

Hukanui

1898- 1978 Another Bush School Close to the railway line with a station that railcars stopped at in the 1960's. There was a whole group of schools in this area that worked closely together. 16 Kilometres from Eketahuna, 19 kilometres from Pahiatua

1896

3rd October 1896 . On the Eketahuna-Woodville line the contract for the Mangatainoka bridge has been completed. The rails have already been laid past the Hukanui Station, and will reach Tutaekura early next month, and Makakahi later in the same month. The section to Hukanui is already -available, for goods traffic, and the further sections to Tutaekura and Makakahi will be ready for working in about December and January next respectively. The Ngawapurua Bridge, across the Manawatu River, between Woodville and Pahiatua, is now in need of extensive repairs and strengthening, in order to enable it to accommodate the heavy traffic which will pass over this railway

1897

1897	25	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo		Master	£100	\$17,839
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21st January 1897 Wellington Education Board New school at Hukanui, T. J. James (Mangatainoka), £112

21st January 1897 In response to a petition the Government has determined to establish a post office at Hukanui, near Eketahuna. Mr Godtschalk is to be j. laced in charge of the office.

27th March 1897 It is stated that there is a probability of either a creamery or a factory being started out Hukanui way. Those interested in the matter are receiving the benefit of Mr Sorensen's practical suggestions

29th April 1897 Wellington Education Board Miss Willis, from Khaudallah.to go to Johnsonville to replace Mr W. Anderson, who opens the Hukanui school;

5th May 1897 Complaints' are made of the scant accommodation for passengers by the morning I train from Pahiatua. Passengers by the train from Pahiatua this morning state that the name Brownstone on the station at Hukanui has been covered with tar 'and feathers.

6th May 1897 When the Minister for Public Works arrived at a wayside station on the other side of Eketahuna, called by the euphonious name of "Brownstown," on Monday he was met by an indignant deputation of settlers, who insisted that " Hukanui " was the name that should be substituted. The Minister said that the place had been called Brownstown because Sir Harry Atkinson had promised a certain Mr Brown that it should be so. Mr Hogg, M.H.R., elbowed through the crowd at this stage, and bluntly stated that if dead men's promises were to be binding on their successors in this way there would be no end to the abuses which would arise. He advised the deputation, to get a pot of paint and daub " Brownstown " out until the railway authorities got tired of painting it in.

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1st July 1897 Wellington Education Board In reference to an application that a residence might be erected at Hukanui, it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the chairman

23rd October 1897 A telephone office has just been opened at Hukanui, in the Wellington district. The hours of attendance are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The office will be closed on Sundays and holidays, and telegrams will be delivered regularly.

1898

1898	25	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo		Master	£110	\$18,843
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7th March 1898 Mr Robert Lee to inspect Hukanui School on Tuesday 22nd March

15th December 1898 It was decided that separate districts be constituted for the following schools with an attendance of 15 and over: Mangatiti, Hukanui, Mangamaire, Drover's Rook, Kaituna, Kahautara, Nireaha, Wairere and Island Bay (if it can be legally done)

1899

1899	33	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo		Master	£120	\$21,293
1899	33	Hukanui	Goodin	Jane		Sewing	£5	\$887

25th February 1899 Mr Fleming to examine Hukanui School on 17th March

1st April 1899 HUKANUI. Bounded on the south by the Newman District, on the east by Block 2, Mangaone, and Block 14, Mangahao, on the north by the Nikau School District, on the west by the summit of the Tararua Ranges

19th April 1899 NZ Times The "Pahiatua Herald" protests in the "name of common humanity" against the children attending the Hukanui School being permitted any longer to herd together in the wretched barn which does duty for a school at that locality. Were the board aware, says the paper, of the actual condition of the building, it would at once take action

19th April 1899 Evening Post Hukanui School, in the Forty-Mile Bush, seems to be something unique in the way of public buildings. In the first place, according to the Pahiatua Herald, it was a bushman's whare, " built with ventilators six inches apart, through which the gales blow with bloodcurdling shrieks." And through differences of opinion among the residents of the district as to where a new school should be placed, no better accommodation has been provided. During a gale last week, the already uncomfortable building had the chimney— a slab one — blown down, thus depriving the children of the only comfort in the well-ventilated whare in which they are forced to receive a "free and compulsory education."

17th May 1899 Country school authorities will learn with satisfaction that the Education Board has despatched its carpenter to make repairs, etc., at the following schools : — Featherston, Carterton, Matarawa, Te Ore Ore, Kaiwawai, Fernridge, Mauriceville, Eketahuna, Alfredton, Pahiatua, Mangatainoka, Hastwell, Hukanui, Hinemoa, Waihakeke, Whakataki, and Mangapakeha. He will also decide on a site for a new school at Mangamaire.

29th April 1899 School Committee Hukanui. Messrs Blake, Bambry, Tarrant, E J Smith, C Goodwin, P Goodwin and Parish

21st December 1899 Wellington Education Board It was decided to install a pump and well at Hukanui during the vacation

1900

1900	41	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo		Master	£120	\$20,863
1900	41	Hukanui	Goodin	Jane		Sewing	£5	\$869

23rd February 1900 Mr T R Fleming is to inspect Hukanui school on 20th March

5th April 1900. The question of additional accommodation at Hukanui was deferred

5th July 1900 Wellington Education Board The Clerk of Works reported on works required at Kilbirnie, Eketahuna, Makakani, Hukanui, Kaitawa, Upper Hutt, . Newtown and Carterton. The Board decided to hold over consideration of the . reports pending a review of its finances; the chairman meanwhile being empowered to authorise certain sanitary requirements.

26th July 1900 In a long article on the Wellington Education Board Finances was this extract: The chairman said' he believed that in many of the school districts there were ample children to fill the schools, but they were not fulfilling the conditions of attendance. This was responsible for a. great deal of the. present, trouble. The only thing the Board could do under. these circumstances was to put upon the committees and school teachers the onus of remedying the defect.. This could only be done by resolving that if within a given time the attendance did not improve, the -teaching- staffs and the salaries would be reduced in. accordance with scale.

Mr Hogg pointed out the following instances culled from the inspectors reports, showing that, the 'numbers ' on the roll compared badly with the actual attendance: —Hukanui, 63 on the roll and 19 in attendance; •.'Newman., 71 and 36; Makakahi. 82 and 58; Kaikora 56 and 36; Hamua, 77 and 58 ~,

Mr McCardle said it was well known that some teachers discouraged the 'attendance' of children who were not up to the mark at examination tune, so that their general average should not be adversely affected.

Mr Buchanan was afraid their truant inspector did not- confine himself strictly to his duties. The chairman said he would like to hear the inspector's side of the question. The latter met with great difficulties owing to the refusal of committees to prosecute for truancy, one set of settlers being averse to giving offence to others by ordering prosecutions for non-attendance. Mr Bracey moved—“ That the chairman be authorised to draft a circular giving three months' notice of contemplated reductions' in the teaching staff, and salaries , in excess, and impressing upon committees and teachers the advisability of securing increased attendances at the schools, to obviate the necessity for drastic measures

26th July 1900 The Board of Education was obliged yesterday to defer consideration of a number of applications for new schools, additions to existing buildings, and improvements lo ground", in view of its present unsatisfactory financial position. The Hukanui School Committee wanted additions to the school at a cost of £175. The Board smiled at the request,

seeing that while the school rolls showed 63 pupils, the attendance when the Inspector made his official visit was 19. The committee's request was deferred

16th October 1900 On Wednesday last, the ladies of Hukanui held a meeting to consider ways and means for erecting a hall for social gathering purposes, A strong committee was formed and several donations promised, including timber for the building. It is expected that the hall will be completed by New Year,

23rd November 1900 . Money Order Offices and Post Office Savings Banks have been opened at Pongaroa and Havelock North, and Telephone Bureaux have been opened at the following places; Alfredton, Ballance, Hamua, Hukanui, Konini,...

