hutt from the Main School, but as the question of accommodation presents a difficulty, the children will first assemble at the schools where hitherto their respective standards have been taught, and, after completion of enrolment, the headmaster will make arrangements for instruction of such children above Standard 11. at the Eastern Hutt School, as the available space will permit of. All the children of the upper standards will, however, assemble in the first instance at the Main School. Mr. Yeats has been asked to remain in charge meantime.

3rd February 1914 Lower 'Hutt. Mr. A. McBain, headmaster oi the Manakau School, has been selected by the committee as headmaster of the Eastern Hutt School, the status of which has been raised from a semi infant school to that of a full school.

6th May 1914 Included in a report of the Hutt school was: It is proposal to allot £75 for ' improvements at the Eastern Hutt School during the coming year, and the Wellington

Education Board has decided to erect an additional school at Eastern Hutt, to accommodate 120 children who are now attending Standards III, IV, V, and VI at the Main School. During the year the committee was asked by the board to report as to the line of division between the Main and Eastern Schools, with a view of making the latter a separate district. This was done.

6th May 1914 Hutt District High School The annual report of the Hutt District High School Committee show; that the main school has a roll of 557 pupils, the Eastern Hutt school one of 130, and the secondary department 13; a total of 723.

23rd May 1914 The condition of a Government grant in connection with the erection of a school at Eastern Hutt was to the effect that the size of rooms for standard classes generally should be 24 feet by 22 feet [7.31 meters x 6.71 metres]. Tile Chief Inspector (Mr. T. R. Fleming) reported that he thought it would be a mistake to bind themselves down to particular size for classrooms

30th June 1914 Wellington Education Board A communication was received from the Government granting an increase of £65 for the enlargement of rooms at the Eastern Hutt, as recommended by the board

15th September 1914 The potato-planting scheme at Lower Hutt was commenced in real earnest on Saturday afternoon. Through the week about an acre and a half of land Had been ploughed, disced and harrowed at the Recreation Grounds, and about eighteen volunteers sacrificed their afternoon in order that the work of planting might be started. The Mayor (Mr H. Baldwin) and Mr. Allen supervised the work, and after- all-the prepared ground had been planted, the workers were entertained at afternoon tea by Mr. Baldwin and Mrs. Ayson. At the Eastern' Hutt School grounds about an acre and a half of land has been ploughed and is ready for the discs, ere planting operations are begun.

5th November 1914 Lower Hutt District High School Report included The -headmaster's report stated that the .attendance for the month of October had been as follows: Secondary department, roll number 15, average 14;- Main School roll 580, average 513:, Eastern Hutt, roll 186, average, 156. .Total roll, 781; average, 683.- ; The report further "stated that Mr. T. R. Fleming, Chief Inspector, had visited the school also inspected the new building at Eastern Hutt, and decided to order 50 dual desks, 15 of whjch.are.to be provided at once.

19th December 1914 The prizes won by the pupils attending the Eastern Hutt School were presented by Mr H. Baldwin (chairman of the district high school) on Thursday. The school is an annexe of the district high) school, and the children decided to accept certificates in lieu of books in order that the prize fund may he donated towards the Belgian relief fund.

Infants-Attendance, first. class : Joe Silva, Willie Smith. Willie Sundgren. Gladys Slater. Standard I—Charles Cotton. Lawrence Latham. Donald Newman, Neil Slater, Veda Palmer. Standard II: Theodore Clarke; Jack Silva, Horace Smith, Marion McCaw. Second class infants; Harry Harman, Esme Cunliffe, Estelle Palmer, Norman Cotton, Sundgren. Standard I: Freda Buck, Gladys Knight. Jack Mudgway Kenneth Strand. Standard II: Erica Judd, Joseph Newman

Highest Marks—Infants; Humphrey Kempthorne 1, Myrtle Oliver.-. Standard I: Gladys Knight 1, Dorothy Parker 2. Standard II: Lester Gannaway 1, Hugh Huthnance 2.

Writing Infants; Gladys Slater and Estelle Palmer and Arthur Vaughan (equal) 1. Standard I: Neil Slater and Freda Buck (equal) 1. Standard II: Freda Silva and Maud Hagart (equal) 1.

Composition—Standard II; Maud Hagart 1. Marion McCaw 2.

Progress—Infants; Gladys Williams, Annie Thomson, Phyllis Lees, Thomas Clendon. Leigh Judd Humfrey Gordon. Louie Daroux, Eric Hull, Rita Feist, Cecil Clout. Standard I: Ethel Coom, Sam Willis. Jack Warnes, Hilda England. Standard II: Hilda Wells. Percy Mudgway, Erica Judd. Elsie Jobson.

Sewing—Standard I: Veda, Palmer 1, Winnie Mumford 2. Standard II Nita Perfect 1, Marion McCaw.

23rd December 1914 Wellington Education Board Appointments: Eastern Hutt, assistants, Mr. W. H. Olson, Miss E. Meagher, Mr. N. Foden, and Miss N. Fogelberg

4th February 1915 The Hutt and Petone Schools reopened on Tuesday, after the vacation, the attendances being as follow: —Eastern Hutt 293, last average 184; Main Hutt 430, last average 545; Epuni School 77, last average 88; Petone West 307, last average 345.

9th March 1915 Wellington Education Board Miss D Hurrell appointed assistant

8th April 1915 Hutt District High School School Committee meeting The Eastern Hutt report stated that the roll number was 316; on April 7, 304 pupils attended; average attendance for March was 298, and for the quarter 301.

23rd April 1915 Since the School Committee elections last year the Lower Hutt Main School and the Eastern Hutt School have become separate institutions, and at the elections next month it will be necessary to elect two distinct committees. The Education Board has defined the boundaries of the two schools, while the boundaries of the Epuni School district have been amended.

29th April 1915 Nominations for the Eastern Hutt School Committee are as follow:—Alfred Hardham, Alfred Treseder, James O. Anson, H. Baldwin, Donald Eraser, James McKafi, P. J. S. Huthnance, E. G. D. Woodward, Vivian Clendon, John Edward Hayes. J. L. Barlow, A. Macaskill, F. D J, Clere, Nine members are required.

4th May 1915 t Eastern Hutt, Mr. H. Baldwin ( presided over a meeting of about 60 ; householders. A resolution proposed by Mr. B. C. Warnes, that the incoming committee be recommended to extend the lunch hour for children from one | to one and a quarter, or one and a half hours, was carried by a large majority. The following form the new committee:—Messrs. Baldwin, Woodward, Macaskill, Clendon, Treseder, Anson, Huthnance, Hardham, and Clere

20th May 1915 School Rugby Senior B Eastern Hutt V Clyde Quay at Hutt

8th June 1915 Wellington Education Board Miss N Lea appointed

27th September 1915 The result of an elocutionary contest held at the Eastern Hutt School recently was as follows: —Millie Haggart, 1; Mary Ness and Millie Knight (equal), 2; Violet McBain, 3. Mr. Philip (headmaster of the Taita School) acted as judge, and Mr. H. Baldwin (chairman of the school committee)' presided at the entertainment.

23rd October 1915 Patriotic Fair at the Methodist Church report included an entertainment provided by the pupils of Eastern Hutt School was much appreciated.

27th October 1915 Leave of absence for service with the Expeditionary Forces was granted by the Education Board yesterday' to Mir N. Foden, assistant at Eastern Hutt school.

5th November 1915 At an early hour the Hutt Scouts, ably assisted by a band of older geris attending the Eastern Hutt School dressed as members of the Red Cross Society, visited various residents and solicited aid on behalf of the destitute Belgian children. The Scouts

called the sympathetic attention of the public to their cause by carrying a boy supposed to be wounded on a stretcher, whilst another boy had his arm in a sling. The Scouts and their girlfriends are confident that they will be able to hand in a goodly sum to the worthy cause this evening.

1st December 1915 Wellington Education Board Eastern Hutt, half cost part dividing fence;  
13th December 1915 A most successful entertainment in aid of the school piano fund was held at the Eastern Hutt School on Friday, the Mayor, Mr. H. Baldwin, presiding. A splendid programme was rendered by the scholars and others. During the evening an elocutionary competition was held, the judge being Mr Philip, of the Taita School. The following were the successful competitors.- Maud Haggart 1, Jean Hulme 2, Eunice Frasar 3, Harold Tilley 4. The Chairman announced that out of an attendance of 300, 50 scholars would receive special prizes for not having missed an attendance 'during the year, and that another 50 would receive second prizes for not having missed more than five attendances. As a result of the concert, the piano fund will benefit to the extent of about £12.

17th December 1915 [Note this did not copy well and at times I made an educated guess as to the first letter of the name]

EASTERN HUTT. The distribution of prizes at the Eastern Hutt School was made by Mr. Baldwin Mayor of Lower Hutt and chairman of the School Committee. He congratulated both teachers and scholars on the average attendance (94 per cent.) for the year. The following are the corticates and prize lists:— Proficiency Certificates.—T. Armitage, M. Avery, P. Brash, L. Carver, M. Grierson, E. Heggie, I. Hobbs, M. Knight, P. Lowry, G. Sanders, R.. Barrett, - L. England, John McCaw, James McCaw L Prier. .

Competency Certificates.-M Dudding, ?. Hobbs, G. Sundgren,' N. Upton, P. Carter. Attendance.—First-class: R. Palmer, I Silva, R- Barrett, Muriel Smith, Pearl Brash, Mona Dudding, Myra Grierson, Mary Hobbs, J. Brash, N. Heyes J. Murray, E. Robinson, H. Smith, . Walker, Caroline Clark, Grace Doran, Florrie Hadman, Thelma Palmer, T. Backhouse, B. Messenger, J. Miller, . N Slater, R. Tilley, Ruby Avery Marion McCaw, Vida. Palmer, Dorothy Parker,,. W Carver R. Edwards, J, Mudgway, Esmie Cunliffe, N. Cotton, M. Davidson, R. Muter, G., Morgan, W. Smith, Estelle Palmer, Gladys Slater, Frances Cunliffe, Kitty Miller

Second-class—J. Silva. Lucy Austin, Elsie Barlow, Marjorie Fisk, C. Cotton, S. Coles, F. Hume, Joe Silva, C. Tilley, Gladys Turner, W. Boothbv, E. Hardy, T. Sanders. Dorothy Langford, Marjory Wood, G. Buck, E. Williams, G. Fraser, A. Judd, Ethel Cotton, Edith Hary, Doris Hum, Leila Lees, Myrtle Avery, Lucy Carver, Grace Sundgren, G. Barlow, J. Hall, Beryl Grierson, 'Esmie Grierson, Muriel Turner,- I. -Jones, S., Wood, .A. Woodward, Phyllis Lowry -, Thelma., Armitage, H. Mudgway, A. Sungren, Collett, Gretchen Hulme, Esther Silva, F. Silva, Erica Judd, Gladys Williams, Ophir Cotton, P. Hazelwood.

Prize List.—1st Preparatory—Barbara Watt 1, Edna Webster 2, Iris Lovett 3.

2nd Prep, (lower)—Cyril Turner I, Elsie Staples 2., Hilda Lindstrone 3. 2nd Prey. (higher)- Frank 'Dyer I, Walter. Lees 2, Jack Freethy 3. 3rd Prep.—Elsie Ness 1, Fred Pitman 2, Phyllis Lees 3. Std. I—Bert Haynes -1, Tom Sanders 2, Estelle Palmer 3.

Std. II.—Eileen Clapham 1, Myrtle Ayson 2, Hilda England 3. Std. III.—Maud Hagart 1, Elsie Jobson 2, Willie Evans 3.

Std: .IV:—Albert Hobbs 1, Muriel Turner 2, Thelma Palmer 3. ,,

Std. V.—Gordon Fraser I, Alex. Doran 2, Geo. Slater 3.

Std. VI—Myrtle Avery 1, Pearl Brash 2, Irene Hobbs 3. .

Reading-Prep. 1, Barbara Watt; Prep. 2 Kitty Miller; Prep. 2 (upper) H. Mudgway; Prep. 3, Margaret Feist: Std. I, Tom Saunders; Std 11, Ethel Comb; Std. III, Noeline Odell; Std IV Violet McBain Standard V Mary Ness; Std. VI, Millie knight.

Drawing-Prep. 1, Edna Webster; Prep, 2 (lower), L. Guinness Prep, 2 (upper), Emily Ell; Prep. 3, J. Ell; Std. I, J. Aldous; Std. II, Joyce Aldous; Standard III, H. Silver; Std. IV, Muriel Turner; Std. V- G Fraser : Std; VI Myra Grierson.

Writing.—Prep. 1, Beryl Kerr; Prep. i. (lower), Roy Bellringer; Prep. 2 (upper), R.-Teal; Prep. 3, N. Cotton; Std. I, Mavis McBain Std. II H. Gordon; Std, III, Unice Fraser; Std. IV, Thelma Palmer; Std. V, Leila Lees; Std. VI, Lucy Carver.

Handwork-Prep. 1, M Fraser,' Prep. 2 (lower), Elsie Staples; Prep. 2 (upper), A. Clendon; Prep. 3, B. Baigent; Standard 1, C, Anson; Std. 11, Gladys Turner; Std, VI Mary Hobbs.

Composition- Std. III, M. Watt; Std. IV, Zoe Large; Std. V, Muriel Kempthorne; Std. VI, Thelma Armitage.-

Mapping.-Std. V, E. Palmer; Std.. VI, Myrtle Avery.

Popularity (prizes presented by ' Mrs, Harman)—Myra Grierson, Jim McCaw.

## 1916-1917

1917	304	Eastern Hutt	McBain	Alexander	D-27	Head	£340.00
1917	304	Eastern Hutt	Olson	Walter H	D-59	Assistant	£250.00
1917	304	Eastern Hutt	Meager	Ellen	D-73	Assistant	£180.00
1917	304	Eastern Hutt	Crawford	Ruby M	C-87	Assistant	£150.00
1917	304	Eastern Hutt	Hurrell	Doris	C-96	Assistant	£130.00
1917	304	Eastern Hutt	Lea	Nora	C-94	Assistant	£130.00
1917	304	Eastern Hutt	Donkin	Catherine J	D-103	Assistant	£120.00
1917	304	Eastern Hutt	Yates	Otho H E		Probationer 2	£35.00

12th January 1916 Wellington Education Board Eastern Hutt Assistant (during war), £120 to £140 .

12th February 1916 Wellington Education Board Eastern Hutt, assistants, Miss D. Hurrell and Miss C. J. Donkin

26th February 1916 The annual picnic of the Eastern Hutt and the Hutt District High Schools was held 'yesterday at Maidstone Park, Upper Hutt, and was attended by about 800 children, besides a fair number of adults. The usual games and races were indulged in, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

18th April 1916 Eastern Hutt. The first annual report presented at the Eastern Hutt School electors' meeting stated that the school opened on February 2, 1915, with 298 scholars; to-day the number had risen to 342. The school has attained- a high standard of efficiency under the capable leadership of the headmaster (Mr. A. McBain), supported by an excellent staff. Two successful concerts had been held during the year, resulting in the sum of £8 10s. being raised for the prize fund, and .£12 8s. for the piano fund. \_ A library of 80 books had been established,- and an agreement entered into for the purchase of a piano. Th« percentage of attendance was 94 per cent The following were elected:—Messrs. H, Baldwin, J. O. Anson, F.

