

Johnsonville

(including Newlands)

1876- 1880

1878		Johnsonville	Browne	D		Head	£180.00
1879		Johnsonville	Clare	Arthur		Male	£140.00
1880		Johnsonville	Clare	Arthur		Male	£160.00
1880		Johnsonville	Clare	Martha		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00

[Dominick] Browne only taught for the new Wellington Education Board in 1878 when my records started. In 1879 Dominick Brown was listed in the North Canterbury Education Board 18th August 1882 North Canterbury Education Board The Kowai Bush school committee having refused to reinstate Mr Dominick Browne as schoolmaster, it was agreed that a letter be sent, stating that if Mr Browne was not reinstated within one week the school would be closed.

Arthur Clare only taught for the Wellington Education Board 1879- 1882 at Johnsonville in 1883 An Arthur Clare was teaching at Fairhall for the Marlborough Education Board and died in 1886 aged 32

Martha Clare only taught at Johnsonville for two years

15th January 1876 Board of Education Johnsonville. —School slowly improving. Results very low, except in elementary work. Mistress competent if energetic.

11th January 1877 An example which may well be followed by others is being set by the master of the Johnsonville public school. With the assistance of a few friends, he has inaugurated a big picnic for the youngsters, on Anniversary Day, to Petoni, thus giving them a good ride and sea breeze, and some sports to occupy the day.

24th January 1877 The pupils of Johnsonville School enjoyed their promised picnic to Petone on Anniversary Day. Mr. F. Taylor kindly provided conveyances, and, together with parents and friends, exerted himself to amuse the little ones. An excellent lunch and tea were provided by Mr. W. Riddick, and the youngsters returned thoroughly satisfied with their day's sport

9th February 1877 Inspector Robert Lee stated Johnsonville School show "ten good passes of the pupils ;"

9th February 1877 Board Of Education Inspector's report included During the past three years eight of the fifteen, schoolrooms have been enlarged or altered ; all have been furnished and put in order ; and four new schools have been built at the Lower Hutt, Ohariu, North Makara, and Johnsonville schools.....The. vested schools at Taita, Tawa Flat, Porirua, Upper Hutt, Kaiwarra, and Johnsonville have not more than half an acre of land attached to them. [1/2 acre is 2023 square meters]

27th June 1877 Education Board | A complaint was received from Mr. W. : Jones, chairman of the Johnsonville Local Committee, against tire 'teacher of the school [Mr Weston] for miss

conduct requesting his dismissal. ' .The secretary was instructed to forward the complaint to the master, and to call upon him for an explanation.

14th July 1877 Board of Education . A letter was read from Mr. Weston, the schoolmaster at Johnsonville, in reference to charges which had been made against him by the Local Committee. He admitted that the charges were true, and promised amendment for the future, but asked that as he had lost caste and influence with the people of the district, he should be removed to another school. It appeared that many promises of amendment had been made before, and that he had so completely disgraced himself that parents were disinclined to send their children to the school any more. The Board, therefore, considering it would be useless to keep him in the district, and being unwilling to trust him with another school, decided to give him the usual notice of dismissal.

3rd August 1877 First Class certificate Maximum Mark 600 Pass 300: Brown, Dominick master Johnsonville school

31st October 1877 Board of Education A letter was received from the committee of the Johnsonville school asking that certain repairs should be executed, which had been estimated to cost £22. Mr. Toomath objected to the expenditure, as he stated the school had only been erected something like two years, and if the committee had been careless enough to allow it to be taken off the hands of the contractors, they should bear the responsibility themselves. The letter was referred back to the committee

276th April 1878 Wellington Education Board Inspector Lee's report to Wellington Education Board Mr Lee expressed disappointment with the Johnsonville and Karori schools I was much disappointed with Johnsonville school, although the teacher has been only a few months in charge. The Karori school presents nearly the same features as last year. Satisfactory work is done in the lower classes only.