1901

1901	49	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo		Master	£185	\$31,232
1901	49	Hukanui	Dougherty	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	\$3,376

31st January 1901 Maud Waterson appointed sewing teacher at Hukanui School

31st January 1901 Suggested New Teacher's salary Hukanui W Anderson Present salary £100 to be increased by £23

7th March 1901 Miss Margaret McBeth Pupil Teacher Hukanui

21st March 1901 Hukanui Roll 42 Head Teacher £140 Rise of £20. Pupil Teacher £25 a rise of £5

30th May 1901 Wellington Education Board The tender of Mr Smith (£179 10s) was accepted for additions to the Hukanui School.

15th August 1901 The new Town Hall at Hukanui is drawing near completion, and the residents intend opening the building with a grand ball.

29th August 1901 Alice Dougherty appointed pupil teacher at Hukanui. [Married John Fouhy in 1910 later and had a successful teaching career. See Hamua School for details]

23rd September 1901 A fine commodious public hall, constructed of weatherboards and covered with iron was opened at Hukanui, a township on the railway line [Inksplot] miles north of Eketahuna, by a well-attended social and dance on Friday evening. About a hundred couples occupied the floor, and with the aid of a most accomplished pianist—Miss Davis, of Woodville the fun was kept up without hitch or interval till long after daylight on Saturday morning. The hall, to which additional rooms are contemplated, is thirty feet [9.144 Metres] wide by fifty-three feet [16.15 metres] in length. It includes a supper-room thirteen [3.96 m] by thirty, and a social hall thirty by forty [12.19 m], and it is intended to erect hat and cloak rooms in addition, It has a neat, well-finished appearance, and reflects credit on its architect, Mr J, Dawson, and its builder, Mr Macdonald, The authors of the Hall may be said to be a local committee of ladies, who obtained about £60 as the result of a canvas for subscriptions, and had their efforts greatly assisted by the local sawmillers, conspicuously Messrs Gardiner, Weir and Stevens, who contributed gratuitously nearly all the timber required. The hall has been vested in the following trustees Messrs Geo, Turner (chairman), Gardiner, Weir, J, Parish and F. Morris. The hall was declared open by Mr Hogg, M.H.R., who made a felicitous address on the occasion, caused a lot of diversion by relating his experiences in holding meetings where no halls were available. Songs were contributed at intervals during the evening, and an abundance of refreshments were provided by the ladies' committee. It

should be mentioned that the site of the hall, which is an admirable one, was the gift of Mrs Gardiner, senr.

1902

1902	59	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo		Master	£165	\$27,204
1902	59	Hukanui	Howden	Ada L		Assistant Female	£80	\$13,190

30th January 1902 Hukanui May Tonks Present salary £42 Colonial Salary £80. [May Tonks was at Waikanae School by the end of 1902]

27th February 1902 Wellington Education Board Appointment Hukanui: Miss Ada Howden, mistress at £80. Ada started as a pupil teacher in 1897 at Te Aro Infants. In 1900 she was at Brooklyn school and in 1901 at the terrace school. In 1904 she went back to teaching in Wellington at the Clyde Quay school until at least 1923

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4th March 1902 A Docherty to Pahiatua [Presumably because Miss Howden was fully qualified and Miss Docherty was still a pupil teacher]

20th March 1902 A fine new bridge, spanning the Mangatainoka river on the road between Hamua and Hukanui, has just been completed, and together with the approaches will be thrown open to traffic on 3d April. The bridge is the second in the district that has been erected by day labour under the supervision of Mr Joseph Dawson, and it is understood that it will compare most favourably with any work of the kind yet constructed in this part of the Colony.

27th March 1902 Wellington Education Board The clerk of works was instructed to report on proposed improvements at the Hukanui and Mount Cook Schools.

4th April 1902 Yesterday an event of importance to the settlers in the Mangatainoka [Hukanui was a long way from Mangatainoka] Valley was celebrated by the formal opening of a bridge just erected over the river midway between Hukanui and Hamua, to take the place of a ford, which was inconvenient, and at times dangerous. The bridge, which has occupied some seven months in construction, is a substantial erection of rimu, having a total length of 80 ft, in three spans. Its cost, with the approaches on either side, was £2231

16th August 1902 It may interest some of your readers to know what ferrets are capable of doing among our native' birds. Some few days ago in the bush inland of Hukanui, towards the ranges, I was passing a tall rata tree with the usual kiekie creepers, etc., clinging to it. Hearing a rustling, I looked up, and saw a ferret literally springing up the tree, three to four feet at a bound. A parroquet (Sic) was flying round it making a great noise. The ferret disappeared in a hole near the top, and in about five minutes came out again with a young parakeet in its mouth, dead. The female bird had evidently been killed with its young, as it did not appear. The male bird hovered round a long time, but finally flew away. Woodhens [Weka] have almost disappeared, except far inland" — the ferrets have hunted them all down. It is sad to think that all our native birds must eventually disappear before the inroads of these vermin, which can climb trees with the agility of a cat.

5th November 1902 The Education Board has granted the request bi the Mangatainoka and Hukanui School Committees to give a holiday to the scholars on People's Day of the

Manawatu Show. It is the usual practice of the Board to grant holidays for agricultural and pastoral shows to schools adjacent to the places where shows are held.

1903

1903	61	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo		Headmaster	£176	\$29,203
1903	61	Hukanui	Howden	Ada L		Mistress	£85	\$14,084

30th April 1903 Leave of absence was granted to Miss Howden Hukanui

28th May 1903 Wellington Education Board A grant of £5 was authorised for gravelling at Hukanui, and for certain repairs\

27th August 1903 Wellington Education Board Stating the Wellington Education Board is overdrawn and additions to Newman school £200 approved in 1901-1902 should be added to the list

1904

1904	62	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo		Headmaster	£178	\$29,487
1904	62	Hukanui	Zohrab	Clara M H		Mistress	£85	\$14,075

6th April 1904 Wellington Education Board have taken over cooking classes that are conducted by Miss Millington. The Wairarapa classes continue under the instruction of Alias Millington. The lessons for the first half year are given at Masterton, Clareville, Featherston, Greytown and Carterton, and for the second half year at Eketahuna, Mangatainoka, Hukanui. Scarborough and Pahiatua.

29th April 1904 Miss Howden was appointed to the Clyde Quay teaching staff

13th June 1904 Eketahuna County Council From Mr J. Hunter, re foot-bridge required at the creek at Hukanui to allow children to get to school after heavy rain.—Resolved to expend 30s

11th July Eketahuna County Council The report was adopted. A deputation from the Hukanui School Committee (Messrs Blake and Whitcombe) waited on the Council, re dangerous state of the gravel pit on the Hukanui-road; also a drain on the road which had no outlet and backed water on the school grounds. The gravel pit was a danger to travellers and school children. It was about fifteen feet deep [4.57 metres] and was at present full of water. The pit was close to the road, and unfenced. The Overseer reported that the Chairman of the School Committee had agreed to rind an outlet if a culvert was put in. The Council had put in the culvert.