C. Brash, W. H. Freethey, A. Hardham, W. B. Hardy, P. J. Huthnance, A. Treseder, and E. D. Woodward. Mr. Baldwin was elected chairman, and Mr Hardham secretary.

18th April 1916 At Eastern Hutt, the following committee was elected: —Messrs. H. Baldwin (chairman), A. Hardham (secretary), J. O. Anson, F. C. Brash, W. H. Freethey, W. B. Hardy, P. J. Huthnance, A. Treseder, and E. D. Woodward. The annual report from the headmaster (Mr. A. McBain) stated that the school had been open as a separate school for fifteen months, and the average attendance throughout 1915 was 303. The number of scholars on the roll at the end of last year was 337 —to-day it is 343. Owing to want of accommodation, the headmaster had had to refuse further admissions to Standards I., II., V., and VI. On present appearances the want of room will be a serious problem next year. This year Standards V. and VI., with 72 scholars, are together in one room. There should be 85 in these standards next year, and, as it will be impossible to put them all in one room, accommodation must be found outside the present building for Standard VI. On Arbor Day, with the willing help of the senior boys, Mr. Olson and the headmaster planted a hedge along the southern boundary. Mr. McBain spoke in terms of the highest praise of the efforts made by scholars to raise money for patriotic and other funds, and sincerely thanked parents for their support. A total of over £50 had been raised, besides which the girls have knitted or made a large number of balaclavas, face cloths, and scarves for the soldiers. Special attention has been given to sports. By a special concert and-picture show organised by Mr. Olson, and through contributions, the school now has all the material necessary for sports.

The instructor in physical drill gave a very complimentary report. Last week Dr. Macdonald (lady doctor' from the Education Department) selected eleven pupils for special corrective classes, and these will be taken charge of by Mr. McBain personally. A modest beginning towards the establishment of a school library was made last year, and it is hoped, with grants from the committee and the Education Board, to have a library sufficient for Standards III. to VI. The school has been quite free from sickness. Nearly all the scholars using slates use a disinfectant when cleaning same.

5th May 1916 The Rev. J. McCaw, of Lower Hutt, desires to acknowledge with thanks the following amounts subscribed to assist a soldier's widow of the Imperial Forces to return with her two infant children to, Scotland, where her relatives live. The soldier was killed at-Neuve Chapelle in March 1915 : —Members and friends Presbyterian Church, Lower Hutt, £7 13s 6d ; Hutt Ladies' Patriotic Committee. £5 Hutt Relief Fund. £10 ; Mayor's Relief Fund, £5; War Relief Association of Wellington, £20 ; Eastern Hutt School children,

29th May 1916 Pride at the splendid response of its staff to the call to arms is expressed by the Wellington Education Board in its annual report. The report for 1914 gave the names of 28 who had enlisted, to the number the following 35 are now added.—S. Bedford (caretaker Normal school, Thorndon), C. J. Bagley (P.T., Roseneath), D. G. Ball (assist. Te Aro), N Foden (assistant. Eastern Hutt),.....

31st May 1916 It was resolved at yesterday's meeting of the Wellington Education Board that the committee of the Eastern Hutt School be informed that in the adjacent schools of Taita, Epuni, and Lower Hutt there is sufficient room to accommodate the children of the district

11th July 1916 The Eastern Hutt School football team was granted permission to use, the Recreation Ground for practice and match purposes, provided it does not interfere with the arrangements of other clubs already granted rights.

28th August 1916 Dr. Barnardo's Home will benefit by the substantial sum of, £14 7s. 6d. which was collected by the eighty children, who are members of the Y.H. League, and who attend the Eastern Hutt and the District High School at Lower Hutt. The ladies 'Of the committee provided afternoon tea, and the children themselves supplied the items for a musical programme, and altogether a very pleasant afternoon was spent. This was the first opening of the children's money-boxes, and considering the many calls at the present time, the result was most satisfactory.[These were in England and boxes for these homes were still be run through schools after the second world war]

26th October 1916 the Education Board has promoted: two of its teachers during their absence on active service. Yesterday it decided to promote one grade Mr. N. A. Foden, of the Eastern Hutt School, recently reported wounded

29th November 1916 CHEESEPARING CLOSING HUTT HIGH SCHOOL.

Protests against the closing of the Hutt District High School were received by the Education Board to-day from the High. School and Eastern Hutt Committees : substance of their protests was that the closing would effect a very small economy at the expense of the children. The Chairman (the Hon. J. G. W Aitken) moved that the protests be forwarded to the Education Department so that they may be put before the Council of Education when the matter comes to be considered.

15th December 1916 What is probably a record has been attained by Carrie Clark, who attends the Eastern Hutt School. She has an unbroken record of attendances over a period of four years. This is the more remarkable because she is not a robust child.

16th December 1916 The distribution of certificates and prizes at the Eastern Hutt. School was made by Mr. H. Baldwin, Mayor of Lower Hutt. Following is the list: Attendance Certificates. R. Stewart, C. Clout, E Silva, F. Cunliffe, C. Turner, I. Stewart, S Coles, E. Palmer, E. Cunliffe, V. Wickham, G Slater, M. Fisk, C. Tilly, L. Rowley, J. Mudgway, A. Black, J Silva, H Tilly, F. Silver, M. McCaw, C. Backhouse, P. Ide Rosa, P. Mudgway, B. Messenger, V. Palmer, C. Dodd, C. Clark, L. Coles, E. Cotton, J. Murray, E. Grierson, B. Baumber, H. Smith, A. Muter F Hardy C. Wilson, T. Clark, P. Walker, E. Mudgway, T. Palmer, R. Upton, D. Treseder, I. Silva, R. Palmer, G. Slater, G. Fraser, M. Kempthorne, E. Hardy.

Proficiency Certificates. A. Lambert, G. Fraser, G. Slater, A. Doran, P. Hazelwood, R. Palmer/ R. Mitchell, W. Strand, A. Judd, E. Kempthorne, G. Woodward, R Upton M Slater, R, Muter, D. Hunn, L. Lees, G. Fendall, M. Kempthorne, D. Neill, M. Ness, E. Hardy, O. Cotton.

Competency. C. Calcinai, V. Anson, I. Silva, D Treseder, D. Judd, M. Smith, H. Aldous

Class Prizes. Primer II.—Barbara Watt 1; C. Clout 2, Vera Dyer 3, Margaret Hamilton 4.

Primer I.—Dorothy McColl 1, Joan Combs 2, H. Stitchery 3.

Primer III.—E. Hall 1, J. Frethey 2 F. Dyer 3.

Standard I.—Elsie Ness 1, H. Hardy 2 Phyllis Lees 3.

Standard II.—Esme Cunliffe and Viola Culley (equal) 1, Gladys Smith 2, Evelyn Phillips 3.

Standard III. Lucy Austin 1, H. Kempthorne 2, - Hilda England and Eileen Clapham (equal) 3.

Standard IV.—M. Watt 1, B. Messenger 2, W. Evans 3.

Standard V.—A. Hobbs 1, M. Turner 2, Zoe Large 3.

standard VI.—Dux prize : Gordon Fraser, A. Doran 2, R. Palmer 3.

Special Prizes. Writing.—Primer 1., Edie Cross Primer II., M. Walker, Zoe Kitto; Primer III., N. -Cotton-; Standard 1., F. Pittman; Standard 11., Nola Gaudin; Standard III., Eileen Goss; Standard IV., N. Perfect; Standard V., T. Palmer ; Standard VI., Leila Lees.

Hand-work.—Primer 1., V Ell; Primer II., A. Jones, H. Huthnance; Primer III., P. Ell, M. Davidson; Standard IV., V. Palmer.

Drawing.—Primer 1., F. Clout; Primer 11., M. Fraser, Beryl Kerr; Primer III., L. Guinness. Standard 1., J. Ell; Standard 11., C. Anson. Reading.—Primer III., Gwen Foote, M. Combs; Standard 1, Rita Feist; Standard 11., A. Thomson; Standard III., M. Futter; Standard IV.,- M. Burnley; Standard V., Violet McBain ; Standard VI., Mary Ness.

Spelling.—Primer III., F. Dyer.

Composition.—Standard III., Eileen Clapham; Standard IV., M. Watt; Standard V., Zoe Large; Standard VI., Ed. Kempthorne.

Geography and History.— Standard VI., R. Mitchell.

Diligence.—Primer III., L. Daroux, Standard VI., A. Lambert.

Elocution Contest, open to pupils of II. and-III.—Mavis McBain 1, Joan Lowry 2, Daphne Lowry 3, Nola Gaudin 4. There were eighteen competitors. '

30th April 1917 In the second annual report of the Eastern Hutt School Committee it is stated that the roll number in May last was 342 and is now about the same, as the headmaster has been unable to admit many scholars, because most of the classes were already crowded. The committee urged upon the board the necessity of providing additional accommodation, but without success. Reference is made to the success of several school concerts and interesting elocution, contests. The school grounds have been sown down in grass and are now available for use. The use of the school asphalt tennis courts has been granted, during certain hours, to a newly-formed tennis club in the district. New books have been added to the library at a cost of £14 8s 9d, and the total number of volumes is now. 251. During the year Mr. J. Heyes was appointed to the committee, vice Mr. T. C. Brash, who resigned. The report concludes with an expression of thanks to the headmaster and other teachers for their painstaking efforts in every direction on behalf of the children. There was no change in the school staff during the year.

1st May 1917 The following were elected at Eastern Hutt: —Messrs. Baldwin (chairman), Huthnance, Hardy, Freethy, Woodward, Clendon, -Anson, Heyes, Treseder

1st May 1917 On 28th March we were visited by Dr. Paterson and Nurse Jenkins, who examined very thoroughly all pupils in standards 2 and 3 (stated Mr. A. McBain, headmaster of Eastern Hutt School in his annual report). The doctor set aside 14 pupils who require what is known as corrective treatment, and these are drilled on special lines daily in the hope of correcting such defects as flat chests, drooping 'shoulders, flat feet, and slight curvature. From this parents should rest assured that while we work hard to develop our scholars from the mental side, we do not overlook the physical. One can only regret that so small a proportion of our scholars are actually examined, and there is but one remedy, viz., the appointment of more doctors.. This, of course, means a larger cost, but if we are to build up a strong race, dare we hesitate to count the cost?

2nd May 1917 The report of the headmaster of Eastern Hutt (Mr. A. McBain) was an interesting review of the year's work. It referred to epidemics which had occurred during the



past. twelve months and the steps taken to prevent the spread of disease. The attendance fell low during July and August in consequence of epidemics, but during the past three months had been 92 per cent., a very- satisfactory average. The school had taken its part in patriotic work during the year. At. the present the roll number was 330. None of the rooms were crowded, but five of the six were quite full. The headmaster expressed his appreciation of the. Hard work and the loyalty of his staff, the co-operation of the committee, and the assistance generally given by parents.

14th August 1917 Contributions for Christmas puddings for the soldiers at the front have been received from the Eastern Hutt School, £2 12s

12th September 1917 Eastern Hutt —Assistant, Infant Department (war appointment), £150 to £130

9th October 1917 Hutt Borough Council Councillor Cotton was emphatic regarding the danger that existed to children using the bridge. The footway was so narrow that the children had to use the main portion of the bridge, and their lives were endangered through being knocked down by passing traffic. The Mayor said that the Education Board was to blame to some extent. There was not sufficient accommodation for the children at the Eastern Hutt school, and the Education Board would not provide it. The children, therefore, were compelled to cross the bridge in order to attend the Western Hutt school. There being no money available no action was taken

12th October 1917 Wellington Education Board Eastern Hutt: Addition to Latrines tender called for

24th October 1917 Wellington Education Board Eastern Hutt, assistant, (war appointment), Miss R. -M. Crawford.

22nd November 1917 Messrs. W. H. Olson (assistant teacher at the Eastern Hutt School), C. H. Ralph (assistant at Maryborough), and S. T. McDonnell (Teachers' Training College) have granted leave of absence by the Education Board in order to join the Expeditionary Forces.

5th December 1917 At a meeting on Technical Education in the Hutt Valley, Led by Mr Robert Lee was this Mr;. McBain, headmaster of the Eastern Hutt School, said 'residents were quite convinced of the need for the enlargement of the present classes. As there was no hope of the Government granting' a site of ten acres, he did ' not think the time was ripe for one large school. There was need to look well, ahead, and secure a large site.

17th December 1917 School Tennis Tournament The schools still left in the semi-finals are : Terrace, Maranui, Clyde-quay, Lower Hutt, Eastern Hutt and Island Bay. the finals were to have been played at the Brougham street courts this 'afternoon, but the weather conditions necessitated a postponement till to-morrow.

20th December 1917 EASTERN HUTT

Prize List.

Lower Infants. —Writing : Dorothy Lewis, Lois Wylds, Allan Tilbury Drawing: Ira Palmer, Trevor Batie, Frank Hardy. Modelling: Dick Crafer, Mara Hill, Chrissie Kershaw. Diligence: Willie Hitch, Oswald Turner, Len. Jones.

Upper Infants.—Reading : Barbara Watt, Herbert Mudgway, Writing: Valentine Ell, Esther Lambert, Jane Kinsey. Modelling: Alfred Sundgren, Beryl Kerr. Drawing: Donald Sweetzer, Florrie Clout.' ;

Standard I.—Arthur Clendon 1, Eric Hall 2, Marjorie Combs 3. Reading: Peggie, Partridge. Writing: Malcolm Davidson. Drawing : Langtry Guinness. Handwork : Elsie Staples. Diligence: Gordon McBain, Wilfred Oliver. Sewing: Vera Crawford.

Standard II.—Elsie Ness 1, Rita Feist, 2. Reading: Rita Feist. Writing: Mabel Anson. Handwork: Willie Sundgren .

Standard III. a.—Jan Aldows 1, Jack Kershaw 2. Reading: Eunice Inkersell Writing: Marjorie Hamilton. Handwork Vera Wickham.

Standard IIIb.—Joan Large 1, Cyril Tilly 2. Reading Douglas Yates. Writing: Reg. Perrott.

Standard IV.—Violet Thomson 1, Humphrey Kempthorne ?, Joan Pearce 3. Reading: Joan Lowry. Writing : Winnie Mumford. Drawing: Jane Kershaw. Sewing: Marjorie Fisk.

Standard V.—Mick Watt 1, Hugh Huthnance 2, Bert Frethey 3. Reading Maud Hagart. Writing: Clifford Dodd Composition: M. Watt. Geography: M. Watt. Modelling: Bert Frethey.

Standard VI. [Medal presented by Mr H. Baldwin). —Albert Hobbs 1 Zoe Large 2, Muriel Turner 3. Reading • Zoe Large. Writing: Thelma Palmer. Composition : Muriel Turner. History: Albert Hobbs Geography: Albert Hobbs. Modelling: Keith Shea.

Proficiency Certificates. James Brash, Lester.- Gannaway, Frank Hardy, Norman Heyes, Albert Hobbs, Ivan Jones, James Murray Keith Shea, Stanley Wood, Arthur Woodward, Douglas Seymour, Gwen Barraud, Dorothy Bell, Rose Gosse, Beryl Grierson, Esma Grierson, Winnie Hagart, Florrie Harman, Jessie Hazelwood, Mary Lambert, Zoe Large, Violet; McBain, Amy Muter, Thelma Palmer Muriel Smith, Ruth Strand, Doris Treseder, Muriel Turner.