27th April 1878 There were 50 children attending Johnsonville and 52 at Kaiwarra

25th May 1878 Tin householders of Johnsonville are agitating to get the Education Board to do something for their schoolroom, which is a wretched place open alike to wind and rain. They are going to hold a meeting on the subject to-night at 7 o'clock.

1st June 1878 Wellington Education Board A deputation, consisting of two residents of Johnsonville, had an interview with the Board concerning some necessary repairs to the district school. Mr. Toomath stated that after he left the Board on the occasion of its previous sitting he received a letter from Mr. D. Brown, the master of the Johnsonville school, with reference to these repairs, and asking whether it was the intention of the Board to carry them out before the winter set in. [The letter was read.] '!' ' ' Addressing the deputation on behalf of the Board, Mr. Toomath said it was the intention of the Board at once to proclaim the district, and the proclamation would inform the residents when they could meet and appoint a Local committee, and they would then have the machinery at disposal whereby they could carry out the repairs that were required. The Act would empower the local committee to give effect to anything they required in this direction. The Rev. Mr. Paterson said it was quite agreed by the Board to have these repairs carried out before the winter set in, but after the election of a local committee in accordance with the Act, that body could carry out all the repairs and alterations that were required to be done. Mr. Toomath said that after the residents elected the local committee the repairs and alterations and the costs could be sent in to the Board, and the

necessary steps could then be taken for carrying them out as soon as possible. As a first step the local committee must be elected. The deputation thanked the Board and withdrew.

6th August 1878 Resident Magistrate's Court: Robert Styles was summoned for assaulting a boy, eight years of age, named Alfred Roderick. Mr. Gordon Allan appeared to support the summons. It appeared that the boy, who belonged to the Johnsonville School, was playing on a piece of land with some other boys, when the defendant came and struck him with a "supplejack," and ordered him off. Evidence was given by Mr. Brown, master of the school Mr. Wilson, chairman of the School Committee, and others to the effect that the committee had had the use of the ground granted to them as a play-ground for the children. The defendant pleaded that Mr. Rutter gave him permission to occupy the ground as a fowl run and had told him that he had not granted the use of it to the School Committee. He had several times warned the children not to trespass on the land. His Worship ordered the defendant to pay a fine of 1 shilling and costs

28th August 1878 A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the School-room, Johnsonville, on Monday, the 2nd of September, at 7 p.m., for the purpose of electing a permanent Committee, also a General Manager, and other business connected with the proposed new Company now forming, called the " Porirua Joint stock Company.

2nd October 1878 the former election of the Johnsonville School Committee being informal, a PUBLIC MEETING of the householders resident in the Johnsonville School District will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 16th INSTANT, in the Schoolroom, Johnsonville, at 7 o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of electing a School Committee for the district, in accordance with the Education Act, 1877.

3rd October 1878 An election for five qualified persons to serve as Commissioners for the Johnsonville Local Board was held at the schoolhouse, Johnsonville, on the 1st instant, when the undermentioned gentlemen were duly elected :—: — Charles Austin, W. H. Saunders, John Bannister, Thomas Bowler, Francis Taylor. [Not I think the School Committee elected]

31st October 1878 Wellington Education Board A letter was read from the school committee of Johnsonville asking the Board to fix a time for their meeting. It was resolved that the first meeting should take place on Monday, October 4, in the schoolhouse, at 7 p.m. [Dates are checked and in published order]

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3rd December 1878 Kaiwarra School Committee Notes included: A letter was received from the Johnsonville Committee, relative to the further alteration of the boundaries of the two districts, but the Kaiwara Committee resolved not to entertain the proposal, as they had already given up several sections to the Johnsonville district.

21st December 1878 Wellington Education Board The re-arrangement of the Johnsonville and Kaiwarra districts, agreed to by the Committees, was confirmed.

25th January 1879 The children of the Johnsonville School District had their annual picnic at Porirua Bay on Anniversary Day. A number of games were indulged in, and races took place for prizes kindly presented by Mrs. Hood, of the Porirua Hotel. Altogether a very pleasant day

was spent. The committee desire us to express their thanks to Mrs. Hood and all who assisted in making the gathering a success.