The deputation mentioned that the owner of the ground, had. they understood, blocked up the culvert.—Left in the hands of Cr Dawson and the Overseer.

28th October 1904 The School Committee does not know how to force the children to keep their faces clean. It considers the difficulty one of national importance. Children coming to school with a stratum of soil on their cheeks are occasionally sent home to get clean, but since the truancy regulations have been made more stringent a youngster who particularly loves the soil runs a risk, if so dealt with, of coming under another punishable category as a truant. The committee, in despair - , appealed to the Board to ask the Government to legislate Now, as a matter of fact, there is a regulation of the Board authorising teachers to enforce by their authority the cleaning of obnoxiously dirty faces, and the Board decided yesterday to support with all its power any headmaster of a school who has to take action against this national menace—the dirty face.

28th October 1904 Consequent on a complaint from Hukanui, the Board decided to support teachers in enforcing the regulation as to children being cleanly.

I can't find Miss Zorab's appointment but she started teaching at Rintoul Street School in 1898 and in 1902 did a stint at Ngaturi then back for a year in Wellington at Te Aro before 2 years at Hukanui

1907/2976	Clara Metita	Zohrab	Edmund Arthur	King
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1905

1905	53	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo	E1	Headmaster	£180	\$28,467
1905	53	Hukanui	Zohrab	Clara M H	D3	Mistress	£85	\$13,443

17th January 1905 Eketahuna County Council Resolved to forward correspondence between County and Hukanui School Committee

27th January 1905 Wellington Education Board following report of the Works . Committee was adopted;— The clerk of works—(a) To report on . application for painting, Manakau; (h) to report on complaint re drain, and , gravel pit from Hukanui

24th February 1905 Wellington Education Board That the clerk of works be asked to report on applications by committees at: —Makomako. Hukanui,

11th April 1905 Eketahuna County Council From Mr Anderson, Hukanui, that Dr Chadwick's instructions re isolation of patient had been carried out

16th May 1905 Eketahuna County Council From Education Board, ' Wellington with reference to drainage and pit at Hukanui, near school. The fault of defective drainage was due to the water-tables, and, the council were asked to face the matter fairly and fence the pit and provide, drainage.— It appeared that the chairman of-the Hukanui School Committee had agreed to open a drain if a culvert was put in.. The drain was put in, but the drain was not opened. The sum of 30s was offered and refused to provide this drain.—Resolved that the matter be left in the hands of Cr. Redpath and oversee

28th June 1905 he Hukanui 'School Committee held the annual school concert on the 16th, which was well attended

1st July 1905 Wellington Education Board offer from J. L. Bond to lease a Board reserve of five acres at 2s per annum, at Hukanui, was refused.

10th August 1905 Inspector Elison received a message from Eketahuna this morning stating that the public school at Hukanui was destroyed by fire last night.

16th August 1905 Mr A. H. Vile, a member of the Wellington Education Board, has advised the" secretary (Mr G. L. Stewart) that arrangements have been made to house the children attending the Hukanui School —destroyed by fire last week—in the local hall. The children are being given holidays this week, to allow of arrangements being made for re-opening in the hall on Monday next. The furniture for the lower classes was saved, but the rest was destroyed.

17th August 1905 Enquiry into the fire at the Hukanui School showed that the destruction of the building was duo to a defective,, chimney

23rd August 1905 Mr J. Robertson, chairman of the Education Board, accompanied by Mr E. Feist (a member of the Board) and Mr G, L. Stewart (secretary), paid a visit to Hukanui on

Monday for the purpose of inquiring into the destruction of the school by fire. No evidence was available. The report of the inquiry will be made at the next meeting of the Board.

23rd August 1905 There was a good attendance, and probably a class for tuition will be established. The Hukanui school was burnt down last Wednesday evening at about half past seven. The cause was a defective chimney. Some of the settlers hurried & once to the school and succeeded in saving the contents of one of the rooms, but the roof of the other room fell in before they could save any of the contents.

1st September 1905 Wellington Education Board After hearing the report on the Hukanui School fire, Mr Hogg said there was certainly some amount of negligence in regard to the inspection of school buildings in the district. Mr Buchanan moved, "That the Works Committee be requested to go into the whole question of inspection during the erection of schools and make recommendation to the Board, This was agreed to.

2nd September 1905 tenders are invited by the Wellington Education Board for the re-erection of the school at Hukanui.

27th September 1905 The Wellington Education has accepted the tender of Mr G. Benton, of Alfredton, for the re-erection of the school at Hukanui, recently destroyed by fire. The price is £391 10s

29th September The Education Department allowed £500 for rebuilding Hukanui School

14th October 1905 Presentation to Mr King. Last evening a minstrel entertainment was held at Herbertville, and advantage was taken of the gathering to make a presentation to Mr E. A. King, who for some years has officiated as headmaster of the local school, on the eve of his departure for Hukanui, where he takes up an appointment under the Wellington Education Board. [Actually went to Kakariki School near Hukanui]

27th October 1905 Wellington Education Board the chairman reported that the South Wellington, Hukanui, and Masterton District High School buildings had been commenced.

21st November 1905 HUKANUI.

A Land of Promise

How Dairying Flourishes.

(By Our Travelling Contributor.)

Hukanui is the name given to a small township and the country surrounding it, on the railway line a few miles to the West of Hamua and about six miles north of Eketahuna. The land lies between the Mangatainoka and Mangahao rivers. Nearly the whole country was heavily timbered some twenty years ago, but the sawmills and fires have been through it, and only a few patches of the original bush remain. Owing to the disappearance of the sawmills the trade in the township has fallen off and the school has been seriously affected, but there are signs of progress in another direction. Land has gone up in value, and the way in which the dairying industry is flourishing is giving a general impetus to everything. Mr Anderson and his assistant, Miss Zohrab, are "teaching the young idea" under difficulties. Some time ago the school building was burned down, and now, while a new one is being erected, the infants class with the various standards have to be taught together in the public hall. That the children are getting a capital education is fully evidenced by the Inspector's report which could hardly be more favourable.

The chief industry of the district is represented by the creamery belonging to the Ballance Co-operative Dairy Association. A few years ago, when Mr Billington took charge of the

plant, the most put through was 700 gallons of milk daily—now the quantity is 1500 gallons, or more than double. Among the largest suppliers are Messrs J. Dougherty and Joseph Dawson. Mr Dougherty has a farm about two miles away, near the railway line, and he has a metalled road to within ten or twelve chains of his gate. These few chains, however, in wet weather will give him more trouble than all the rest of the road put together. There are altogether about one hundred chains, or a mile and a quarter, of road to be metalled at this place, and then there will be a good hard thoroughfare to Mangamaire. The road was formed with a road grader over a year ago, and it presents the appearance of a ploughed field. The soil is of excellent quality, and if the Public Works Department don't intend spending the money for metalling that appears on the Estimates this season, they should certainly plant the road with potatoes. The creamery built on the Mangaraupi creek has a capital plant, comprising two or three engines that pump the water from a well adjacent and work a couple of separators. At the present price of butter-fat—10d per lb—the settlers should be doing well. Among the dairy farmers are a number of recent arrivals from Carterton and the Taratahi. Mr Redpath, senr., has built a neat cottage, together with several fine sheds and picket fences, on the main road to Kakariki, just opposite the residence of Mr and Mrs Cutler, a couple well-known and greatly respected all over the district from Featherston to Woodville. Mr Wm. Bayliss, who at one time was clerk to the Eketahuna Road Board, has a farm alongside. A new-comer, Mr McDonald, and his wife are thrifty and practical dairy farmers. Beyond are the farms of Messrs Waterson, John Orr, J. Dawson, P. McOnie, and others. The land in the Kakariki settlement is leasehold, but that does not prevent it going up in value. A settler, who, four years ago, bought a 200-acre bush section for £50, and having felled and grassed the land, expending in labour and material about £400, sold his section a few days ago for £1200. Mr Roy's sawmill, below the high cliffs, on the edge of the Mangahao river, is busily at work producing rimu and totara for the timber merchants and contractor. Mr Roy has a capital plant and tramway of several miles, by means of which he hauls the logs from the bush to his mill, and when the timber is cut, drags it with a wire rope up the side of the cliff and despatches it to the railway at Hukanui. The tramway has been of great service in this part of the Eketahuna County, for being alongside the formed and metalled road, instead of the heavy traffic from the mills injuring the track, the tramway has facilitated the haulage of metal and enabled the local authority to make the road at a wonderfully reasonable cost.