Competency Certificates. C. Wilson, C. Weir, C. Clark, E. Cotton, N. Dudding, N. Davidson.

Attendance Certificates. • F. Hardy, N. Heyes, A. Hobbs, C. Clark, E. Cotton, W. Dudding, E. Grierson, F. Harman, T. Palmer, D. Seymour, G. Barlow, P. Mudgway P Silver, N. Slater, H. Smith, P. Walker E. Barlow, E. Judd, M.- McCaw, V. Palmer, J. Treseder, F: Mitchell, J. Miller, L. Rowley, J. Silva, M. Fisk, J. Pearce, J. McKay, J. Mudgway, A. Black, .K. Waugh, D. Yates, L. Parsloe, F. Warnes, E. Palmer, G. Williams, N. Moore. W. Boothby, R. Feist, N. Cotton, F. Dyer, J. Gillespie, E. Hall, H. Harman, M. Prier, W. Lees, C. Turner, K. Miller, N. Williams, E. Harman, V. Dyer, E. Cross, C. Kershaw.

## 1918-1919

1919	396	Eastern Hutt	McBain	Alexander	D-27	Head	£420.00	
1919	396	Eastern Hutt	Olson	Walter H	D-58	Assistant	£330.00	
1919	396	Eastern Hutt	Macalister	Ria	D-71	Assistant	£255.00	
1919	396	Eastern Hutt	Meager	Ellen	D-72	Assistant	£235.00	
1919	396	Eastern Hutt	Hurrell	Doris	C-93	Assistant	£180.00	
1919	396	Eastern Hutt	Donkin	Catherine J	D-99	Assistant	£165.00	
1919	396	Eastern Hutt	Duley	Edith L	D-104	Assistant	£165.00	
1919	396	Eastern Hutt	Thomas	Florence H M		Assistant	£136.00	
1919	396	Eastern Hutt	Hould	Kate		PT2	£100.00	
1919	396	Eastern Hutt	Thorne	Nellie		Probationer 1	£65.00	

18th January 1918 Wellington Education Board Easter Hutt (War Appointment) Mr E Evans

20th April 1918 The Eastern Hutt School report states that there are now 344 scholars on the roll against last year at this time 330; average attendances for the first three months was 323 (last year 303), being 95 per cent, against 92 per cent. ' Three scholars gained free places at the National Scholarship examination, making seven free places in three years. The very remarkable percentage of 80 obtained their proficiency in the sixth standard, and only eleven scholars In 'the whole school failed to pass into higher standards. The whole of standard VI. left, and the large majority of these went to a secondary school; the girls from all the Hutt. and' Petone schools, however. were refused admission to the Wellington Girls' College. This injustice- to the district should not be tolerated. A new departure-, justified by results, was made this year by taking the children to the Hutt Park in motor 'buses for a picnic, the Railway Department demanding twice as much as last year to take them to Upper Hutt, and refusing to give any reduction on the Ordinary fares. The ordinary return fares, Moiling to Upper Hutt, we found were exactly the same as Lambton to Upper' Hutt, though fourteen extra miles would be run. The picnic to the Hutt Park was very successful,- and the experience with the motor 'buses quite satisfactory. The response to the appeal-for funds for the picnic was so very fine that a balance in hand' resulted after meeting nil expenses of £8 12s 6d. Thanks are due to the ladies, who were largely responsible for the success of the picnic.

22nd April 1918 EASTERN HUTT. The report of the Eastern .Unit School Committee states that there are now 344 scholars on the roll, against last year at this time 330. The average attendance for the first three. months was 323 last year 302 being 95% per cent, against 92 per cent. The school grounds have been improved so that cricket, football, and tennis arc now played there, instead of our scholars being obliged to go elsewhere, for their sports. There is a good cricket pitch, put into condition by -Mr. Olsen and the boys, and also three asphalt tennis courts. The works and improvements effected during the year were, the. erection of a new brick incinerator and extension of latrines undertaken and paid for by the board; The laying down in asphalt of 800 square yards of the grounds that had previously been-a muddy spot in winter, and which will cost about £50, and to which the board has agreed to contribute C20 provided the committee raise the balance; the purchase of a. lawn mower; additional library books, and a' school bell. Appreciative acknowledgment is made to several gentlemen who assisted with their time and labour to help in the improvement scheme. The credit balance on January 1, 1917, was £54 0s. 7d., the total receipts .£145 0s. 10d., total disbursements £143 10s. Id., and balance in hand on December 31, £55 11s. 4d.

22nd April 1918 he committee of the Eastern Hutt School in its annual report states that there are 344 scholars on the roll. Speaking of the school grounds the report states that "some oi the committee men gave of their time to cultivate the school grounds and to remove the gorse from the western boundary,, where the shelter trees are growing well. We are specially indebted to Captain Hobbs for organising the boys into a working bee and cultivating the ground that the committee had had ploughed and narrowed, and planting there potatoes, pumpkins, and marrows. Mr. Baldwin supplied the seed potatoes free of cost. We have sold all the potatoes but are still open to do business through the headmaster in- pumpkins and marrows, many very fine specimens of which have just ripened. The money thus raised goes towards school ground improvements." There was a balance in hand on 31st December of £55 11s 4d. The committee adds :—"We have a good school, centrally situated in good

grounds, and ably staffed, but the accommodation is quite inadequate to the needs of the district. Our rooms are crowded in all classes. In the four rooms of the infant department there are 30 children in excess of the floor space allowance and 21 in excess in the upper school, making a total of 51 in excess of the space allowed or sufficient, without any further admissions to the school, to fill another room at once. There are 73 in Standards 5 and 6 under one teacher and 70 in Standards 3 and 4, likewise under only one teacher. It is a great tax on the teachers of these classes, and the success accomplished reflects great credit on Mr. Olson and Miss Lea and the headmaster. Mr. McBain has had to refuse admission to many applicants. It is an injustice to the people of the district that sufficient room is not provided for their children, and many of them, who are quite young, are forced to walk long distances and to cross the bridge to the other Hutt school or else go to private or denominational schools. Again this year we have brought before the Education Board this very unsatisfactory condition and, through the able representations of Mr. E. P. Rishworth, with the help of Mr. G. London, members of the board, we have now secured the sympathetic consideration of the board, which acknowledges fully the justice and need of our case, and has put the matter clearly and strongly before the Education Department."

23rd April 1918 At Eastern Hutt Mr. Baldwin presided, when the reports were adopted without amendment. A ballot resulted in the election to the committee of Messrs. Anson, Baldwin, Clendon, Frethey, Hardy, Heyes, Huthnance, Treseder, and Trim. At a subsequent committee meeting Mr. Baldwin, chairman, and Mr. Huthnance, secretary, re-elected.

14th June 1918 Miss C J Donkin appointed assistant mistress

19th June 1918 Wellington Education Board It was reported that the following grants for additions to schools had been authorised :—Hutt, D.H.S., £567; Eastern Hutt, £804; Plimmerton, £597. The Maranui School Committee's request to change the name to Lyall Bay School was granted.

20th June 1918 Wellington Education Board Representations were received from the Eastern Hutt School Committee to the effect that the one room already authorised would not be sufficient for the requirements of the district. Enough children to fill the room were already available. The matter was referred to a committee for consideration.

4th July 1918 Miss E L Duley appointed assistant

18th July 1918 Wellington Education Board The Education Board had before it yesterday reports of two incipient fires which were extinguished just in time to save the complete destruction of school buildings at Hutt and Eastern Hutt. In one instance it was stated that a spark was communicated to waste-paper in a box in the corridor, and in the other a tin containing live ashes had been left on a part of the floor overnight. The opinion was expressed at the board that these narrow escapes emphasised the necessity for strict observance of the board's regulation that all school fires should be allowed to completely die down in the afternoon so as to be quite out before closing time.

21st August 1918 It was reported that the sum of £488 had been authorised for the erection of a second room at the Eastern Hutt School.

30th October 1918 Lower Hutt Borough Council the secretary of the Eastern Hutt School wrote, asking that the public drain be cleaned out, as it prevented the school drainage getting away.' The engineer will go fully into the matter and report at next meeting

4th December 1918 EASTERN HUTT SCHOOL. The School will be Open on FRIDAY NEXT, between 10 and 12, when a Teacher will attend. Scholars will please call at the School between the hours to remove their books and belongings prior to the fumigation of the buildings. By direction of the Education Board. P. J. S. HUTHNANCE, Secretary Eastern Hutt School Committee [Schools in Wellington and Hutt were closed because of the Influenza Epidemic]

19th December 1918 EASTERN HUTT

Proficiency, Standard VI.—F. Cooper, C. Dodd, W. Evans, B. Frethey, H. Messenger. F. Silver, J. Silva, H. Messenger, F. Silver, J. Silver, H. Smith, N. Slater, P. Walker, M. Watt, A. Rugg, S. Allan, E. Barlow, F. Buck, M. Hagart, E. Jobson, M. McCaw, J. Treseder, S. Swinburne, L. Meech.

Endorsed Competency.—H. Tilly.

Competency, —E. Bailey, L. Bailey M. Baumber, P. De Ross, E. Judd, V. Palmer, N. Perfect. Promoted to Standard VI.—C. Backhouse, C. Bell, L. Dunstall, H. Gordon, C. Horsfall, F. Hunn, H. • Kempthorne, L. Langford, J. McKay, P. Mudgway, J. Mudgway, C. Mumford, F. Mitchell, J. Miller, H. Paterson, F. Perrott, E. Rugg. M. Sundgren, J. Silva, T. Sanders, W. Trim, J. Warnes, O. Halliday, J. Aldous, M. Ayson, Myra Ayson, E. Clapham, H. England, M. Fisk, G. Gannaway, I. Greenfield, J. Hulme, J. Lowry, W. Mumford, J. Pearce, V. Thomson, G. Turner, N. Clendon.

Promoted to Standard V.—J. Aldous, C. Anson, A. Black, T. Clendon, C. Cotton, S. Coles, C. Horsfall. L. Judd, J. Kershaw, E. Oliver, R. Perrott, G. Pointon, W. Smith, C. Tilly, A. Vaughan, M. Voght, F. Warnes, K. Waugh, D. Yates, L. Knight, B. Martin, E. Carter, A. McLellan, C. Cooke, J. Meech, N. Cleve, S. Cunliffe, M. Flitter, E. Goss, N. J. Gaudin, E. Hatfield, E. Inkersell, J. Large, M. McBain, N. Moore, M. Oliver, A. Packwood, E. Palmer, E. Phillips, L. Richardson, P. Tanner, D. Paterson, S. Edwards, N. Mills.

Promoted to Standard IV.—B. Baigent, W. Boothby, E. Caminer, M. Fisk, C. Gordon, P. Greenfield, H. Hardy, P. Hector, R. Knight, F. Levien, P. Moore, G. Morgan, E. Perrott, F. Pittman, G. Phillips, H. Spearman, W. Sundgren, G. Teal, C. Bloomfield, M. Anson, B. Baxter, D. Langford, E. Ness, B. Parsloe, A. Richardson, G. Slater, G. Smith, V. Wickham, M. Rugg, I. Stewart, I. Cook, D. Halliday.

Promoted to Standard III C. Aldous, G. Buck, R. Clapham, A. Clendon, C. Clout, I. Collett, N. Cooper, N. Cotton, T. Cullen, M. Davidson, N. Duncan, F. Dyer, J. Frethey, J. Gillespie, T. Gosse, L. Guineas, E. Hall, H. Harman, H. Huthnance, F. Kershaw, K. Kelly, W. Lees, G. McBain, W. Messenger, R. Muter, W. Oliver, D. Peck, R. Prier, M. Prier, X. Salter, R. Teal, A. Thomson, C. Turner. J. Smith, M. Alexander, V. Allan, D. Burnley, M. Carter, V. Crawford, F. Cunliffe, P. Dawson, E. Ell, P. Ell, G. Foote, M. Hamilton, D. Harvey, B. House, G. Hulme, Z. Kitto, H. Lindstrom, C. Miller, E. Pryde, E. Staples, E. Silva, C. Sundgren, E. Walker.

Promoted to Standard II.—G. Barron, A. Boothby, R. Bellringer, J. Coffin, V. Ell, J. Gaudin, J. Hagart, E. Harman, L. Heyes, A. Horsfall, A. Jones, B. Knight, H. Mudgway, J. McAuliffe, C. Paterson, R. Pritchard, D. Robinson, H. Rowlands, A. Sundgren, G. Spencer, H. Stuchbery, D. Sweetzer, R. Walker, K. Edwards, T. Baigent, I. Brash, E. Buck, N. Burnley/E. Cross, F. Clout, V. Dyer, N. Foothead, B. Foothead, B. Judd, B. Kerr, J. Kinsey, I. Lovett, W.

Lovett, E Lambert, L. Moore, P. Mudgway, M. Pearce, J. Peck, J. Staples, I. Spencer, .P. Skjottrup, E. Trim, B. Watt, W. Wood, R. Stewart, E. Meech.

Promoted to Standard I.—J. Alexander, J. Adams, B. Barlow, A. Ballantyne, L. Burn, R. Crafar, M. Cross, W. Collett, A. Dunstall, H. Dyke, F. Gillespie, R. Gordon, F. Hardy, W. Hitch, T. Hewitt, F. Rowland, A. Morris, D. Muter, D. Mogini, I. Palmer, O. Raskin, E. Reynolds, . B. Smith, O. Turner, A Tilbury, H. Tilbury, N, Tosswell, C Willis, H. Warnes, R. Lewis, T. Cooke, N. Baigent, R. Clere, N. Cooper, J. Hector, M. Hill, C. Kershaw, A. McMillan, J McMillan, -M. Pittman, V. Parsloe, I. Rugg, J. Sjeerman, R. Sundgren, E. Saunders, M. Slater, P. Teal, L. Wylds, G. Walker, M. Cooke, G. Much.

24th February 1919 EASTERN HUTT SCHOOL ADDITIONAL ROOMS AN CEREMONY.

The-ceremony for opening the two new rooms, which have recently been added, at a cost" of upward of £1000, to the Eastern Hutt' School, was performed this morning by the Hon. T. M. Wilford, Minister for Justice, and member for the district; The chairman of the School Committee, Mr. H. Baldwin, outlined : the rapid growth of the school, which was first opened in 1910 as an infant's school, with 51 scholars. In 1915 it ' was opened as a separate school, with 293 scholars, and to-day the number on ' the roll was 401. "The school, at the rate of its present growth," said Mr. Baldwin, "will soon be the premier , school of Lower Hutt."

Mr E. P. Rishworth, a member of the Education Board,, spoke of the good work done by Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Wilford in furthering the cause of education for the district. He hoped the scholars-would take-an interest in the beautiful school grounds provided for them. The headmaster of the school thanked the committee, those responsible for the present school, for the good work done. The school had a splendid record, and mothers were to be congratulated on the fact, that last year the attendance averaged 97 per cent, of the roll number.

Messrs. Baldwin and Rishworth expressed thanks to the Minister for his valuable help in educational matters in the district.