29th January 1879 At a public meeting held at Johnsonville on Monday, the following gentlemen were elected members of the School Committee, viz.. Messrs. Walton, Austin, Bell, Ambrose, Braid, Reddick, and Wilson.

29th January 1879 Repairs to the schoolhouses at Karori and Johnsonville were authorised, to the amount of £30 and £65 respectively [Schoolhouse was the school and not the residence]

30th January 1879 Wellington Education Board: JOHNSONVILLE. A letter was received from the Johnsonville committee calling attention to the bad condition of the schoolhouse and hoping that at least £65 should be spent in repairs. Mr. Toomath said the building had been put up ant the instance of the late local committee, and it would be well if the Board had fuller information from their architect in regard to the state of the building. The building had cost a good deal of money.—The Inspector stated that the timber used in the building had not been sufficiently seasoned and had shrunk considerably.—After some discussion it was resolved that £65 be expended, Mr. Toomath dissenting.

22nd March 1879 JOHNSONVILLE SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL will be RE-OPENED on Monday, the 24th instant. By order of the Committee. G. Wilton, Secretary, &c. Johnsonville,

31st May `879 Wellington Education Board Budget included £65 [Equal to £11289.86 in December 2020 terms]

12th June 1879 Wellington Education Board A letter from Mr. A. Clare was read asking for an advance of salary. Mr. Lee explained that Mr. Clare was appointed as a supernumerary teacher. Mr. Hutchison objected to any supernumerary appointments ns being ultra vires. It was in his opinion both wrong and illegal to make such appointments. Mr. Gisborne also objected. An advance of £10 on account of his salary was granted to Mr. Clare. [I can't find Mr Clare's appointment to Johnsonville so presume he was just kept on after being the supernumerary teacher]

26th June 1879 Wellington Education Board Mr Browne Master of Johnsonville School wrote forwarding his resignation which was accepted.

10th July 1879 THE BOARD invite Applications from Teachers, whether in the service of the Board or not, for the Head-Mastership of the Johnsonville School, and. for the Assistant Mastership of the Masterton School. Applications are to be sent in to this office on or before the 24th instant. ROBERT LEE, Secretary.

31st July 1879 Mr. -Wayte was yesterday appointed by the Board "oi Education; to-' the mastership pf the Johnsonville School. After the motion for his .appointment had been passed, the question of nominating a new master; to the Masterton School was brought on, and by a somewhat singular procedure the Board decided that this post also should be offered to Mr. Wayte, we presume on the "utrum horum mavis accipe" principle. Very nice this for Mr. Wayte; but how about the. other candidates who are kept .in suspense while he makes up his mind,?' Surely a matter of this kind should be settled definitely by the Board.

[Mr Waite Taught at Masterton until 1898]

31st July 1879 Wellington Education Board A petition resignation being accepted of the master-of the Johnsonville school was handed in "and read, and also a counter petition on the same subject. It was decided that it would be- better for the resignation to be accepted. A considerable amount of time was occupied in desultory conversation before this decision was

arrived at.....JOHNSONVILLE SCHOOL. Mr. Lee reported several applications for the mastership of the Johnsonville School. He recommended Mr. Wayte for the position. After some consideration the appointment was about to be made, when Mr. Hutchison raised the question whether the applications and testimonials should not be read. This gave rise to considerable discussion, the chairman con sidering that to read all the applications would be a waste of time. [A considerably greater waste of time took place in discussing the question, each member present expressing himself over and over again upon the subject.] Ultimately the applications were read, after which a slight discussion took place as to whether the members were any wiser for the information. Mr. Hutchison proposed the appointment of another applicant. This gave rise to further discussion, Mr. Paterson seconding the motion. Mr. Lee could not recommend this candidate for promotion at present, as he was a young man, and only on his trial. Upon this the proposition that he be appointed was withdrawn, and eventually the gentleman formerly recommended by Mr. Lee, namely Mr. Wayte, was appointed, the matter having been under consideration for over an hour. Masterton school. A list of applicants for the position of assistant mastership of the above school was read. There were only three applicants, and these were all ladies. The Board did not consider it desirable that a lady should be appointed to this vacancy, and after a considerable discussion it was decided that the vacancy should be offered to Mr. Wayte, who had just been appointed to Johnsonville, Miss Chapman to be sent to Johnsonville in Mr. Wayte's place. Should Mr. Wayte not accept the Masterton vacancy, other arrangements to be made. The only dissent to this arrangement was made by Mr. Hutchison, who considered it grossly irregular and unfair.