1906

1906	48	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo	E1	Headmaster	£180	\$27,974
1906	48	Hukanui	Bradbury	Annie E	E4	Assistant female	£90	\$13,987

28th February 1906 Wellington Education Board The following applications have been approved by Works and Finance Committee of Education Board : Roof repairs at Dalefield, slumping and picket fencing at- Hukanui,

1st March 1906 n Monday the new school was formally opened by A. W. Hogg, Esq., M.H.R. It will be remembered that the old school was burned to the ground some time ago, and in its place the Education Board have erected a fine large school. A special feature is the large number of windows giving finely lighted rooms, which must be good for teachers and scholars alike.

Mr Patterson, Chairman of School Committee, after a few remarks, called on Mr Hogg to give a short address. In his remarks Mr Hogg paid a very high tribute to Mr Anderson and Miss Zohrab, the teachers.

Messrs Turner, Dawson, Anderson and Redpath also spoke.

The company then adjourned outside, where numerous photographs were taken by Mr Golder, photographer, Waipawa. The company then were liberally entertained by the School Committee. During the afternoon races and sports were engaged in and quite a happy time was spent. In the evening a most enjoyable social and dance was held in the Hukanui Public Hall, when Mr Chas. Blake acted as " M C."

7th March 1906 Wellington Education Board Hukanui Stumping and picket fencing

30th March 1906 Wellington Education Board Metalling

30th March 1906 Wellington Education Board A progress report from Mr Davies, agricultural instructor, was received. This showed that at two of the centres, Masterton and Greytown, preparations for carrying out agricultural instruction , in connection with the district high schools are in an advanced stage, and classes should soon be in full swing. The schools already recognised and drawing capitation for classes in agriculture are Mauriceville West, Kaipororo, Rongokoako, Makomako, Waione, and Dreyerton. Schools making application for recognition of classes are Carterton, Park Vale, Gladstone, Ballance, Konini, Pongaroa, Rakanui, Mangatiti, and Hukanui. Mangahao and Ngaturi schools have commenced operations but are too small to earn capitation. Mr McDonald gave notice for next meeting, " That the Board endeavour to make arrangements with the Technical School Board whereby the latter body will be released from its obligation to pay half the salary of the agricultural instructor, and that in future ho be entirely under the Education Board's control and be paid solely by the Board.

9th June 1906 Mr E. A. King, formerly of Ike Herbertville- School, but who daring the past eight months has been at Hukanui, has been promoted to the "mastership of the Kaiwaiwai School r near Featherston. [Mr King WAS NOT at Hukanui but at Kakariki next door]

14th June 1906 Miss C. Zohrab, of Hukanui, to be assistant at Newtown

13th September 1906 Miss Zohrab, of Hukanui School, has left for Newtown, and her duties here will be taken up by Miss Bradbury, of Hawke's Bay In 1905 Annie E Bradbury was at Porongahau School on the coast in Central Hawkes Bay

28th September 1906 In regard to Kahautara, the board agreed to give the subsidies applied for. The application from Hukanui was refused [Fake Information]

1st October 1906 That the following be reserved for the decision of the Board : -Kahautara, subsidy on playshed £20, the committee contributing £20 and £5 for large bell Hukanui, application of teacher for allowance on account of compulsory absence from home during illness in family.

28th December 1906 In Hukanui district the lire has been very severe, and settlers had to watch the Ballance Company's Creamery and manager's residence, and only by constant work the buildings were saved. All settlers I have spoken to have been pleased with the way the fire has done its work on the sections of felled bush, but they are all anxiously looking for rain now, as when it comes it will mean rest for the battlers.

1907

1907	49	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo	E1	Headmaster	£180	\$28,219
1907	49	Hukanui	Bradbury	Annie E	E3	Assistant female	£90	\$14,109

16th January 1907 A tearoom is about to be opened at Hukanui, I hear. From the travelling public point of view this will be a great boon, as at present the only place one can rest or spend a spare hour or so is in the small waiting-room at the station.

14th February 1907 For a school garden competition promoted by the Masterton A. and P. Association, prizes of 15s and 10s being offered for the best plot, eight schools competed. Both prizes were won by the Matahiwi school. A lady teacher is in charge, and she only had the benefit of one visit 'from the Instructor in Rural Education. The judges said the plots at Hukanui I and* Ihuraua deserved some recognition considering the adverse condition under which the pupils worked. In order to make special donations to these schools a subscription was taken up in the room, 22s being collected. This is to be divided between the Hukanui and Ihuraua schools.

22nd February 1907 I hear that a movement is on foot to close the Kakariki School, on account of the low attendance, and if this is done a brake will convey the children to the Hukanui School

26th April 1907 Wellington Education Board Hukanui, fencing, £1

5th December 1907 Miss Bradbury appointed to Masterton School as an assistant

1908

1908	56	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo	E1	Headmaster	£165	\$25,867
1908	56	Hukanui	Simmonds	Olive		Assistant female	£85	\$13,325

18th January 1908 The- wind last night caused the fires 'to freshen in this district. The most- ' severe fires are at Hukanui, where houses owned by J. Bond and G. Turner, settlers, were completely destroyed. Settlers were fighting the flames all night. Several families moved out of the fire zone, and left their houses to take their chance. Popplewell's timber mill was only saved by the unremitting efforts of a large band of workmen. ,, Hundreds of. acres of grass and fencing were- destroyed. " In other parts of the district settlers were compelled to work all night protecting their homes.

14th February 1908 Miss A Simmonds appointed assistant mistress

13th March 1908 Advice haf been received that at the examination held in Pahiatua in October, 1907, under the direction: of the National of Music, London, Miss Winnie Kay, of Mamua, a pupil of Miss Foss, .of Hukanui, passed, in musical theory .with honours, securing .94 points out of a possible 100. , Mr. Udy, of Hukanui has commenced rebuilding his sawmill, which was burned down during the fires.

18th April 1908 . At present the supply is down to 400 gallons It is estimated that owing to land having_ been cleared by bush fires and sown in grass, the Hukanui creamery will receive a supply of 400 gallons more milk daily than in previous seasons. . Grass seed sowing in the district is just about completed. I

2nd May 1908 School Committee Hukanui, Messrs." C. 'R. Blake (chairman), J. Stevens, R. Riddle, J Hunter, E. Leach. : W. .Patterson, P., A. -de Loree (secretary)

At the annual meeting of householders held at Hukanui it was unanimously resolved that the copy of the Decalogue, sent by the Education Board to be hung in the school, be removed.