In declaring the new classrooms open for work, Mr. Wilford said that he was glad to be able to assist his constituency in obtaining the very necessary grant, and now that he had learned that there were already 400 children in a school in the Hutt which was not the largest in that district, he felt that in twelve months a further grant would be needed to accommodate the pupils. The visitors were afterwards entertained by. the. ladies and the teaching staff at morning tea.

24th February 1919 The Eastern Hutt School, situated in King's-road, Lower Hutt, has perhaps the finest grounds, and is the most ideally situated school, in the Dominion. Its wide, sloping lawns, embowered with trees, are calculated to inspire the minds of the children with higher ideals than the drab and dreary outlook of the majority of schools. In addition, the children are inculcated with a love of Nature. The four nurserymen of Lower Hutt have donated about 80 frees, which are each named with their proper name and the country of origin. These are cared for by the children, and a large strip of ground is laid out in plots, which are divided out among the scholars, and are well cared for. The school is to be congratulated on the interest taken in these natters by the committee and the teaching staff

24th February 1919 r. H. Baldwin, through the Hon. T. M. Wilford, MJP-, this morning presented each of the school performers at a concert recently held in aid of the Eastern Hutt School with an enlarged photo of themselves.

25th March 1919 The Eastern Hutt School Committee and some friends, under the lead of Mr. H. Baldwin, formed themselves into a working bee on Saturday afternoon for the purpose of retarring portion of the Eastern Hutt School grounds. This will cii Mire dry feet for the children during the wet weather

11th April 1919 The Eastern Hutt School Committee states that during the past year the school has grown remarkably, there, being an increase of 78 scholars, on the roll.; ' This has been brought about by the additional accommodation recently provided. The accommodation is still inadequate, and application has been made to the board for two further rooms to be added to the larger building to accommodate standards 1 and 2, in order that the smaller building can be reserved entirely for the infant department. ,Considerable improvements have been effected to the school grounds. Through the efforts of Mr. Hardy, the local nurserymen (Messrs. T. Waugh, Cooper and Sons, W. H. McMillan, and W. B. Hardy) presented the school with 80 distinct varieties of shrubs, which have all been planted and correctly labelled with their botanical names. These are already looking well. Special attention has been paid to the school library, and to sports. Owing to the disorganisation consequent on the closing of the schools during the epidemic, no prizes were bought. The statement of finances showed a credit balance on the 31st December of £111 15s 8d. Special reference .is made in the report to the efforts of Mr. McBain and his staff

14th April 1919 EASTERN .HUTT.

The committee reports that the school has grown remarkably during the year. In April 1918, there were 345 scholars on the roll, and to-day there are 423, an increase of 78. The increase was solely duo to the additional accommodation recently provided; but it would have come years ago had the Education Department recognised the wants of the district. The short history of the school has been largely made up of continued efforts against opposition or indifference; first of all to establish the school, and then to have it made large enough. The committee, early in 1918, took in hand the matter of accommodation owing to the crowded classes, and the board recommended an additional room be built, and this was approved by the Cabinet. It was at once recognised that one additional room was quite inadequate, and a deputation waited on the board, and later on the member for the district, the Hon. T. Wilford, to urge that two rooms be built. The additional amount was granted by the Cabinet, and after a long delay on the part of the contractor the rooms were at last occupied in February last It was pointed out to the board in June last that the next difficulty would be in the infant department, where more room was required: The infant school has a floor space of 830 square feet to accommodate 118 infants, or less than 8 square feet for each child. Standards I. and II., in the same building, have the same floor space for 105 scholars, or an average of only 8 ½ square feet per child. . The regulation space is 12 square feet, consequently the children are cramped. Application has been made to the board for two further rooms to be added to the larger building to accommodate Standards I. and II. so that the smaller building may be reserved entirely for the infant department. T

here have been a number of changes in staff during the year, and Mr McBain (headmaster) has had a number of adjustments to make on that account. Considerable improvements have been effected to the grounds. , The older boys did a lot of digging in the ground from which potatoes were taken, and a working bee of some members of the committee prepared the grass border of the school garden, which is now bright with flowers. Each girl and some of

the boys also in Standard VI. have separate garden plots, which they work and cultivate themselves. Through the efforts of Mr Hardy, the local nurserymen (Messrs T. "Waugh, Cooper, and Sons. W. H. McMillan,- and W. B. Hardy) presented the school with 80 distinct varieties of shrubs," which have all been planted and correctly labelled with their botanical names. Owing to the impossibility of securing labour, a working bee tarred and sanded the asphalt grounds. A very successful concert was 'held, the pupils supplying most of the programme. A bazaar was held, which produced over £76, mainly due to the efforts of the ladies. The committee's efforts and the generosity of parents and friends was responsible for the raising of £110 16s 3d, the total receipts for the year being £190 5s 8d. The expenditure was considerable, but on December 31st the credit balance was £111 15s 8d: Further extensive improvements are contemplated when the subsidies from the Government are received. \_

Considering the changes made in the staff during the year and the crowded state of the classes, it is recognised that the staff under Mr McBain did wonders, and the numbers applying all the while for admission shows the estimation the school is held by parents. The school has qualified within a few months for first one and then . another additional assistant, and still the numbers increase.

Official information has recently "been received that the Education Board has granted an amount for adding two additional classrooms to the school.

15th April 1919 Eastern Hutt. . At the annual meeting of householders 'of Eastern Hutt the following school committee was elected:—Messrs. Baldwin chairman), Clendon, Foote, Frethey, House, Huthnance (secretary), Hardey, Heyes and Trim.

16th April 1919 Lower Hutt Borough Council The headmaster of Eastern Hutt School wrote applying for the use of n football "round on the Recreation Ground for his schoolboys

16th April 1919 Education Department Eastern Hutt, addition to school, £1243 approved

5th June 1919 Wellington Education Board Eastern Hutt. infant mistress—.£210 to £240

22nd July 1919 Part of an article on the peace celebrations at Lower Hutt he arrangements that had been made at Lower Hutt for an open-air gathering of. school children were abandoned on account of the weather. The children, instead of assembling at the . recreation-ground, marched to the Drill Hall. Those from Epuni and Eastern Hutt Schools were conveyed to the gathering by motor-cars. At the recreation ground Jupp's Band played selections. The children sang- " Rule Britannia" and "Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue," during which they waved flags with a pretty effect.

8th October 1919 The competition for the Schools Rugby Championship which carries with it the Davis and Clater banner) was won this season by Eastern Hutt School. Their record is a particularly good one, as they won every match, scoring 62 points, with only three points (a penalty goal) against them, so that their line was not once crossed in a championship fixture Their biggest win was against Newtown (22 to nil), and their hardest games were those against Terrace and District High Schools, each of which they won by 3 to nil. The Chairman of the Schools' Committee (Mr Baldwin) has generously donated a medal to every boy in the team, and Mr Geo. Philips donated two gold medals—one for the best back, and one for the best forward. These medals will be presented at a social to be held in the Hutt on Monday, the 13th inst.



17th October 1919 WANTED", School cleaner for the Eastern Hutt School. Apply at once to the Secretary. Particulars can be obtained from Mr. Baldwin, Chairman, School Committee, or the Headmaster. P. J. S. Huthnance, Secretary, Eastern Hutt School, Committee.

8th November 1919 EASTERN HUTT SCHOOL AUTHORISATION OF CABINET.

The residents of Eastern Hutt will be pleased to know that Cabinet has passed and approved the recommendation. Of the Hon. J. A. Hanan, while, Minister, of Education, for the expenditure of £1454 10s on the acquisition of extra land for the Eastern Hutt School, and for other purposes. Mr. T. M. Wilford, M.P., states that this is of great importance to the Eastern-Hutt' School which is much cramped for playing grounds.

19th November 1919 Wellington Education Board The secretary reported that the contractor for the building of the Eastern Hutt School had promised to deliver the foundation material on the site yesterday, and that five carpenters would be engaged as from the 25th.

20th November 1919 Additional land has been secured for the purpose of enlarging the playground at the Eastern Hutt School. five sections have been acquired for this purpose- In referring to the matter at yesterday's meeting of the Education Board Mr. E. P. Rishworth said that the School Committee was deserving of great commendation for the active part it had taken in helping 'to acquire the land.

17th December 1919 EASTERN HUTT

The distribution of prizes at Eastern Hutt School took place on, Tuesday morning, Mr. Baldwin being in charge of the ceremony. Following is the list of prizes : —

P. 1 and 2—D. Brown, E. Tullett, M. Black, J. Watt, J Daniels, M. Wakelin, S. Looner, M. Orr, N Dowland.

P. 3.—J.. Goodwin, L. Cairns, R. Hatfield, M. Dyer, H. Clendon, K. Cooke, M. Looner, N. Clendon.

Standard I. —H. Warnes, 1st; R. Crofar, 2nd, L. Wylds, 3rd. Writing, J. McMillan. Handwork, D Moginie. Drawing, R. Gordon.

Standard II.—V. Dyer, 1st, N. Foothead, 2nd, I. Lovett, 3rd. Progress; A. Sundgren, W. Lovett. Diligence, E. Meech

Standard III.—A. Thomson, L. Guinness, 1st (equal); G. McBain, K. Kelly, 2nd (equal). Drawing, E. Ell. Arithmetic, K. Kelly. Writing, M. Davidson. Diligence, 'I. Cullen. - Conduct, L. Guinness. Spelling, M. Hamilton.

Standard IV.— E. Ness, 1st; J. Frethey. Composition, F. Shore. Reading, R, Fest. Spelling, B. Baxter, A. Gardiner (equal). Conduct, D. Glen. Drawing, B. Baigent.

Standard V.—J Meech, 1st, B. Inker, sell, 2nd. Drawing, J. Kershaw. "Arithmetic, T. Clendon. .Geography and History, L. Judd. Composition and English, S. Edwards. Diligence (presented by Mr. H. Baldwin); E. Hatfield.

Standard VI.—V. Thomson (medal presented by Mr. F. Jenness), 1st; J Pearce, 2nd. Drawing, V. Palmer. English, J. Pearce. History,' and geography, V. Thomson. Diligence, conduct, and influence (presented by Mr. H. Baldwin), D. Seymour.

Gardening (presented by Mr. H. A. Ward-), James Kershaw, Jack Kershaw, C. Cotton, A. Black; (presented by Mr. W. B. Hardy), V. Palmer, J. Large.

Standard VI.—Proficiency certificates ; E. Bailey, L. Bailey, O. Bell, H Gordon, O. Halliday, O. Harris, N. Kimbell, L. Langford, R. Meadows, F Mitchell, C. Moffat, C. Mumford, E. Rugg, T. Sanders, F. Silver, W. Trim, J. Aldous, M. Ayson, E. Clapham, H. England, R.

Dunn, M. Fisk, G. Gannaway, M. Godber, I. Greenfield, E. Judd, J. Lowry, W. Mumford, V. Palmer, J. Pearce, V. Thomson, G. Turner, J. Hulme.

Attendance Certificates.—Preparatory : R. Hatfield L. Pryde , G. Jones, S. Lovett, M. Dyer, J. England, E. Foote, V. Prier, E. Cullen, V. Mudgway H Pilcher, R. Tetzlaf, G. Spencer, I. Cargill.

Standard I.—J. Adams, B. Barlow, M. Cross, I. Palmer, H. Warnes, M. Hill.

Standard II—N. Darby, E. Harman, A. Jones, H. Mudgway, J. McAuliffe , D. Robinson, A. Sundgren, G. Spencer, F Clout, V. Dyer, B. Judd, E. Meech, J. Peck, I. Spencer, E. Trim.

Standard III C. Clout, T. Cullen, M. Davidson, N. Duncan. E. Hall, K Kelly, R. Muter, K. Slater, O. Turner J. Smith, F Cunliffe, G. -Foote, B House, E. Pryde, E. Silva,

Standard IV.—D. Glen, J. Glen, H. Hardy, G. Morgan, W. Sundgren, C. Broomfield, F. Dyer, J. Frethey, D Halliday, D. Langford, V. Wickham.

Standard V.—L. Judd, G. Pointon, W, Smith, C. Tilley, F. Warnes, D Yates, F. Vaughan, E. Cunliffe, N. Gaudin, E. Hatfield, N. Moore, E. Palmer, I. Pocknall.

Standard VI.—H. Gordon, N. Kimbell, L. Lanford, J. McKay, F. Mitchell, J. Mudgway, P. Mudgway, O. Mumford, F. Silver, H. England. M. Fisk, E, Judd, W. Mumford, V. Palmer, J. Pearce, V. Thomson, G. Turner.

## 1920-1921

1921	460	Eastern Hutt	McBain	Alexander	D	Head	£470.00
1921	460	Eastern Hutt	Olson	Walter H	D	Assistant	£390.00
1921	460	Eastern Hutt	Harland	Edward D	D	Assistant	£340.00
1921	460	Eastern Hutt	Webb	Hilda M	C	Infant Mistress	£320.00
1921	460	Eastern Hutt	Hurrell	Doris	C	Assistant	£240.00
1921	460	Eastern Hutt	Donkin	Catherine J	D	Assistant	£230.00
1921	460	Eastern Hutt	Withers	Rose A	C	Assistant	£220.00
1921	460	Eastern Hutt	McLean	Lilian N Mrs	D	Assistant	£200.00
1921	460	Eastern Hutt	Adams	Joseph W	D	Assistant	£180.00
1921	460	Eastern Hutt	Thorpe	Nellie		Probationer 1	£95.00
1921	460	Eastern Hutt	Pryde	Winifred A		Probationer 1	£95.00
1921	460	Eastern Hutt	Hopkirk	Jean P		PT2	£90.00

17th January 1920 Violet Jane Thompson of Eastern Hutt school qualified for a Junior national Scholarship

28th April 1920 Nine .members were wanted for the Eastern Hutt School Committee, and as only nine candidates John Lambert, R. G.' House, George Foote ; IT. Baldwin P J. F. Huthnance, W. H. Trethey V. Clendon, J. E. Hezes, and W. B. Hardy, were nominated they were declared duly elected.[ [George Foote was the father of Gwendoline Jane Foote, aunty by marriage to the researcher]

28th April 1920 Stringent comment on the alleged dilatoriness of the Education Department is contained in the annual report of the Eastern Hutt School Committee. "In one way," says the report, "our work has fallen far short of what we anticipated when you elected us twelve months ago. At that time we had an application in the hands of the Education Department for a subsidy on over £103, raised by voluntary subscriptions,' bazaar, .etc. We have closed our

financial year without receiving the amount applied for, and we have only just received word that our application has been granted in part. It has taken the Department twelve solid months to decide whether it would help us or not, and of course our scheme of improvements has been hung up to a very large extent in consequence. That is the way to discourage voluntary contributions for educational purposes, and, if we are to judge by the list of restrictions recently placed by the Education Department on payment of subsidies, we can only conclude that the Departmental officials have set out to discourage local interest and assistance. In doing so, the Department is only penalising itself. As \_ (their attitude affects the education policy of the country, we think it is probably a matter that would interest the Minister of Education."

29th April 1920 The report of the Eastern Hutt School states, -that 456 scholars are enrolled (an increase of 39 for the year), and the average attendance is 418, just missing by two the number required to qualify for the provision of an additional assistant/ There is only one male assistant on the staff, with 245 boys in the school.