28th August 1879 Wellington Education Board JOHNSONVILLE SCHOOL. Mr. Lee reported that the committee of this school desired the appointment of Mr. Powell as schoolmaster, while the Board had decided to appoint Miss Chapman'. The committee preferred a male teacher. The matter was postponed to enable Mr. Lee to have a personal interview with Mr. Powell

11th September 1879 BOOK COLLECTORS AND OTHERS. The undersigned wishes to obtain, by purchase or exchange, Illustrated Histories of England or other countries, containing portrait plates of remarkable persons. DOMINICK BROWNE, Johnsonville.

27th September 1879 Wellington Education Board JOHNSONVILLE SCHOOL. The question of the appointment of a schoolmaster for this school was discussed. It appeared that the local committee had recommended a Mr. Powell for the appointment, but this gentleman was objected to by the Board* During a conversational discussion upon the subject Mr. Toomath took occasion to remark in reply to Mr. Hutchison that that gentleman did not attend the Board meetings as regularly as he should, and when he did he obstructed the business very much. The reporters were then requested to retire for five minutes, while the objections that had been urged to Mr. Powell's appointment were discussed in committee. After waiting for nearly half an hour, the reporters re-entered, and were informed that the following resolution had been passed:— “ That the Johnsonville School Committee be informed in reply to their letter that the Board having considered the whole circumstances decline to appoint Mr. Powell to their school.” , . It was further resolved to advertise for fresh applicants. [Neither Miss Cameron nor Mr Powell appear to have worked for the Education Board in permanent roles]

6th October 1879 HIE BOARD invites applications from Teachers, whether in their service or not, for the Mastership of the Johnsonville School —average attendance, 28. Applications,

together with testimonials, will be received at this office until the 24th instant. ROBERT LEE, Secretary

26th November 1879 Wellington Education Board: It was agreed to make certain repairs at the Johnsonville School

29th December 1879 Prizes were presented at the Johnsonville School on Tuesday morning by Mr. C. Austin, Chairman of the School Committee, in the presence of some visitors. In all 29 prizes were given, and an additional number of presents to children who failed to come up to the requisite standard for prizes. Sixth Standard — 1st prize, Gracie H. Brown ; 5th Standard — 1st prize, Thomas H. Bowler; 4th Standard — 1st prize, Heline Mary Brown ; 3rd Standard — 1st prize, Norris W. Bell; 2nd prize, David Murray; 3rd prize, Alexander Brown ; 2nd Standard — 1st prize, Edwin Beavis ; 2nd prize, Jane Bannister ; 1st Standard — 1st prize, Maude Clare ; 2nd, Isabel Brown; 3rd, Mary Murray; 4th, Emily Bannister; 5th, Maria Marshall ; 6th, Archibald Rice. Special prizes for general improvement were given to Anne Gronbe, Elizabeth Morris, Lucy Bell, Phoebe London, Kezia Mudgway, Alfred Marshall, Arthur Hobbs,. Catherine Hobbs, Catherine Stonell, Herbert Bowler, Frederick Short, and others.) Prizes for excellence were given to Gracie Brown, Thomas Bowler, and Maude Clare. The children were tested in mental arithmetic and other studies and acquitted themselves very fairly.

30th January 1880 The annual meeting of householders in the Johnsonville school district was held- on Monday night, when the following gentlemen were elected as a committee for the current year : — Messrs. Austin, Bowler, Henwood, Saunders, Riddick, Walton, and Wilson. The committee, at the close of the above meeting, met, and elected Mr. Austin as chairman, and Mr. Wilson as secretary and treasurer for -the year

10th April 1880 Inspector Lee's report to Wellington Education Board included: Karori, Makara, and Johnsonville schools are less creditable. The condition of the 18 country schools is thus stated :—Good, 3 ; satisfactory, 10 ; unsatisfactory, 3.