29th May 1908 Wellington Education Board Hukanui (use of reserve) —That the school committee be informed that 'the teacher is entitled to occupy such part of the school reserve as is not required for school purposes.

26th June 1908 Wellington Education Board Hukanui Repairing and replacing chimney pots

In 1906 Olive Simmonds was teaching at Coonoor in 1907 she was at Otaki before spending the next two years at Hukanui

1909

1909	60	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo	E1	Headmaster	£185	\$29,398
1909	60	Hukanui	Simmonds	Olive		Assistant female	£90	\$14,302

13th February 1909 The Hukanui School picnic, which was also held to-day at the schoolgrounds, was a decided success. There was a large attendance, and the refreshments were kindly supplied by the ladies. The wants of the little ones were well catered for and good prizes were given to them. A social in the evening in the Hukanui Hall was well attended, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the school funds

15th February 1909 HUKANUI SCHOOL PICNIC. Before the prizes were distributed at the Hukanui school picnic yesterday, the Headmaster (Mr Anderson) in a short speech referred to the excellent work the chairman (Mr F. Morris) had done in connection with school matters and stated that the success of the picnic was largely due to the energy displayed by that gentleman. He also urged upon the residents the necessity for attending the annual meeting of householders, to elect a school committee, as often in the case of country districts, very few people attended these meetings". Special prizes for general merit -were won by the following scholars: —Standard 6, Morris Timings 1, Monty Saywell 2; Standard 5, C. Rasmussen 1, Leanora Galvin 2, Henrietta Schwartzfeger 3; Standard 4, Sarah Turner 1, Percy Anderson 2, Alice Davey 3; Standard 3, Myrtle Anderson 1, Eileen Galvin 2, Cora Cooper 3; Standard 2, Myrtle Cooper 1, Bernard Timings 2, Jack Erickson 3; Standard 1, Doris Galvin 1, Beatrice Gill 2, William Galvin 3. All the children in the infant classes received a prize.

The social in the evening was a decided success. The floor was in splendid order, and the music was supplied by Messrs G. Stoodley and E. Collett, extras being played by Mrs F. Morris and Mr Manson. Mr R. Kiddie was M.C. Mr Manson contributed several vocal items.

1st March 1909 An exploring party of five—Messrs Dowie, Bryant and Pratt (3)—travelled last week from Hukanui, over the Tararuas to Otaki.

They left Hukanui on Tuesday last, and reached Otaki yesterday. They followed the Mangahao river, and crossing a low saddle, struck the head waters of the Otaki.

The country on the Hukanui side of the range was found to be rough, but further on the party discovered heavily timbered land and fine grazing country

28th May 1909 Applications; deferred pending inquiry; Mangamaire, ;Kaipororo ,and Hukanui, .applications for residences—The respective 'committees 'to be informed that the Government has intimated that it cannot entertain applications for residence grants;

14th June 1909 The annual School Concert was held in the Hukanui Hall last evening. The hall was crowded, and an excellent programme was submitted. Four items were given by the

school children, who had been well trained master (Mr Anderson), and were quite a treat to listen to. The following ladies and gentlemen contributed to the programme:—Misses Foss and Tulloch (2), and Messrs Mowbray, Hawkins, Ox ley, Manson, White-Scott, Ulrich and Stephens. Refreshments were afterwards handed round, and then the floor was cleared for dancing, which was kept going merrily for several hours. The function was the best that has been held in the hall for some considerable time.

29th October 1909 Wellington Education Board That applications be made for residences at Hukanui and Gladstone

26th November 1909 Offer declined Hukanui (Offer of site for a residence)

1st December 1909 A meeting of residents of Hukanui was held last evening, when it was unanimously decided to tender a farewell social on Friday evening to Mr and Mrs F. Morris, who are leaving that district for pastime new. During the ten years they have occupied the Post Office store in Hukanui both j Mr and Mrs Morris have helped many a struggling settler, and keen regret has been expressed at their departure. Mr Morris is chairman of the School Committee, and has always been a keen football enthusiast, having played for several years for the Hukanui Football Club. He has been secretary for the Bush Rugby Union for the past three seasons. Mrs Morris will be greatly missed in social functions

13th December 1909 Eketahuna County Council r Anderson, of Hukanui, waited on the Council, and offered to sell a gravel-pit on hi 3 section for £25; area about one-eighth of an acre.—The matter was left in the hands of the and Cr Dawson to deal with.[I am guessing that this Mr Anderson is the school teacher]

1910

1910	67	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo	E1	Headmaster	£190	\$29,786
1910	67	Hukanui	Simmonds	Olive L		Assistant female	£90	\$14,109

8th February 1910 The annual school picnic took place on Friday last, in splendid weather. Sports and a baby show were the principal attractions, numerous prizes being awarded. A large number of children and parents sat down to a sumptuous tea. and iv the evening a dance was held in the Public Hall, the attendance being excellent. The committee and teachers tender their sincere thanks to all who helped to make the children's day a happy one.

Traffic at the local railway station is very brisk, upwards of thirty wagons of timber, stock, etc., having been dispatched last week.

26th April 1910 Hukanui, purchase and enlargement residence. £300

27th April 1910 School Committee Hukanui— Billington. P. Brew, W. Griffin, H. Lindsay, Kiddie, Stephens, Hunter

31st August 1910 Tenders were recently called by the Wellington Education Board for additions-to the school residence at Hukanui. These have been referred to a committee of the Board to be dealt with

1st September 1910 Wellington Education Board Tenders accepted Hukanui Improvements to residence- Tenders referred to chairman

10th September 1910 Tenders, to close at the Education Board's Office, Wellington, at noon on Saturday, September 16th, are invited for additions, repairs, etc., to the teacher's residence

at Hukanui. Plans, etc., may be seen at the Herald Office, Pahiatua; Express Office, Eketahuna; Post Office, Hukanui; and at the office of Messrs Varnham and Rose, Masterton
28th September 1910 Wellington Education Board

With, reference to the proposed improvements to the teacher's residence, at Hukanui; if was agreed that application be made for an addition to the grant

26th October 1910 Wellington Education Board that a grant for the balance of the cost of the teacher's residence at Hukanui had been approved

7th December 1910 children's and adults' plain and fancy dress ball is to be held in the Public Hall on Friday, in aid of the school funds. Given fine weather it will eclipse anything yet held in the district.

Great sympathy is felt for Mrs Tucker, whose husband died in Pahiatua Hospital on Monday night. Five young children are left to mourn her loss.