1st July 1920 In a long article on the siting of the new Hutt Valley High School re Woburn Road Versus Percy Reserve [Because it was close to the Railway line] in Petone was this piece following upon the recent decision of the Wellington Education Board to rescind its motion approving of the Woburn-road (Lower Hutt) site for the Hutt Valley High School, in order that the Minister of Education might have an opportunity of visiting other proposed sites, a protest meeting, convened! by, Mr. H. Baldwin (chairman of the Eastern Hutt School), was held-last evening at Lower. Butt.- There was a very large--and representative attendance, which was presided over by the Mayor, Mr. E. V. Rishworth, who also represents Petone and Lower Hutt on the Education Board

24th AUGUST 1920 Lower Hutt Borough Council The chairman of the Eastern Hutt School Committee wrote asking that the drains on the Harnett estate be cleaned out to allow the surface drainage from the school grounds to get away.—Received

17th December 1920 Mr. Henry Baldwin presented prizes at the annual ceremony in connection with the Eastern Hutt School. The work of the school was favourably commented upon. Following is the list of successful pupils:—

Dux of the school (medal presented by ; Mr. F. Jenness): John Meech.

Special prizes were awarded as follow: Standard VI.—Reading and recitation: Eunice Inkersell; history, and -geography, Leigh Judd; composition and grammar, Stella Edwards. Standard V. : Edward Cammer, 1; Elsie Ness and F. Dyer, 2. General knowledge, J. Trethy; drawing, F. Levien; writing, Dorothy Halliday. Standard IV. : Gordon McBain, 1; Merle McCrea, 2. General proficiency, L. Guinness reading, Theda Knight; general diligence, K. Kelly; general neatness, J. Smith. Standard III.: Vera Dyer. 1 N. Jones, 2. Progress, A. Jones; reading, Evelyn McLean; neatness, Florrie Clout , brushwork, Jane Kinsey, Rona Kinniburgh and Ngaire Foothead; spelling; Val. Ell. Standard 11. : Enid Saunders, 1; A. Tillbury, 2; general proficiency, Louis Wylie, 1; drawing and handwork, Edith Cross; neatness, A King. Standard I.: Ruth Hatfield, 1; Nancy Dowland, 2. Popularity, M. Mason ; progress, S. Lovett; drawing and handwork, Ranji Waitai.

Proficiency: J. C. Warnes, F. E. Warnes, R. H. White, A. L. Williscroft, D. Yates, F. Hunn, G. L. Judd, A. M. Killeen, J. F. Kershaw, J. C. McKay, A. McLellan, J. K. Meech, J. R. Mudgway, G C. Pointon, C. : W. Smith, F. S. Vaughan, Kathleen N. Gaudin, Eunice M.

Inkersell, Olive J Large, T.V. Clendon, V. E. Allen, A. E. Black, Estelle F. Palmer, Joan Percival, Dorothy H. Patterson; Stella T. Edwards, Kathleen M. Dillon, Jessie Savidge, G. J. Aldous, Emelia Hatfield, Ellen M. Clendon, Esme Cunliffe:

Competency: C. T. Cotton, J. V. Haynes, Mavis V. Puller, Stella N. Moore, Evelyn Phillips, E. W. Oliver.

[Note I have not recorded most of the school sports team results]

27th January 1921 Miss K Hould pupil teacher and miss F Thomas assistant resign

18th February 1921 Miss F H M Thomas resigns

1st March 1921 Lower Hutt Borough Council ho secretary of the Eastern Hutt School Committee wrote thanking the council for. allowing its employees to do tar spraying, etc., at the school grounds

16th March 1921 Wellington Education Board Miss H M Webb appointed Infant Mistress. Mr J H T Adams appointed assistant

23rd March 1921 WANTED" CARETAKER for the Eastern Hutt School, Kings-road, Lower Hutt, to clean the schools and attend to the grounds and garden. Wages £3 a week. Particulars of duties may bs obtained from the Headmaster, or from Mr. Baldwin, opposite, the school gates. Applications, addressed to the Secretary, to be in by 5 p.m. .Tuesday, 29th March. P. J. S. HUTHNANCE, Secretary E.H.S. Committee.

1st April 1921 Borough Council: The secretary of the Eastern Hutt' School thanked, the council for drawing attention to the danger that had' been incurred by passing a large number of children over Melling Bridge at one time. [As published]

12th April 1921 School Committee EASTERN HUTT. J. Lambert, G. Foote, R. G. House, W. B. Hardy, P. J. S. Huthnance, V. Clendon., A. J. Dearing, Lewis Jenkins, A. V. Sutcliffe, T. E. Oliver, Harry Withington, O. T. Baigent.

15th April 1921 An increase of 30 pupils on the roll is reported by the Committee of the Eastern Hutt School. The school had been classed grade 6a , and, accordingly, another assistant had been added to the staff, and also an additional pupil teacher. This relief was given during the last three months only. Prior to that the organisation of the work of the school had been a most complicated ' problem, for during 1920 the board sent no less than, eight relieving teachers, which proceeding seemed an unnecessary and inefficient method to adopt when a relieving appointment might have perhaps been made at the beginning of the year for the whole twelve months. In undertaking to look to the care of the school's fine grounds, the report ran, the committee had taken on a. heavy responsibility, that the Government grant alone was not sufficient to cover, and the committee anticipated having to approach the householders and parents for help. The committee had handed in another application for subsidy on monies amounting to over £24, and hoped in that and similar ways to pay its way,

The school had once again reached the stage where it had become necessary to provide further room. The committee was pleased to state that this had already been recognised by the board, which reported that it was a work that required early attention.

In conclusion, the committee paid a tribute w> the good work of the staff during the past year, making special reference to the good offices of Miss Macalister, as infant mistress, up till the time her services' were lost to the school through her promotion to another position.

[Went to Petone DHS]

4th May 1921 Eastern Hutt were placed in the A Grade rugby section [Note I have not copied all sports happenings for Eastern Hutt]

15th June 1921 Miss E A Meager resigns

23rd August 1921 Miss E. A. Meager, senior lady assistant at the Eastern Hutt School, on the occasion of 'her retirement after; ten years' service was presented by Mr. A. McBain, headmaster, on behalf of the committee, members of the teaching staff, md scholars, with a handsome silver teapot. Miss Meager, who is retiring on; account of failing health,, was in charge of the school when it was. ail infant school, a branch of the District High School. Her services to the school and the children were highly eulogised by Mr. McBain .

22nd September 1921 TO LET, Tennis Courts for the season^ one grass and 3 asphalt, at the "Eastern Hutt School, King's Rd Lower Hutt. Offers invited for the whole or any of the courts. Address, without delay, to P. J. S. Huthnance, Secretary Eastern Hutt School Committee, Lower Hutt

12th November 1921 Mrs L N C McLean appointed assistant

22nd December 1921 EASTERN HUTT

Proficiency Certificates. —I. Adams, B. Baigent, C. Boyd, E. Caminer, A. Clendon, C. Cotton, L. Duley, F. Dyer, J. M. risk, W. J. Frethey, A. Gardiner, D. Glen, J. Glen, H. Hardy, F. Knight, Len. Knight, F. Levien, H. Thurlow, J. Wells, M. Feist, D. Halliday. D. Langford, E; Nees.

Competency.—I. Kilmister , E. Cottle, M. McBain, R. Knight, M. Knight, R. Kinnaird.

## 1922-1923

1923	534	Eastern Hutt	McBain	Alexander	D-49	Head	£480.00	
1923	534	Eastern Hutt	Olson	Walter H	C-110	Assistant	£405.00	
1923	534	Eastern Hutt	Harland	Edward D	D-167	Assistant	£335.00	
1923	534	Eastern Hutt	Webb	Hilda M	C-116	Infant Mistress	£333.00	
1923	534	Eastern Hutt	Needham	Irene C Mrs	C-153	Assistant	£285.00	
1923	534	Eastern Hutt	Hurrell	Doris	C-158	Assistant	£253.00	
1923	534	Eastern Hutt	McLean	Lilian N Mrs	D-186	Assistant	£205.00	
1923	534	Eastern Hutt	Patterson	James M	B-203	Assistant	£185.00	
1923	534	Eastern Hutt	Harding	Winifred M E	B-212	Assistant	£175.00	
1923	534	Eastern Hutt	Fowler	Kathleen M	C-219	Reliever	£165.00	\$ 30.00
1923	534	Eastern Hutt	Heyes	Norman		PT1	£88.00	
1923	534	Eastern Hutt	Mutter	Amy		PT1	£83.00	\$ 30.00
1923	534	Eastern Hutt	Allan	Sybil A C		Probationer 2	£78.00	

20th April 1922 Owing to accommodation being again severely taxed, two new classrooms are urgently required at the Eastern Hutt School, states the annual report of the committee. Three of the standard classes each contain over 70 pupils," says the report. "We have applied to the board for the extra accommodation but were informed that the necessary money could not be granted. We think that there are few works that are more necessary than the providing of school room, but we have been given to understand that no money was available." The school roll has now reached 550, and the school has thereby been graded up and assistant

added to the staff. Fifty-two pupils were gained during the year, and the average attendance during 1921 was 91 per cent.

21st April 1922 Comment upon the system employed' by the Wellington Education Board in the transfer of teachers is made in the annual report of the Eastern Hutt School Committee. "We should like to see the system of appointing teachers-so-reformed that the transferring of teachers. from one school to another should be done during .the long holidays, and at no other time," says the committee. "We have not been so unfortunate this year as last, but since the holidays there have already been some changes in the staff. Just as the children, become used to the teacher in the class to which they have just been promoted, the board decides that he must be sent elsewhere, and a strange teacher introduces himself to the children,,-and there is then a mark-time till they know each other. Children now only in Standard 111. have had fourteen different teachers in their short school life at our school. We try to believe that these changes are done in the interest of education, but it is a great strain on our faith in the 'powers that be.'

22nd April 1922 So pleased was a parent with the progress made by his children at the Eastern Hutt School that he sent a donation of five guineas to the committee. The money was spent on seats for the use of the scholars during the lunch hour, and the committee, in recording the fact, suggests that other parents might well follow the good example

26th April 1922 The election at Eastern Hutt resulted in the following candidates being elected: Messrs Huthnance, Lambert, House, Clendon, Jenkins, Foote, Dearing, Sutcliffe, Dyer. The new committee chose Mr House for chairman and Mr Huthnance for secretary

27th April 1922 School Committee Reports included: Eastern Hutt, besides protesting against "stinting" education, viewed with disfavour the threatened withdrawal of subsidies to all continuation classes that did not have at least 18 pupils, and entered an emphatic protest against the overcrowding of the school.

1st May 1922 At a meeting ,of Eastern Hutt Householders on Monday night the following: motion' was- passed:—"That;- this meeting of householder's views With deep regret the action of the Minister of Education in depriving proficiency; and 'junior free place pupils of the privilege of attending' Wellington' College, and respectfully urges this committee to do all in its power to have this privilege Reinstated; failing . that to. press-for the' erection of a new high school being 'proceeded with so that pupils may not be penalised,"

27th May 1922 Anglican Boys Homes report included: and to the headmaster and staff of the Eastern Hutt School, where the boys had,, received every consideration.

15th December 1922 The following are the winners; of certificates it the Eastern Hutt School:—

Proficiency: G. Billing, M. Davidson, G. Feist, C. Gordon, P. Greenfield, L. Guinness, J. Gunn, E. Hall, H. Huthnance, K. Kelly, M. Knight, G. McBain, L. McDonnell, R. Prier, K. Slater, H. Spearman, R. Teal, K. Downes, C. Adams, V. Allan, M. Brooks, D. Burnley, V. Crawford, F. Cunliffe, G. Foote, E. Gardiner, D. Gillies, M. .Hamilton B. House, B. Jervis, I. Kilmister, Z. Kitto, F. Knight, M. McBain, M. Mussen, P. Spicer, J. Welch, N. Hadecke, C. Bird. '

Endorsed Competency: C. Clout, P. Fendall. '

Competency: N. Duncan, T. Gosse, W. Oliver, J. Sladden , G. Teal. R, Wale, E. Vaughan, K. Wells, A. Dowries, E. Millward, J. Cathro.

5th January 1923 Levin Chronicle Mr A. McBain, headmaster of the Eastern Hutt School, and a regular visitor to Levin during vacations, is spending the holidays with Mr and Mrs H. George, Kent Street.

25th January 1923 Wellington Education Board The following list of urgent works was approved for presentation to the Department, in the order shown :—Clyde quay (infant department), Eastern Hutt (addition), Petone West (infant department).

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5th April 1923 Association Football [Later called soccer and nowadays Football] A letter was received from the Lower Hutt s Borough Council stating that it was regretted that no ground would be available at the Hutt on account of the lack of accommodation. It was suggested that the association should approach the headmaster of the Eastern Hutt School with a view to obtaining the school ground. It was decided to follow this suggestion.

1st May 1923 Mr. E. G. House presided at the householders' meeting in connection with the Eastern Hutt School. The Education Department and the Education Board were subjected to adverse criticism for the long delay in attending to the present inadequate storm water drainage system at the school, and resolutions were passed in regard to insufficient handiwork material supplied by the Department. The following committee was elected for the ensuing year:— Messrs. E. G. House (chairman), P. Huthnance, (secretary), Lambert, Gearling, Foote, Jarman, Jenkins, Kyle, and Sutcliffe

31st July 1923 Lower Hutt Borough Council: The sanitary inspector, Mr. W. Welsh, reported that there had been two cases of pneumonic influenza and one of suspected diphtheria. It had been considered necessary to close the D.H. and Eastern Hutt Schools.

1st September 1923 Art Union Result of ' drawing, of -the Art Union, Eastern Hutt School Fair at the Lower Hutt. Council Chamber, 31st August:—1st Prize,- No. 668, —. Campbell. Camp-road; 2nd Prize, No. 682, Mrs. Watkins, Bloomfield crescent; 3rd Prize, No. 5, Mrs. Pilcher, Rossiter avenue. P. J. S. HUTHNANCE, Sec, - Eastern Hutt School Committee.

3rd September 1923 WANTED. (lady teacher), Comfortable Board and Lodgings, near Eastern Hutt school; urgent; reasonable. Apply 230 Evening Post

6th October 1923 Cabinet has approved of grants to relieve overcrowding at !the Eastern Hutt School and the Maungawhau School. Mount Eden. .

14th November 1923 Grants for school purposes which were advised to the Wellington Education Board to-day were as follow:—Septic tank at Paekakariki, £119- additions at Eastern Hutt, £2039

20th December 1923 The Eastern Hutt School now holds the senior cricket championship for the Hutt Valley, having defeated the Petone West School last Tuesday by 21 runs

20th December 1923 EASTERN HUTT

Proficiency -. Certificates.—R: August,; C. Aldous, K. Barnes, G Baron, J. .Cathro, R Clapham, N Cotton, J Darnell, N Darby E Green L Heyes, N. Jones, K. Jones, B Killeen;- H. Kilminster, G. Macfarlane, R Pritchard, .L Sutcliffe, W. Taylor, A Thomson:. R. Wickham, N. Burnley, T Baigent.' V, Dyer, N. Foothead, M. Futter , G. Gardner, M Hulme, D. Jones, B. Judd, I. Lovett,' W. Lovett, E. Lambert, M. Lea, J . Peck, Z. "Peck, M. Pearce, E. Pryde, I. Robinson, E. Robinson, W. Tait, E. Vaughan.