12th December 1910 HUKANUI. As a final to a series of weekly dances arranged by the School Committee and carried out by a ladies' committee, to teach the children dancing, also to raise funds for the school, a children's fancy dress ball was held in the Public Hall on Friday evening. Notwithstanding the bad weather which prevailed a record attendance was the result, and the school funds will benefit to the extent of £5. Both young and old spend, a pleasant evening, and the dance was one which will be long remembered by the children. The catering was in the capable hands of Mr Griffin. Amongst the children in fancy dress were noticed: —Misses Ranby, "Lily;" M. Conder, "Early Victorian Period;" K. Lawton, "Scarlet Troubadour;" M. Lawson, "Fairy Queen;" L. Lawson, "Cupid;" I. Lawson, "Girl Blue;" S. Hunter, "Butterfly Fairy;" G. Benge, "Clowness;" M. Narbey. "Black Diamond;" P. Alderwick. "Folly;" A. Mabey, "Spanish Dancer;" E. Ranby, "Blue Bell;" E. Benge, "Nancy Lee;" F. Anderson,, "Frimley;" M. Anderson, "Queen of Diamonds;" J. Anderson, "Scotch Lassie;" K. Timmins, "Japanese;" I. Galvin, "Ace of Hearts;" W. Galvin, "Night;" M. Galvin, j "Flower Girl;" D. Galvin, "Japanese;" V. Hercock. "Witch;" N. Galvin, "Empire;" - Masters J. Cobb, "Rough Rider;" O, Hunter, "Troubadour;" R. Hunter, "Gondolier;" G. Hunter, "Boy Blue;" R. Ranby, "Indian;" B. Ranby, "Jack the Giant Killer;" W. Eades, "Spaniard;" G. Eades,, "Negro;" B. Anderson, "Fool;" D. Hawkes, "Jockey;" H Palmer, "Clown;" J Goodwin, "Ace of Clubs;" H Smith, "Negro;" V. Smith, "Cook;" B. Udy, "Page;" G. Udy, "Maori Woman;" M. Timmins, "Japanese;" B. Timmins, "Negro;" Udy, "Cricketer;" R. Udy, "Sailor." The dresses and costumes worn were most original and spoke well for the care and forethought taken by the parents.

Subscription lists for the widow and five young children of the late E. Tucker are now in the hands of Miss Anderson, at the school-house, and Mr Conder, at the railway station. Up to the present time over £30 has been collected.

1911

1911	61	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo	E1	Headmaster	£195	\$30,839
1911	61	Hukanui	Wilson	Margaret M		Assistant female	£90	\$14,234

18th January 1911 Our school committee are not dead. They are arranging for a flag pole ,to be erected in the school grounds. Possibly by ' Coronation time the school children will be able to salute the flag.

26th January 1911 The farmers in the Bush districts are taking advantage of the fine weather to burn off their bush. Around Hukanui they are having especially good burns.

28th January 1911 HUKANUI Arrangements are well in hand for the school picnic, which is f o be held on February 3rd. Rain fell during last night, which would be welcomed by farmers and householders alike

4th February 1911 The school picnic which taken place to-day promises to be a successful affair. Mr Hogg, Member for the district, has been asked to attend and distribute the prize's. This, I believe, he has consented to do

Upto spelling

7th February 1911 AN EXAMPLE OF INDUSTRY It is demonstrated at Hukanui the Stoney desert of the Forty-Mile Bush, what settlers of the right stamp can do. About 20 years ago the surrounding country was occupied in 200-acre sections by settlers from the Hutt. Masterton, and "Pahiatua. One hundred 'acres near the railway was purchased as the site of a township, and this was sold by Messrs. T. K. Macdonald and Co., under the title of Brownston; intended to perpetuate the name of Mr. C. W. Brown, one of the leading promoters of (ho settlement.- The residents, preferred, a Maori name, and the- one chosen was Hukanui. – From the railway, -through the Hutt -and 'Kakariki special settlements. a distance of four miles, to the Mangahao River, a great deal of the land was covered with boulders, scrub, and fern. What with rocks and um Some of the sections hero changed hands, but most of the settlers, in spite of 'discouragements, stuck, to their homes. They "- their, sections, erected a creamery, helped the local sawmillers to inv a tramway so th.it they raisht sell ' their r timber, and borrowed .£600 with which they, formed six miles of the best and cheapest road in the Eketahuna County. The scrub, states Mr. A. W. Hogg," MP., has been ploughed under, the stones have been gathered into heaps, fine residences have been built, and the creamery is ono of the most prosperous and productive tributaries of the celebrated Ballance Dairy Company. Last week the settlement held a school picnic on the banks of the arid between 200 and 300 of all ages and of both sexes assembled.

18th February 1911

HUKANUI. Mr J. Dineen, Truant Officer for the Wellington Education Board, paid a visit to the school to-day. Parents would be wise to take warning. The new regulations do not permit of a child missing any attendance at school except through sickness or very had weather

26th April 1911 Repairs and painting Hukanui £48 Wellington Education Board

25th May 1911 Miss Simmons, -who has been assistant teacher with the Hukanui school for the past three years, has received an appointment under the Wanganui Education Board at the Mokoia school, and will be leaving at an early date. She will be missed in social circles, also at the Sunday School. The latter she started over 12 months ago, and it is to be hoped someone will volunteer to carry on the religious education of the children. One and all wish Miss Simmons success, in her .new appointment.

6th June 1911 HUKANUI. A plain and fancy dress dance was held in the Hukanui Hall in aid of the School Library Fund. Amongst those in fancy dress I noticed Miss Twentyman, Gipsy;

Miss G. Dawson, Grecian Lady; Miss Compton, Fish Wife; Miss C. Udy, Red Riding-Hood; Miss T. Udy; Twilight; Miss M. Marley, French Vivandiere; Miss F. Marley, \ Woman Suffragette; Miss A. Alderwick, Puirete; Miss V. Foss, Dolly Varden ; Mrs W. Parisk, Shamrock; Mrs R. Foss, Clowness; Mrs J. Hawkes, Swiss Peasant; Mrs D. Reeves, Joan of Arc.

14th June 1911 Miss Simmonds, who has been teaching the Hukanui School for some time, and who has accepted a position under" the Wanganui Education Board, leaves Hukanui for the north on Saturday next

3rd July 1911 Miss Wilson has been appointed assistant Teacher at the Hukanui school, in place of Mis 3 Simmons

3rd August 1911 The new railway station which is being erected at Hukanui is Hearing completion. The building is about sixty feet long, and contains accommodation for a stationmaster, post office, waiting room, telephone, etc

27th September 1911 The Wellington Education Board yesterday made a grant of £5 for ground improvements at Hukanui, but deferred an application for a well, etc., at the same school.

13th October 1911 HUKANUI. A children's fancy dress ball was held in the Hukanui Hall on Wednesday night, in aid of the school funds. The attendance was a, record one Mrs Wolfe, of Eketahuna, donated prizes for .best fancy dresses in boys. and girls, confined to school children. Miss May .Conder, as "Cabbage.." and .Miss Lawson as "Fairy Queen," won the girls, and Master Hood as "Scotchman," and 'Master Ranby as "Gnome," won the boys' prize

29th November 1911 Wellington Education Board Contract Hukanui School Mr O N Clayton new latrines etc

1912

1912	54	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo	E1	Headmaster	£200	\$30,672
1912	54	Hukanui	Wilson	Margaret M	D4	Assistant female	£95	\$14,569

28th February 1912 Wellington Education Board Library subsidies were granted as follows" Rongokokako, £1; Hukanui, £5;. It was reported that "the residents of Hukanui had themselves subscribed -£13 7s 6d towards the library

31st July 1912 Wellington Education Board Clerk of works to estimate an report on Replacement tool shed at Hukanui

1913

1913	51	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo	E1	Headmaster	£205	\$30,750	Provided
1913	51	Hukanui	Gunning	Edith M		Assistant female	£90	\$13,500	

11th February 1913 ANNUAL PICNIC. The annual picnic- and prize-giving | was held at Hukanui on Friday and was well attended both by past and present pupils of the school. There was also a good attendance of parents. ' The site chosen for the treat was a charming one, and the weather being all that could be desired, it goes without saying that a very happy day was spent, both by young and old. Races were the order of the day, and great credit is due to Mr G. F. Ranby, under whose control the events were got off, and it is also due to him that every competitor was a prize-winner. The commissariat department was of course

administered by the ladies, and they are entitled to great praise for the manner in which, they carried out their duties. The event of the day was the prize-giving, which' were presented by the chairman of the school committee, Mr J. O. Hunter, and in a short speech he paid a tribute to the 'headmaster, Mr W. Anderson, for the manner in which he had brought his pupils to such a high state of proficiency. Great praise was also due to the school committee for their strenuous efforts in obtaining the substantial prizes, and they are certainly to be congratulated on the success they 'have achieved in this direction—the prizes being both handsome and numerous- and wore the subject of flattering remarks from those present. At the conclusion of the prize-giving I Mr Ranby addressed, the children, and impressed upon them the necessity of taking great care of their prizes, and called for three cheers for the headmaster, which were lustily given. In the evening a concert and dance was 'held in the .schoolroom, which was well attended, and an enjoyable time was spent by those present.

21st April 1913 The two school excursion trains which left for Wellington this morning in connection with the visit of H.M.S. New Zealand, were crowded with children, parents and teachers. The first, which left at 6.30 o'clock, carried the Masterton, Tinui and Fernridge school children, and the second train convoyed the children from the Lansdowne and other schools between Hukanui and Masterton.- The following passengers were booked by the first train: —Masterton District High School, 20 teachers, 412 scholars, S committee-men, 160 parents and guardians; Fernridge, scholars and adults, 45; Tinui and Mangapakeha, 20; St. Patrick's scholars and adults, 120; total, 785.

30th May 1913 Shannon Miss Gunning left here to-day for Hukanui, where she will join the teaching staff of the public school

12th August 1913 ROM HUKANUI TO SHANNON. TO RECEIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. (Parliamentary Reporter.) WELLINGTON, Tuesday. A deputation from Shannon, consisting of Messrs Murdoch and Stansell, waited upon the Minister for Public Works (the Hon. W. Fraser) to-day in reference to a grant for the proposed stock track from Hukanui to Shannon. It was pointed out that the construction of the track would be a great advantage to the districts on both sides of the ranges, as it would enable stock to avoid the long and circuitous route via Palmerston North. It was also shown that the track would open up new country. The Minister, who remarked that the cost would probably be not less than £1000, said that the matter would receive careful consideration when the Estimates for the district were being considered. Mr Robertson, M.P., introduced the deputation. .

1914

1914	43	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo	E1	Headmaster	£210	\$30,066	Provided
1914	43	Hukanui	Gunning	Edith M	D5	Assistant female	£100	\$14,317	

21st February 1914 Mr. Anders Anderson, who died at Johnsonville a few days ago, aged 70 years, settled in the township 35 years ago, and was much respected. He took a keen interest in local matters and was for many years a member of the School Committee. He leaves a family of two sons, Mr. Wigo Anderson, schoolmaster, of Hukanui, and Mr. Harold Anderson, employee on the staff of the Government Printing Office. Mrs. Anderson predeceased her husband by three weeks

5th May 1914 The school at Hukanui has been closed for some days owing to a small outbreak of diphtheria

1915

1915	43	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo	E1	Headmaster	£220	\$29,469	Provided
1915	43	Hukanui	Edmed	Mildred	D3	Assistant female	£120	\$16,074	

5th February 1915 Miss Burbush, of the South Featherston school, who has been granted a month's leave of absence, is being relieved by Miss **Edmed**.

15th February 1915 Children of Hukanui Public School annual prize money for Belgian relief Mildred Edmed Taught at Hukanui Then at Waiohanga [Horowhenua] School and in 1921 and 1923 was teaching at Pahiatua as the Secondary Teacher there £7 4s 10d

1916-1917

1917	43	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo	E-56	Head	£240	\$26,899
1917	43	Hukanui	Eastwood	Emma G	D-94	Assistant	£120	\$13,450

23rd February 1916 Mr Anderson, head-teacher at Hukanui, has rather a good record to his credit. For two years in succession every pupil in the Sixth Standard has gained a proficiency certificate.

26th June 1916 The scarcity of suitable labour for dairy farms on account of "the war is proving a veritable boon to milking machine companies. The agent for ono machine stated in Palmerston that they could sell machines faster by far than they could be supplied. No less than j ten machines have been placed in the Hukanui and Nireaha districts this season

6th February 1917 Wellington Education Board Miss M. E. Edmed, as sole teacher at Waihoango : Miss E. G. Eastwood, assistant mistress at Hukanui

20th August 1917 Included in the latest casualty list of those wounded appear the name P. M. Anderson, son, of Mr W. Anderson, Hukanui. 29th December 1917 Returned home to NZ

1918-1919

1919	39	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo	E-54	Head	£320	\$28,909
1919	39	Hukanui	Scott	Helen I S		Assistant	£150	\$13,551
1919	39	Hukanui	Coutts	Jane B		Assistant	£150	\$13,551

21st March 1918 Miss E G Eastwood appointed assistant

18th April 1918 Miss M Henwood Assistant

13th January 1919 Hukanui was originally "Brownstown" (the latter being named after a certain Mr. A. Brown, in Wellington city). When Mr. Brown disappeared, the settlers objected to the name. They painted out the sign "Brownstown" on the railway station with tar, and eventually the authorities consented to the changing of the name to Hukanui.

21st May 1919 Hukanui. —That an injustice is done to the farmers' wives engaged in actual farm work by refusing to allow deductions for such services, and the Conference urges the Minister of Finance to allow a reasonable deduction to be made in assessment of income tax

17th September 1919 Miss Henwood resigns

10th December 1919 Miss H V Blomquist appointed

1920-1921

1921	40	Hukanui	Anderson	Wigo	E	Head	£360	\$30,992
1921	40	Hukanui	Ward	Jane B Mrs	D	Assistant	£230	\$19,801
1921	40	Hukanui	Wingfield	Lenora R		Probationer 2	£90	\$7,748

26th July 1920 At Pahiatua on Wednesday, Mr A. Turner, a returned soldier, now farming in the Dannevirke district, was married to Miss Jessie Anderson, daughter of Mr W. Anderson, of the Hukanui school. The ceremony took place in. the Church of England, the Rev. H. W. Monaghan being the officiating clergyman

1922-1923

1923	28	Hukanui	Orr	Marion J A	Sole	D-167	£283	\$26,011
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In 1921 Marion Orr was teaching at Longbush School

31st October 1923 Manakau t the children's ball on Friday Mr. Clifford (chairman of the school committee) took the opportunity of introducing Mr. Anderson, the new headteacher. Sir. Anderson, in reply, thanked all for their hearty reception, and apologised for the absence of Mrs. Anderson, who hoped to be able to assist in Manakau's affairs at no distant date. He liked Manakau and hoped to like it still more. (Applause). Cheers were afterwards accorded all who helped in the function, while later an announcement Was made that! a shop day for the picnic fund would be held in December

[I presume Mr Anderson went to Manakau on Transfer as Hukanui had dropped to a sole charge. I have never had a teacher who was in one school for so long from 1897 to 1923 and yet his name came up in no groups or meetings and didn't seem to belong to any groups]

1897/10464	Anderson	Ellen Jessie	Jessie	Anders Vigo Halwo
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They appear to have had only 1 child

1950/31887	Anderson	Anders Wigo	76Y
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10th August 1905 Telegram from Charles Grey Constable. Hukanui State School House burnt down last night proceeding there Charles grey Constable