Endorsed " Competency.—R. Coker, R. Hunt, B; Knight,' ER. Muter D. Auger, F. Clout, G. Slater, C. Sundgren.

Competency.—A. Coffin, G. Spencer.

The following gained attendance certificates.—Girls : N. Oliver, E. Sinclair, K. Ansell, M. Stratton, J. Barron, I. Pescini, M. Robertson, L. Kelly, V. Sinclair, M. Wakelin, M. Crawford N Dowland, M. Dyer, E. Foote, R. Hatfield, M. Lambert, L. Pryde, M Hill, A. Rowe, P. Teal, E. Pryde, 'E. Vaughan, G. Taylor. Boys: G. Mouat, C. Anslow, ; E. • Clapham, J. Anslow, R. Barber, I. Pitt, J. Daniels, F. Body R Clark, N. Graham, G. Larkin, R. Orr D. Robertson, J. Smith, G. Stott, K. Wrathall, I. Barron, D. Bullen,' R. Burgess, D. Charleswood, M. Clarke, D. Gordon, M. Orr, E. Saunders, L. Coles, F Dixon, H" Graham, G. McChesney, L. M Millan, V. Mudgway, G Spencer, T. Williams, A. Robertson, J. Barnett, C. Bowley, G. Bullen, E Natras , A. Vaughan, M. Young, J. Adam, A. Body, J. Darby, R. Gordon, 0. Lane, I Simpson, W. Stott, J. Darnell, N. E. Walsh, G. Carrick, Gordon Carrick, R. Hermanns.

## 1924- 1933

### 1924

[Note again that I have not copied sports results for Eastern Hutt school unless it was something new]

5th February 1924 Wellington Education Board 1924 Pupil Teacher appointments Douglas C Meldrum, Kathleen T Organ, L N Watkins

23rd February 1925 Laura Hiskens appointed Pupil Teacher

11th March 1924 Lower Hutt Borough Council The Eastern Hutt School Committee made a request, for the refund of the - sum of £8 5s paid for wages for disinfecting the ' school, and it was decided to refund half the cost.

3rd April 1924 An interesting . event took place at Eastern Hutt School on Monday afternoon, when Mr. Walker and Mr. Mirams paid a visit to establish a school branch of the Navy League.. Previous to\ the visit, the headmaster, Mr. McBain, had addressed the children, with the result that a large number of children were enrolled before the day. Mr. Walker gave an interesting address, and the membership of the Eastern Hutt is now well over 100, with the result that the Navy League is presenting to the . school a Union Jack. Arrangements for this presentation are now in hand. It is anticipated that a very large number of children from the Hutt Valley will visit the battle cruisers during their stay in Wellington.

3rd May 1924 Referring to overcrowding in classrooms and the accommodation of 100 children in a temporary schoolroom measuring 24 feet by 27 feet, [7.31 metres x 8.23 metres] the Eastern Hutt School Committee, in its annual report to householders, remarks .—"Your committee is not responsible in the slightest degree for sufficient accommodation being unprovided. It has on the contrary been their greatest concern during the year to prevail upon the tardy officials to hurry on with the building. Often it seems that the official mind is far more concerned with saving expense than saving the children from trouble and inconvenience." What satisfaction can it be to force children to sit three at a desk built for two only, or to have them trying to write without desks, as is the case with the classes at present meeting in the Methodist Sunday school Nothing can be too good for the education of the rising generation. Yet a building proposal for our school has never once been submitted to the Department of Education, but what some part of the scheme has been deleted 'in accordance with the policy of the Department.' "



6th May 1924 The feelings of the householders of the ' Eastern Hutt district in. regard to the provision of secondary education facilities in the Valley were expressed in the following resolution, . carried at the annual meeting last evening : Seeing that the young people resident in the Hutt Valley have been deprived of the right of entrance to a fully-equipped secondary school,'\* is the earnest wish of the householders here met together that the proposed Hutt Valley. High School be erected, as soon as possible, so that the educational opportunities of the residents of the Hutt Valley be once again' made the equal of those in the surrounding districts."

6th May 1924 The report adopted at the Eastern Hutt householders' meeting stated that the roll number was now 587, 26 more than last year. Had the average attendance, been 587 instead of 526 they would be entitled to an extra assistant. Various phases of school work and life were traversed, and the following committee . was elected :—Messrs. House (chairman), Foote (treasurer), Huthnance (secretary), Jenkins, Jarman, Burgess ; Shadlock, Dawson, Withington

5th June 1924 It is the practice of the Navy League to present a fine to a school when scholars to the number of one hundred have become enrolled as members of the league. The two latest schools to receive the honour are the Eastern Hutt and Seatoun. At yesterday's meeting of the Navy League it was "stated that Lord Jellicoe would present the flag to the Eastern (Hutt School, and Lady Jellicoe to the Seatoun School.

8th July 1924 Councillor A. McBain, of Lower Hutt, who is headmaster of the Eastern Hutt school, is at present' absent from his duties through sickness.

26th August 1924 Lower Hutt Borough Council: The Eastern Hutt School Committee wrote thanking the council for agreeing to top-dress the playgrounds and asking that in view- of the fact that the work is for. the benefit, of school children, the council should forego the 10 per cent, supervision 'charges. It was decided to adhere to the charge, but that a donation be made to the school funds equal to the amount charged.

11th November 1924 At a bazaar held last week at the Eastern Hutt School the sum of £85 was realised, the goods being sold out in the course of a few. hours. The proceeds will be divided as . follows :A-General fund (used principally for the school grounds), 60 per cent.; class libraries, 25 percent.; and sports fund, 15 per cent.

12th November 1924 The Eastern Hutt School asked for a reduction in the proposed charge for installing gas in the school. It was decided to reply that the estimate was very low considering there were 180 feet of excess service, and that the board could not see its way to make a reduction. [That is coal gas]

16th December 1924 Eastern Hutt Proficiency—J. Adam, A.. Ballantyne A Body, L Burn, J. Coffin; R. Crafar M Cross. F. de Clifford, J. Darby, A. Davies S Emerre, R. Gordon, J. Hagart, E Hermanns, W. Hitch, J. Hutcheson, R. Jones A King W. Mitchell, D. Mognie, W. Pictor, I Stimpson. W. Stott, A Tilbury, H. Tilbury N Tosswill, H. Warnes, R. Welch, M. Willis Edna Barnes, -Ethel Carter, Nancy Clendon Edith Cross, Bronnie Davies, Jean Frandi, Judith Glesen, Molly Glover, Mara. Hill, Adele Kidman, Agnes McMillan, Phyllis McMillan Phyllis Mudgway, Gwen Peck, Iris Spencer, Mima Slater, Enid Saunders, Ellen -Smith Clara Sundgren, Jean Wilson, Julia Witherington,

Endorsed Competency-V Ell, C Hulme and C Lane

## 1925

4th March 1925 Miss M L Leitch appointed

31st March 1925 Lower Hutt Borough Council: The Eastern Hutt School Committee asked the council to write to the Minister of Education asking that the restrictions preventing the local children from attending the Wellington Colleges be- lifted. It was decided to comply with the request

2nd May 1925 The' only hopeful part about the secondary education for the Hutt Valley states the annual report of the Eastern Hutt School Committee, "is that there is at last a prospect, of the Hutt Valley High School propel- being erected. We have been given to understand that a. contract has been let. We trust that that is so, and also that the building will include not less than eight classrooms, as those who are in a position to judge of such matters are firmly of the opinion that six classrooms drtlv, as it is rumoured, will be all that Will be ejected, will prove quite inadequate for the requirements of the high school if it is ready for occupation next February," ...

The report states that the . exclusion of children resident in the Hutt Valley from the Wellington colleges came as a very unpleasant shock to parents, who had been building their hopes on the prospect of sending their Children to the only high schools proper in the Wellington district. The only reason given was that there existed a regulation whereby children could be compelled to attend the District High School nearest to which they resided.

" Is this a sample of the treatment that parents are liable to receive when the educational system has been placed entirely in the hands of the, officials of the Education .Department?" the committee asks. "The trend is certainly to do away with boards and perhaps school committees, thought the matter are too useful as money raisers to be lightly set aside. It is in the. hands of the parents as a whole to see to it that their rights, including a reasonable choice of schools to which they rimy send their children, are not taken away from them."

5th May 1925 The committee elected at the meeting of householders in the Eastern Hutt district was as follows :—Messrs. R G House (chairman), Burgess, Clarke', Dyer, Foote, Jarman, Jenkins Tremewan, and Withington.

A motion was carried to the effect that the Minister of Education be urged to include eight classrooms in the contract for the Hutt Valley High School,, as the average attendance was not an equitable way of computing the accommodation required, the average roll being a fairer basis.

2nd June 1925 Miss A R O'Donnell appointed assistant

24th June 1925 Lower Hutt Borough Council. [Headmaster Mr A McBain was an elected member of the LHBC] The Eastern Hutt School was granted a refund of the supervision charge of £2 8s 3d in connection with tarring work m the school grounds.

8th August 1925 Hutt Valley Power Board The headmaster' of the Eastern Hutt School was granted permission to erect on the board's poles signs supplied by the Automobile Club, provided the local authority approves.

27th August 1925 Foundations laid for Hutt Valley High School

14th October 1925 Advertisement: LOST, Sheep, strayed from Eastern Hutt School grounds; 2 rams. Tel. 387, or, Headmaster, E.H.S.

15th December 1925 EASTERN HUTT. Proficiency.—P.: Adams, A. Boothby G Bowman, F. Carter, J. Cathro, J. Clendon, T. Cooke, E. Cullen, M Cooper.' D. Ferguson, E-. Hulme, J. Miller.. R. March, A. Orr F Schneider, R. Sweetzer, A. Vaughan ' M Wayne, A. Wickham. D. Aldersley L Cairns' K. Cooke, M. Crawford, N. Dowland M Dyer, O. Dyke. H Gawith. R. Hatfield. M Hermanns. O. House, J. Jervis. H Knight, ,Lowe, M. Millington , M. McLellan L More, I. More. ,K. Munro, L; Pryde . E. Schneider A. Stainton. M. Taylor. P. Teal M Tilbury. M. Wardlaw, B, Welch, J. Wells, A Wood.

Competency.—G. Bullen. B. Gardiner ? Kimbell. A. Kyle. N. Baigent. E. Darby F Knapp, N. Montfort ,N. Wilson

## 1926

2nd February 1926 Under the new system of appointing probationers to schools nearest their homes, the Wellington Education Board has made the following appointments: Mr A C Clendon appointed a probationary teacher

4th May 1926 Mr. R- G-. House presided at the' meeting for the election of the Eastern Hutt school committee; about 70 being present.

The committee's report and balance sheet were adopted.

The incoming committee was recommended to consider the question of providing rooms for the dental clinic in the school, grounds next year.

The remit about, free school stationery was adopted.

The following committee was elected:— Messrs. W. V. Dyer (chairman), H. Tremewan (secretary), F. G. Clarke, H. Burgess, A. J. Webster, A. J. Gearing (treasurer), O. L. T. Harrison, R. S. James, and J. J. Taylor

12th October 1926 Lower Hutt Borough Council The 'Hutt Dental Clinic and Eastern Hutt School Committee wrote conveying thanks and appreciation for the council's donation of £30 towards its funds.

29th October 1926 A well-attended meeting of householders presided over by Mr. Dyer, chairman of the Eastern Hutt School Committee, was held on Tuesday, 19th October, when it was decided that in order to provide funds for the maintenance of the school, a queen carnival be held about the end of February. Four queens have already been chosen to represent the school, and funds have begun to come in. The committee hopes that this carnival will be a great success and urges parents to assist.

30th October 1926 The esteem in which Mr. W. H. Olson is held by Eastern Hutt residents was shown by the large gathering, which met at the Eastern Hutt School yesterday afternoon to say farewell to him. Mr. Olson is one of the best-known teachers in the Hutt Valley, having been for two and a half years in the Petone Central School, four and a half years in the Hutt Central, and for the last twelve years he has been, first assistant at Eastern Hutt.

The headmaster (Mr. A. McBain) and Mr. Olson have been on the staff since the opening of the school twelve years ago, and have seen the school, grow from a roll number of 293 with a staff of five to 763 at the present time ; with a staff of fourteen assistants and ,two pupil teachers. Besides the pupils there were present yesterday many ex pupils and ex-teachers, the present staff, members of present and past committees, and a large 'number of parents. Except for a year during which he was absent on military duties, Mr. Olson has been in continuous

service since the school opened. • The speakers at yesterday's meeting were Mr. W. Dyer, chairman of the School Committee, Messrs. N. Baldwin, and E. G. House, ex-chairmen, Mr. A. McBain, headmaster, and the Rev. James McCaw. All mentioned in terms of highest praise the good work done by Mr. Olson and his great influence for good upon the characters of 'the children.' A presentation of a silver teapot and hot water jug, a silver entree dish, a gold-mounted fountain pen, and an ever sharp pencil was made by Mr. A. McBain on behalf of the pupils/parents, staff, and committee, to Mr. and Mrs. Olson. Mr. H. Baldwin, on his own behalf, made a presentation of a gold-mounted fountain pen.

Mr. Olson, in his reply, spoke feelingly of the many kindnesses he had received/and the severe wrench caused by the severance of relationships^

Mr. Olson has been promoted to- the headmastership of the Bulls School. His place is being taken at Eastern Hutt by Mr. W. E. Dickinson, of Island Bay. The committee of the school has also been notified of the appointment of Miss Pettigrew on the staff.

1st November 1926 Advertisement

EASTERN HUTT SCHOOL CARNIVAL

JAZZ!

JAZZ!

LYCEUM THEATRE, LOWER HUTT, FRIDAY, 5th NOVEMBER 1926.

Streamer, Confetti, and Monte Carlo Dances. Hutt Valley Dance Orchestra.

Tickets: Gents, 2s 6d; Ladies, 2s; Double, 4s.

SUPPORT THE ROYAL BLUE QUEEN.

## 1927'

7th February 1927 Part of a letter to the editor of the Evening Post at the opening of the Eastern Hutt school on Tuesday last a large -notice was placed in the grounds stating that no scholars could be admitted to certain standards, and that the infant department was already overcrowded. ....Mr. Editor, what are parents in the vicinity of the Eastern Hutt School to do? They cannot be expected to send infants to Petone when they, have a school at their door that is apparently too small. I should like, as a householder and parent, to know what the committee elected by us is doing in the matter.

2nd March 1927 Mr W A Munro from Kaitoke School at assistantship at Eastern Hutt

11th March 1927 Eastern Hutt School, the grounds of which so delighted His Royal Highness the Duke of York, desires to maintain its reputation for the finest-kept- grounds in the Dominion, and to that end the committee organised, late last year, a Queen Carnival to provide funds for improvements. The carnival is now drawing to a close, .and one of the last functions to be held is a bazaar, which will be opened on Saturday by the Minister for Education (Hon. R. A. Wright). A large number of visitors from Wellington is expected.

14th March 1927 A very successful bazaar in aid of the funds for the Eastern Hutt School - was held on the school lawns on Saturday afternoon. The function was opened by the Hon. R. A. Wright, Minister of Education, who was introduced by Mr. T. M. Wilford, member for the district.

Mr. Wilford congratulated the committee on the excellent way in which the school property and grounds were maintained, mentioning that he hoped the Minister would be able that day to promise the addition of a further two rooms, as the school was already overcrowded. The school was a most important one, being under Royal patronage.

Mr. Wright was glad to hear of the splendid work done in the past and being now done by the school committees, which had raised large sums—one of £137—in aid of improvements. The problem of accommodation must be solved, and as far as he possibly could he would see that this was done. He had much pleasure in declaring the bazaar open and hoped it would be a great success.

Mr. W. Dyer, chairman of the committee, stated that already in the present effort the committee had raised more than double the amount mentioned (£137). The school was fortunate in having so many willing helpers, and the householders had never yet been appealed to in vain.

The stalls were being run in the interests of the various queens. Those in charge of Miss Joan Baker's stall (green) were Mesdames H. B. Gordon, Gearing, Carver, and Baker, Misses Smail and Grant, and Messrs. Webster and Carver. Nelda Pearson (gold): Mr. and Mrs. James, Misses Purdie and Leitch and Mr. Tamblyn. Sarah Katene (blue): Mesdames Bailey and G. Phillips and Mr. Harland. Betty Denby (red): Mesdames Mason, Saunders, Fraser, Smith; Denby, Ogilvie, Harrison, and Matthews, and Messrs. Dyer, Tremewan, and Trigger, and the infant school staff.

Mrs. E. W. Hunt was in charge of the tearooms, with a capable staff of young ladies. The queen carnival, which was originated by Mr. A. N. Wallace, has been a great success, and will be finally closed on 18th March.

17th March 1927 The Eastern Hutt School carnival, which: will close to-morrow, has proved an unqualified success, and according to present' calculations the committee will have well over £400 with which to finance its plans for future improvements and the maintenance. The competition among the various queen candidates is most keen. The chairman of the School Committed (Mr. W. V Dyer) thanks all who have contributed to the success of the school

19th March 1927 [505 pound in 1927 is equal to \$50,093.47 in June 2019]

The Eastern Hutt School Committee is more than pleased with the effort to raise funds for school improvements, the result of its queen carnival having greatly exceeded expectations. The counting of the votes took place last evening, and the results were:—Surah Katene (blue), £140 7s 5d; Betty Denby (red), £137 12s; Joan Baker (green), £131 8s 5 1 ½ d; Nelba Pearson (gold), £95 17s 10 ½ d'; total, £505 5s 9d. In addition, a sum of £5 6s was collected by the general committee, making a grand total of £510 11s 9d.

Last evening the sum of £79 was handed in, and the results were in doubt up to the last minute. The large sum raised is the more creditable as during the period of the carnival the residents gave a further sum of over £70 for the school picnic. The effort has been made with the idea of establishing a fund which will obviate periodical appeals to the householders.

There was quite a large attendance at the school last evening to hear the results, and enthusiastic cheers were given for each of the queens. Mr. W. V. Dyer (chairman of the committee) cordially thanked al those who had contributed to the splendid result.

12th April 1927 [Note: Headmaster McBain was still a member of the Lower Hutt Borough Council] The Eastern Hutt School Committee applied for a grant towards the school grounds. The Mayor said it was true that the grounds were most excellently kept, but he was afraid that the council would be establishing a dangerous precedent which would result in all schools asking for grants. The council decided that it could not see its way to comply with the request.

14th April 1927 The final stage of the recent queen carnival to raise funds for the grounds of the Eastern Hutt School was reached yesterday, when the candidates were presented with gold watches in recognition of their services. In making the presentation, -the Mayor of the borough (Mr. W. ; T.-Strand) remarked that the gardens of the; school were among the best of the 'public schools in the Dominion, and this was largely due to the efforts of the children and of the school committee. He congratulated not only the children who had so successfully combed the district, but also the mothers who were at the back of the children's efforts. During the recent Royal visit ho had had the privilege and-'the pleasure of showing the Duke of York over the grounds, and the Duke had remarked that children who were brought up in such pleasant surroundings must be among the happiest on earth. Mr. Strand then 'presented the watches to the four candidates—Miss Sarah Katene (Queen) and Misses Betty Denby, Joan Baker, and Nelda Pearson.

27th April 1927 The following have been elected unopposed for the Eastern Hutt School Committee:—Messrs. W. V. Dyer, F. G. Clarke, A. J. Gearing, L. Harrison, R. S. James, A. J. Webster, J. J. Taylor, H. Burgess, and A. E. Carver. The only change in the committee is that Mr. Carver takes the place of Mr. H. Tremewan, who did not offer himself for re-election.

3rd May 1927 An instance of divided control in school matters was seen recently in' connection, with the .limited accommodation at the Eastern Hutt school, where many children; have had to' be refused admission. A mother approached the headmaster with the view of. the admission of her two children, and- was told that only one child be admitted. The mother, not desiring the children to be separated,- tried another school, but -was unsuccessful. She then approached the' Education Board which- asked the headmaster of the' Eastern Hutt school to endeavour to accommodate both children; arid this was done. In a few weeks' time the school had a visit from the Education Department's inspector, who told the headmaster that his classes, were too large,- and that they would have, to be reduced

5th August 1927 Wellington Education Board Appointment: Mrs. W. G Rainbow, assistant, Eastern Hutt;

16th November 1927 The chairman and members of-the Eastern Hutt School Committee have telegraphed to Mr. T. M. Wilford, M.P., expressing appreciation of his work in helping to obtain a grant for the new school to be erected in Fry's lane, Lower Hutt.

12th December 1927 An examination was held at the Riddiford Baths, Lower Hutt, this morning, by, Mr. B..S. Knox, under the auspices of the Royal Life-saving Society, when the following pupils of the Eastern Hutt School, who had been trained and presented for; examination by Miss Nancy Webber, passed the tests for elementary certificates:—Molly Bishop, Joyce Clabburn, Zita Frost; Molly House, Belle McLaren, Nancy Pritchard.

16th December 1927 Eastern Hutt Proficiency.—G. Pugh, S. Rofe, B. Saunders, E. Sladden, J. Trigger, E. Turner, L. Vare , L. Warnes, Charles Munro, li. Foothead F. Clarke, G. Martin, M. Gregory, A. Adams, F. Akhurst, R. Barnes, J. Barron, H. Barron, D. Bullen, R. Burgess, M. Carver, K. Klapshaw, M. Clarke, P. Downes, J. Forsyth , E. Francis, F. Gibbons

## 1928

2nd February 1928 Miss C Dwyer appointed Probationer Teacher

8th February 1928 E M Grenside appointed assistant

29th February 1928 Miss M Duff appointed by the Wellington Education Board to the position of Infant Mistress at Eastern Hutt School

16th March 1928 As a result of continued abuse of the Eastern Hutt School's extensive domains and buildings—particularly during the week-end recess—occasional police patrols, in this otherwise charming necessity, seems the only remedy in putting an end to several very undesirable aspects of unauthorised trespass which the local committee are not so well able to cope with, unless locking its main gateways, every evening at certain hours; as its capable and hard-working caretaker may yet have authority to do. As the occasional meeting-place, likewise, of certain small bands of undisciplined youths, Eastern Hutt school-grounds are gaining undeserved notoriety, particularly on Sundays. By whatever means, unauthorised trespass, and general abuse of the kind here but hinted at, must assuredly cease

24th April 1928 Eastern Hutt School.—The annual report submitted to the householders last night stated that the current year had been a happy and to a large extent prosperous one. The financial statement showed a credit balance of £30. The following committee was elected;—Messrs. Dyer (chairman), James (secretary), Gearing (treasurer), Taylors/Burgess, ;Webster, Clout, Clarke. There is one vacancy to be filled.

25th May 1928 The 14th annual report of the Eastern Hutt School, presented by the Headmaster, Mr A. McBain, at the last annual meeting of householders.

The total number of scholars attending the school to-day is 780, an increase of 90 for the year; 245 scholars have been withdrawn and 254 been admitted\* These changes—in some measure—'mar the smooth running of the work in all classes. Sixty of the scholars who left had obtained either a Proficiency or Competency certificate in Standard VI and had completed their primary school course. The new school, opened at Waiwhetu, took a very small number of our scholars and there are still a fair number living within easy reach of that school who could reasonably be expected to attend there. Two of our classes are accommodated at Knox Sunday Schoolroom—a composite class of Std. 4 and Std. 5 and a class of Std. 3.

When a count was taken of those likely to attend the new school in Fry's Lane the number was estimated at 58. It is expected that this school will be opened about the end of May. In order that we may relinquish the use of Knox rooms it will be necessary to transfer at least 90 scholars to Fry's Lane. This number can be provided if compulsion is used by the Education Board on those living within the newly defined school boundaries. In making this . arrangement I would prefer to exempt Std. 6 pupils who I think should be allowed to complete the year at the Main school.

The average class is 52 and that of the infants 49—much too large for efficient teaching and work.

The average attendance was 692, equal to 89 per cent.

Doctors Shaw and Bakewell made medical examinations of the scholars and gave a good report on the general health and appearance of the children.

A large number of our scholars take part in the outside games and compete in contests in tennis, cricket, football and basket-ball [Netball 9 aside] against the other local schools. Once a week our senior boys and girls are taken to Riddiford Baths to learn or indulge in swimming; 67 scholars secured certificates for distances ranging from 50 yards to half a

mile. The fine spirit of co-ordination which exists between parents and teachers is ;an undoubted factor for the making of success.

The following ex-pupils of this school gained Junior National Scholarships at the end of last year:—Roger Doig, Alan Lowe and Graham Bond. Miss Dyer who is a probationer with us this year, is also an ex-pupil, she returns after a highly successful course of study at the Wellington Girls' College.

In conclusion may I thank the members of the Committee for their fine efforts to improve the surroundings of the school—for the good feeling existing between themselves and the staff and for the unfailing courtesy and assistance shown to me as headmaster.

The following balance sheet shows the Eastern Hutt School Committee to be in a vey strong financial position, probably unequalled by any other similar organisation in New Zealand.

5th June 1928 The recently .erected Boulcott (Fry's lane) Primary School, Lower Hutt, was opened this morning under Mrs. Rishworth (mistress), with an attendance of approximately 150, of whom 117 children were taken from the Eastern School, which will now be relieved of over-crowding and will be able to close the Knox Schoolroom branch. About a dozen were taken from the Taita School,, a few from the Epuni School, and the rest were new pupils. Members of the staff arc Misses Smaile and Ferris, and Mr. Munro. At present the school is being controlled by the Eastern Hutt Committee, Hutt which has delegated one of its members, Mr. A. J. Gearing. to watch the interests of the school. Nominations for the Boulcott School Committee will be received by the chairman of the Hutt School Committee, Mr. W. V. Dyer, up to the. 13th June, but will also be accepted up to the date of the householders' meeting,. to be. held on the 20th to elect the committee. The school is now practically full, and as the district is growing rapidly it is anticipated that further accommodation will be required.

13th June 1928 Mr. A. J. Gearing resigned last evening from the Eastern Hutt School Committee with a view to being a. candidate for the committee about to be elected to control the new Boulcott School.

22nd June 1928 Seventy-three pupils of the Eastern Hutt and Boulcott Schools visited the Palmerston North Show yesterday. The children had. a most enjoyable day and saw all the exhibits. They were under the charge of members of the teaching staff of the Eastern Hutt School and Messrs. Dyer and Webster, members of the committee of the same school.

26th July 1928 We understand that it is the intention of the Wellington Education Board to remove a further draft of pupils from Eastern Hutt School to the new school at Fry's Lane. Can it be inferred from this that the Board's policy in dealing with Valley accommodation is to hasten the day when Fry's Lane will be—like most of the primary schools in the Valley—overcrowded ?

4th October 1928 Hutt News We have received an anonymous letter dealing with the Eastern Hutt School playground. We do not recognise correspondence unless the author's name is given and we would advise the writer to communicate direct with the chairman of the School Committee, Mr. W. V. Dyer of Epuni, who we are sure will give the matter full consideration. —

15th November 1928 DOROTHY MILNE. Age 10.

(Std IV. Eastern Hutt School)

There are many reasons why we should do all our shopping in Lower Hutt, First



of all, we should do all our shopping in Lower Hutt because we live there, and ought to support our own shop-keepers, who know better what we need than shop keepers in any other place. Then we ought to shop in Lower Hutt because we ought to be proud of the place we live in. This is called "Civic pride," and the more "civic pride" we have the better progress we will make. We cannot expect Lower Hutt to make much progress if we do our shopping in Wellington and spend our money there. In that way, money leaves the district instead of being kept amongst our own people, who are doing their best to make Lower Hutt prosperous and popular.....

20th December 1928 Following are the results of Std. VI examination at Eastern Hutt School:—

Proficiency Certificates—Merle Bailey, Doris Baker, Joan Baker, Joy Barron, Millie Bishop, Winnie Bushby, Pearl Clegg, Ada Cooke, Rita Clarke, Frances Davies, Betty Davidson, Marjorie Doig, Rene Ryer, Helen Foster, Jean Garner, .Joan Gillies, Freda Grierson, Millie House, Mollie Hurst, Maidos Judd ; Glennie Judd, Enid Kennington, Joy Kirkus, Nancy Lambert, Evelyn Leask, Dorothy Marshall, Jean Mearing, Thelma Newman, Olive Park, Irene Parsons, Ngaere Pearce, Kura Shearer, Ngaire Shearer, Ruth Smith, Ida Smith, Marjorie Stratton, Peggy Waldie, Winnie Bertinshaw, Joyce Withington, Betty Middleton, Kathleen Busty, Joan Tait, J. Bertinshaw, M. Bayly, B. Barron, C- Chambers, J. Carrick, R. Clark, G. Carter, P. Carver, I. Dudding, A. Daniel, T. Foster, N. Graham, H. Hutcheson, A, Heseltine, C Innes, V. Judd, C. Knight, N". Knight, K. Lees, J. Lines, N. Larsen, G. Louper, G. Larkin, A. Martin, R. Mouat, R. McLellan, C. Noble, R. Orr, C. Olds, O. Olds, J. O'Connor, D. Potter, D. Robertson, A. Sissons, C. Stott, J. Strand, A. Thomas, J. Trigger, K. Webley, D. Whitcher, J. Webster, L. Wallis, L. Warnes, G. Ibbett, R. Meek, N. James, T. Murray.

Endorsed Competency—L. August, L. Brown, W. Peek, G. Daniel, Mary Park, Joy Clabburn, Norma Ross.

Competency—Irene Davies, Mavis Harvey, Ruth Hoare, H. Lock, G. Riley.

## 1929

24th January 1929 further instance of the practical interest of the late Mr. Henry Baldwin in the local school children, was supplied at the last meeting of the Eastern Hutt School Committee. A letter was received from the trustees of .the deceased's estate, stating that a legacy of £400 [\$39802.82 worth in June 2019] had been bequeathed to the school trustees, suck money to be held in trust and the interest therefrom to provide an annual subscription to the school picnic funds. The chairman, Mr. W. V. Dyer, on behalf of the committee, expressed their great appreciation for the kind thought and generosity of the donor. It will be remembered that Mr Baldwin took a very keen, interest in education in the valley and this practical assistance will be greatly appreciated by the parents and scholars of the school.