10th August 1905 Letter to Secretary for Education from Wellington Education Board No particulars are to hand. I shall endeavour to make immediate arrangements for carrying on the school in some other building

16th August 1905 Police Enquiry Form included

- 2 roomed school residence
- No insurance
- Accidental caused by defective chimney in Head master's room

- d) First policeman Constabulary Cass first to attend @ 11.45 10th August
- e) Property saved. Piano, school desks and tables, from infant room in charge of Sc
- f) From a statement by Mr Anderson there were fires in both the school rooms during the day and when he left at 3.45 on the 9th there were only a few embers in the fireplace
- g) The chimney had been defective since the last heavy earthquake
- h) Continued in same way

17th August to Secretary for Education Wellington Temporary accommodation has been arranged in local hall @ rental of 10/- per week and the Clerk of Works has gone to make arrangements for outside conveniences

19th August 1905 Clerk of work claims both chimneys were absolutely OK

21st August The Wellington Education Board held an exhaustive inquiry in a long 2 page article which concluded That there was not presented any direct evidence as to the origin of the fire On building the school the Wellington Education Board made the constructor completely rebuild the chimney

1st September 1905 Application for new school

- a) First room 460 square feet built in 1897
- b) 2nd room and porch 460 square feet built in 1901
- c) New school to be same length and one foot wider and one foot higher
- d) Letter to Department I beg to apply for a grant of £527.0.1 for the erection of the school
- e) I ask you to refund the amount of rent and to provide for refund to teachers of their personal loss of £4 The loss to children amounts to 8.16.1 being the cost of books destroyed. The erection of temporary latrines & other expenses amount to £14.4.10

Then in the file a long discussion with staff and Mr Hogben director of Education about costs of rebuilding

Approved of Latrines and rent but not of personal claims for loss

These Payments were then approved by Sir E O Gibbes Minister of Education?

Then constant correspondence on what the final costs will be

16th October 1909 F Bakewell School Inspector writes asking for a residence at Hukanui

- A) Mr Anderson has nine children in fact nearly 10! The eldest being only 14 years of age
- B) The house he is renting is absolutely lacking in the most necessary domestic conveniences
- C) There is no wash house, no tanks all the water has to be drawn by a bucket from a well
- D) The cooking range, the fencing and the house itself appear to be in a dilapidated state
- E) As far as I can gather the Landlord refuses to effect any repairs
- F) I strongly recommend application to the Department for a proper residence

16th October Application made to Department for a residence from Wellington Education Board

Undated MOE person recommends building a residence as roll is staying high. Teacher is paid a house allowance of £25

15th December 1909 Wellington Education Board writes to Department saying that a house has been offered. The building needs a tank, washhouse, bathroom, verandah or outhouse. This work could be done for £305 instead of £563. 10.0 previously applied for.

21st January 1911 The Board would require freehold of half acre section Part section 8 Block 1 Brownstone Township

8th April 1910 This offer was accepted by Department and approved in a letter to the Department

14th December 1910 This house is finished there are 6 bedrooms, 1 scullery, 1 bathroom, and washhouse with Copper and tubes and woodshed and WC

Comment [RC1]:

Next record is not until 1937 when the Wellington Education Board asks department to lower windows to give better lighting. Roll at December 1935 48, 1936 52 1937 46. The windows are approximately 5 feet (1.25 meters) from the floor and it is desired to drop them to 3 feet (0.91 meters). Department approved 16th November 1937. Then followed pages of discussion for a job which only cost £58 15.

14th October January 1952 Approved putting in of a septic tank and WC pan costing £680

25th November 1952 Department writes back that it approves the need but will not recommend to the Minister that he approves at present these costly schemes

30th April 1954 Another application for sewage system to Department. Letter stating the conditions at the school are very primitive. The school and residence are on the opposite sides of the road.

6th May 1954 Wellington Education Board authorised to obtain competitive prices for the work.

5th November 1954 Installation of Septic Tank lavatories approved at a cost of £782.17.9d

22nd June 1956 Long argument involving lawyers with Wellington Education Board and Mr J S Wareham re costs of the job. Copious notes avoided here.

16th December 1960 Wellington Education Board writing to Department re toilets included

- Connected to a septic tank. Neither toilet has outside doors
- Boys have 3 pans and a small urinal
- Girls has 4 pans
- Neither has partitions between pans
- There is no staff toilet
- Most of the studs are rotten
- A new block would cost £1450

17th October 1961 New residence tenders called £3560

31st October 1961 New toilets approved

1962 Swimming Pool erected

Hukanui Site 1925- 1978

7th December 1925 Chairman Hukanui Domain Board writing to ask if they can exchange their land with that of the Education reserve next to the school. They want to lay out a football ground and a Tennis Court and the present domain land is not suitable. At present the Educational Reserve is not used by the children at all. We would lay out grounds the children could use. T Mason Chairman Domain Board.

17th March 1926 After a lot of correspondence it was agreed that the Domain Board less the school glebe at a peppercorn rental and as long as any child attending any function on the grounds will have free entry even if others have to pay a fee

9th July 1954 Some Roads around Brownston (The original name of Hukanui) are to be shut down and the land given to adjoining landowners There was a whole township laid out (Map in this document now there is the road through to Marima showing on a map

27th September 1966 School Committee writer to Wellington Education Board saying they have been grazing the school land with sheep and now the teacher wishes to use it. Who has the right to use this land?. Reply The teacher does not have rights to use the school land only the land around the school house

29th November 1972 Discussion on joining the Hamua School on to Mangamaire school
There was more in the file to do with what to do with the closed school

Hukanui 1937 -1973

9th December 1937 Hukanui lowering of classroom windows Wellington Education Board has authorised £58 15 0 to cover the cost of lowering the windows in the 2 classrooms

26th July 1940 Letter from Wellington Education Board to Mr W G Cuthbert Head Teacher Hukanui

- a) I thank you for o=your letter advising consolidation of schools seeing that Mr Utting is leaving Kakariki to take up a position in the Native School Service.
- b) The Board said whether a school closes or not is up to the local district and the Wellington Education Board does not start the conversations

Wellington Education Board sends list of children enrolled at Hukanui for year one

1899 First Year Pupils

Ashdown	William		Gardener	Annie		Goodin	Norman		Smith	Alfred
Bambry	Frederick		Gardiner	Elsie		Goodin	Wilhelmina		Smith	Lily
Bambry	Marian		Gardner	Ada		Goodin	William		Smith	Arthur
Bambry	Pearl		Gardner	Millie		Gower	ivy		Smith	Dallance
Bambry	Roy		Goodin	Alison		Henry	John		Smith	Ruby
Blake	Cecil		Goodin	Charlotte		Lamberg	Edward		Smith	Vera
Galvin	Catherine		Goodin	Frederick		McKearney	Wilhelmina		Ure	James
Galvin	Evelyn		Goodin	Ivy		McKearney	Frederick		Ure	William
Galvin	john		Goodin	Mary		McKearney	William		Wier	Gray
Galvin	John		Goodin	Mary		Mitchell	Annie		Wier	Stanley

Hukanui jubilee Book is attached to this document

18th December 1953 Wellington Education Board is going to supply Hukanui with 10 bicycle stalls

23rd April 1954 Mr E C Coddington Sole Teacher Hukanui writes asking about transport if Kakariki amalgamated with Hukanui

30th April 1954 Hukanui school is going to get a septic tank installed for their sewage. One of the problems being the School and the schoolhouse are on opposite sides of the roads

6th February 1961 [Note Dates]