4th April 1929 School Swimming The following pupils of Eastern 'Hutt School qualified for certificates the distances ..swum in each case being given.

880 yards—A. Spencer, J. Power, Joan Simpson, Violet "Nicholls.

440 yards—GC Daniel, R. Archer, G. Clabburn, 3ST. Olds, H. Penhall, L Barbery , Primrose Wood, Joan Wallace, Doris Willis, Joan Clarke, Hilary Kidson, Lorna Jackson, Irina Cavaye, Nancy Collins. :

350 yards—E. : Collins.

220 yards;— Beryl Innes and Phyllis "Gould ;

200 yards.—E. Nash.

150 yards—V. McChesney.

100 yards —D. Bertinshaw, S. Baker, J. McHolm, D. Sissons, S; Wills, M. Smith, B. Scott, Alice Pryke. Mavis George, Hazel Guinness, Dorothy. Milne, Joyce Walker

50 yards.—Jean Orr, Roma Hoggard, Jessie Louper, Nona Oliver, Doreen De.Vine, Iris Mouat, D. Webley, W. Dowland, N. Lines, G. Larsen. A.; Allen, K Nash and G. Hay

23rd April 1929 EASTERN HUTT. There was no election at the Eastern Hutt School, the following Members being returned unopposed: Messrs. Burgess, Clarke, Clout, Dudding, Dyer, Piper, Ponder, Webster, and Wesley

23rd May 1929 The Eastern Hutt School Committee, has been experiencing a considerable amount of annoyance through persons picking flowers and breaking down plants. The grounds of the school have been made one of the beauty spots of the borough by the energy of the committee and the financial backing given by the residents of the School district^ The matter has now been placed in the hands of the police in the hope that an example may be made of the offenders.

18th July 1929 Alice Pryke, of the Eastern Hutt School, was awarded ~the gold medal donated by Messrs Hooson 's Ltd, for the best exhibit of penmanship by girls at the Hutt Valley Poultry Show last week. This competition was open to all children attending any primary school in the Hutt. "Valley including Eastbourne. The boys prize was won' by Donald Smith of Upper Hutt.

19th December 1929 The following pupils pupils of Eastern Hutt School have gained proficiency certificates this year:—Roy Archer, Don Burridge, Laurence Brown, Louis Braddock, Reg Buck, Douglas Hunter, Boyd Le Pine, Alan Lawrence, Victor McChesney, Raymond McIndoe, John McHolm, Ken Nicholson, William Ponder, Justin Power, Morton Smith, Douglas Sissons, Edwin Slater.' Gilbert Daniel. Juliet Adams, Noelene Brown.' Muriel Burn, Edith Eason, Mavis George, Hazel Guinness, Joyce Guise, Dorothy Hutton, Beryl Innes, Nancy Kirkus, Hilary Kidson, Violet Nicholls, Mona Pearce, Maisie Reid, Alice Stevens, Neville Treahy, Thelma Whitcher.

Competency.—Vivian Armstrong, William Clegg, Ivan McIntosh , Alex Stainton, Ray Vare, Joan Clarke, Mavis Prier, Muriel Rossborough, Edna Taylor, Mavis Harvey.

## 1930

20th February 1930 Recently, Miss Harding (who was for many years on the staff of the Eastern Hutt School), was transferred to Opotiki High School, and Miss Lochore, also a teacher at Eastern Hutt School, has been' appointed infant mistress •at Otaki. Miss Lochore spent the holidays at Dunedin with her parents, tie Rey Mr. and Mrs Lochore (formerly of Petone). Miss Harding also spent some weeks there, both returning north for the commencement of school.. .

27th February 1930 .Last Friday Eastern, Hut-t School held its annual picnic- at Maidstone Park where \_ a most enjoyable day was spent. After the sports programme, during which some interesting contests were witnessed, the annual- cricket match, School v. Staff and Committee, was began. Though the scholars have frequently won this fixture," the tables

were turned on this occasion. Mr. Nash, M.P., participated in the game: [Scoreboard not listed here]

, Messrs. Clark and McIntosh rendered every satisfaction as umpires. Prior to the departure Mr McBain, (Headmaster), on behalf of the 'Children thanked the lady members of the Picnic Committee for- the very successful manner in which they had catered for the children. His Remarks were vociferously endorsed' by the assembled school.

4th March 1930 Miss E Heberley Appointed assistant

19th April 1930 The annual report of the Eastern Hutt School Committee shows a present roll of just over 600. All requests for additional school equipment were granted) it is stated, including a gramophone and books for library, whilst it is also noteworthy that the infants' department raised £11 to beautify the infants' room with pictures, 'friezes, books, etc. The usual care and attention has been given to the grounds and improvements made in the direction of removal of unsightly branches and hedges, whilst a few choice shrubs have been added to the gardens. The approach . from Raroa road has been much improved by the making of new garden, lawn, and fence. Two improved types of drinking fountains were installed to replace old ones. The main- school was painted during the summer recess.

During the year the committee has lost the services of Mr. W. P. Ponder as treasurer, owing to Mr. Ponder leaving the district. Mr. L. H. Wesley accepted the invitation to act as "treasurer, whilst the vacancy on the committee was filled by Mr. W. Elsom.

Commenting on the school picnic, the report says: "The annual school picnic was held at Maidstone Park on Friday, 21st February, the approximate attendance being 460 scholars and 160 adults. .With all arrangements well organised and the weather ideal, the event was considered one of the most enjoyable ever held. The committee feels, however, that this is the occasion to remind householders that the voluntary contributions fell short of picnic expenses to the extent of £24, and had it not been for the fact that the committee. held £18 in reserve there would have been a serious loss to face. It must be remembered that a picnic of the character for which the school is noted entails not only much voluntary labour on the part of the committee and friends, but the necessity for more generous response on the part or parents in the district."

30th April 1930 Eastern Hutt.—Only eight nominations were received for the nine seats at Eastern Hutt, and the following were declared elected:—Messrs. H. V. Dyer (chairman), V. H. Piper' (secretary), L. H! Wesley: (treasurer), H. S. Dudding, F. ; G. Clarke, H. Burgess, W. Elsom, K. Tait.

26th June 1930 The ministers of the Lower Hutt are now giving religious instruction in the Eastern Hutt and Central Schools —four ministers in each school with the exception of Mr. JT. C. Huddlestone (retired schoolmaster) who takes one of the classes in the Eastern Hutt School.....

4th July 1930 The Eastern Hutt School Committee, recognising the value of having the school connected to the telephone exchange, conceived the idea of making the scholars and the members of the staff partially responsible for the payment of the necessary fees. The committee pays half of the fee and the children and the teachers the other half. The telephone has been found extremely valuable on several occasions where accidents or sudden illness of the children has occurred

11th September 1930 A most enjoyable Fancy Dress Party was held recently in connection with the Infant Department of Eastern Hutt School. After the Grand March the children gave a short programme of folk dancing, singing, games and songs.....

25th September 1930 Mr J Bell appointed assistant master

18th December 1930 Proficiency.—B. Aldous, D. Bertinshaw, S. Baker, R. Collins, W. Clegg, T. Carter, H. Dyer, C. Dawson, J. Davies. K. Flitter, F. Flux. L. Gaudin, B. Gostelow, G. Gunn, .T. Harris, W. Hunt, E. Jones, W. Jarvie, V. Kirkus, R. Kiddle , R. Knight, It. Morrison, C. Murray, G. McDonald, K. Nash, E. Nash, B. Newman, R. Newell, G. Natusch, C. Oliver, I. Penhall, G. Phillips, A. lingers, R. Sutcliffe, B. Scott, J. Shorter, E. Sund, E. Tail, G. Tait, G. Totterdell, J. Yarley , A. Witcher, H. Withington, N. Winslade, Joan Barkle, Gwennyth Bearsley, Maud Cunningham, Jean Davies, Alison Doig, Jocelyn Hollis, Dorothy Harman, Catherine Jarden, Dorothy Kidson, Joyce Kent, Margery Lawrence, Dorothy Milne, Lorna McHolm, Mona Oliver, Jean Orr, Hilda Pilbrow, Alice Pryke, Joan Simpson, May Tricker, Helen Voyce. ‘

Competency.—A. Allen, It. Burns, W. Collie, K. Davies, D. Forsyth, A. Jenkins, R. Lee, M. Maguire, J. O'Connor, Rona Burton, Beta Cole, Marjorie Gardiner, Phyllis Gould, Ina Knight, Dulcie Leask, Violet Skinner, Edna Sinclair, Joan Wallace.

## 1931

19th February 1931 " A striking example of the sacrifice some of our children are making for the benefit of the: earthquake sufferers, is to be found among the scholars of the Eastern Hutt School. The scholars of Std V and VI B were to have been entertained at a picnic as a reward for one pupil of the class winning the first prize in a writing \* competition\* "When the Hawke's Bay disaster became known to them they voluntarily expressed their sympathy in a very practical manner by foregoing their picnic and handing over the cost to the Earthquake Fund. The prize was 10 guineas [ A Guinea was 21 shillings or one pound one shilling] and was donated by the Self-Help co-op Ltd.

9th April 1931 Mr. A. McBain, headmaster" of the Eastern Hutt School, will shortly be retiring from that position. He will seek election to the Hutt Valley Electric Power Board but is at present undecided as to whether ho will offer his services for a further term on the\* Lower Hutt Borough Council.

28th April 1931 Eastern Hutt 4 The:-following', committee was elected at "Eastern-Hutt: Messrs. H. Burgess, F. G. Clarke, H. S. Dudding, F. Newman, V. H. Piper, E. Stoupe, R. Tait, and L. H. Wesley. A-special vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Dyer for his valued services on the committee over a long period of years, and especially for his services as chairman during, the past five years. A motion of protest was passed against the proposed action of the Government to 'make -a charge to children using the dental clinic The - .unwieldy size .of; the classes at the school was-condemned in a motion passed requesting the Department to reduce the, size of classes to 30 pupils at least.

8th August 1931 A decision to form at the beginning of next year a central library for the schools in the Hutt Valley was made by the Hutt Valley Headmasters' Association at its annual meeting last night The collection, which will be held at the Public Library, Lower Hutt will be formed by the pooling of the books of the schools willing to participate and it is expected almost 3000 volumes will be available. The control of the library will be in the

hands of a committee, consisting of representative from the staff of each of the participating schools. At the meeting of the association last night the headmasters of the Petone West Petone Central, Waiwhetu, Hutt Central, Randwick, Trentham, Boulcott, and Eastern Hutt Schools signified their intention of joining in the scheme Others may come in later.

19th August 1931 A public gathering in honour of Mr. A. McBain, who is about to retire from the position of headmaster of- the Eastern Hutt School; will be held in St. James's Hall, "Woburn road, Lower Hutt, at 8 p.m. to-morrow, 20th August. The gathering has been arranged by the Eastern Hutt School Committee and parents of-present and past pupils and ex-pupils, and all friends are cordially invited to be. present,

19th August 1931 e Eastern Hutt School has reason to be proud of its achievements in the sport of, swimming". During-,the-last season the" school has. Won every trophy for which it competed at the carnivals conducted by the Hutt Valley Swimming Club and in addition carried, away from Wellington the coveted Duthie Cup.....

20th August 1931 Mr. A. McBain, who is about to retire from the position of headmaster of the Eastern Hutt School, will, be the guest of honour at a public meeting to be held in St. James's "Hall, Lower Hutt, at 8 o'clock this evening.

Mr. McBain, when he retires, at the end of this month, will have completed just a month short of 47 years in the service of the Wellington Education Board.

He was born at Carstairs, Scotland, and educated at Coatbridge, near Glasgow, and arrived in Wellington With his parents in January 1882, in. the sailing ship Perthshire, after a .voyage of 96 days. Finding commercial work uncongenial, he took an appointment as pupil teacher at the Te Aro School. He began on 1st October 1884, and threw his energy at once into his work, especially into the sports side of school life organising games and outings for the boys on Saturdays, when swimming and tramping were indulged in. Mr. McBain had charge of the first school's Rugby representative team to play Wairarapa, his team having in it "Billy" Wallace, who afterwards became the famous "All Black.

Te Horo was Mr. McBain's first country, charge, and here, again, he entered into the life of the community, instituting a minstrel troupe and. a debating club, and playing cricket :for the local team, which won the Wilson Shield. In cricket, he also played for the Horowhenua county team;

After seven years at Te Horo he-was appointed headmaster at Manakau, where he organised a circulating library and debating society and acted as lay reader and preacher for all the Protestant, churches. He .was chairman of the Horowhenua Rugby Union and sole selector, of representative teams, also acting, in conjunction with Mr J. Manning, as selector for the combined Manawhenua Unions. In recognition-of his popularity among the Maoris he was presented, when leaving the Manawatu, with two valuable mats. ...'

On 2nd February 1915, the Eastern Hutt School was opened as a separate school, and Mr. McBain was appointed headmaster. The roll number then was 300; today it is 660 and it was much larger before the Boulcott School was built. The school was probably the "show"\* grounds of any school in the Dominion, and for that the district is indebted to Mr. McBain, who conceived the idea, beginning in a humble way by laying out a dozen flower beds, and allotting two pupils to the care of each. The idea developed, and the school now has spacious lawns, roseries, flower beds, and shrubberies.

Mr. McBain's work at the school has been unique, and few headmasters have been more popular with the pupils than, he has been. It was largely the personal touch in the playing fields which gave Mr. McBain his popularity, for no school ever had a keener coach or one who knew better the standing of any pupil in any particular sport. His interest in the children was not confined to the primary school, but followed them, through the secondary course and afterwards in business life.

In Lower- Hutt again, Mr. McBain took a live interest in the community. He was one of the original members and also secretary of the Miniature Rifle Club, and for some years an active referee in Rugby matches and umpire in senior cricket He was one of the prime movers in the steps taken to provide a gymnasium for the Rugby club, and the gymnasium is now one of the best in the Wellington district, Mr. M' Bain convened the meeting that led to the resuscitation of the amateur athletic club, and is vice-president of that body, of the Hutt Cricket Club, and the Wellington Rugby Union, and a life member of the Hutt Rugby Club.

The idea of Eastern galas was conceived by Mr. McBain, and these he twice controlled over £1200 was raised for general- improvement purposes within the borough.

For ten years Mr. McBain has been a member of the Lower Hutt Borough Council, always occupying a high place at the polls. As chairman of the Reserves Committee for many years, he always commanded respect by holding fairly the balance between the claims of the various sports bodies for grounds, and though his interest lay in fostering sport, he would not countenance this being done at the expense of the ratepayers. The present, excellent state of the recreation ground and its appointments is largely due to his efforts as a councillor. During the past year he has held the office of chairman of the Works Committee.

Neither in local nor in general politics is Mr. McBain a party man: He is a keen student of current affairs, and his opinion is always worthwhile on current topics. In the Lower Hutt Borough Council his opinion is always held in the greatest respect. Mr. McBain intends to remain, in Lower Hutt.

3rd September 1931 Mr H N Benson Appointed Headmaster

1st December 1931 Mis R M Nolan appointed assistant

Mr McBain unfortunately died in June 1933 aged 65

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