23rd October 1880 The last of a series of concerts in aid of the funds of the Johnsonville school was given at Johnsonville on Tuesday evening, and was very successful. A ball followed, and was taken part in by a large number of couples, who kept up the dancing till past midnight

1881-1885

1881	48	Johnsonville	Clare	Arthur		Male	£80.00
1881	48	Johnsonville	Clare	Martha A		Assistant Female	£50.00
1882	48	Johnsonville	Clare	Arthur		Male	£170.00
1882	48	Johnsonville	Clare	Martha		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1882	48	Johnsonville	Clare	Mary Ann		Assistant Female	£50.00
1883	60	Johnsonville	Bennett	Francis		Master	£200.00
1883	60	Johnsonville	Bastin	Kathleen		Assistant Female	£100.00
1884	80	Johnsonville	Bennett	Francis		Master	£220.00
1884	80	Johnsonville	Bastin	Kathleen		Assistant Female	£100.00
1884	80	Johnsonville	Hobbs	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1885	85	Johnsonville	Bennett	Francis		Male	£220.00
1885	85	Johnsonville	Bastin	Kathleen		Assistant Female	£100.00

1885	85	Johnsonville	Hobbs	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
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Mary Ann Clare only taught for the Wellington Education Board in 1882

Kathleen Bastin taught at Mount Cook Girls' from 1879 to 1881 and then at Johnsonville 1883-1886 and finally at Te Aro in 1887

1888/1322	Kathleen Georgina	Bastin	Peter	McColl
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Francis Bennett started his career for the Wellington Education Board in 1879 at Mt Cook Boys' followed by 3 years at Te Aro. Following three years at Johnsonville he was from 1886 to 1889 at Newtown as an assistant master. Then from 1890 to 1894 he was Head Master of Eketahuna and followed up in 1895 to 1900 with Headmaster of Carterton. In 1908 he was headmaster of Karori School and by 1915 until he retired in 1921 was headmaster of Berhampore which was twice the size of Karori.

12th November 1937 Johnsonville School, The anniversary celebrations of the Johnsonville School - are being held today and will be continued tomorrow. "It is interesting to know," writes Mr. J. R. Richardson, hon. secretary of the school's celebration committee, "that' our head teacher from 1874 to 1876, Miss Nellie Stevens (now Mrs. Lynch, of Kumeroa, Woodville) is still living. One who will attend the celebrations will be Mr. Thomas Wilms-hurst,-of Palmerston North, probably the oldest living person born in Johnsonville." It will be Mr. Wilmshurst's first visit to Johnsonville for 50 years. He is 86 years old. Several scholars, who attended the first school opened in Johnsonville in 1867, will also be present. During the past 70 years no less than fifteen teachers have been in" charge at the school, notwithstanding the fact that the late Mr. Finlay Bethune was headmaster for 23 years. Mr. Bethune's predecessor, Mr. Francis Bennett, who was in charge from 1883 to 1886, will take part, in the celebrations.

Alice Hobbs always was a pupil teacher for the WELLINGTON Education Board 1882 and 1883 at Kaiwara. 1884 to 1888 at Johnsonville.

24th October 1893 Miss Alice Hobbs, who died suddenly at Ditton, near Masterton, was the schoolteacher there. Her death was very sudden. Shortly after breakfast Miss Hobbs complained that she felt giddy, and almost immediately became unconscious and expired before the doctor could arrive. She had appeared to be in the best of health and spirits that morning. At the inquest, the verdict was that death was the result of apoplexy. Miss Hobbs was 26 years of age. Her friends reside at Khandallah.

The Ditton school in 1893 is listed as closed in December 1893. It did not reopen again until 1895. It was a small school run on the farm owned by Mr Mawley with 3700 acres of land

27th May 1881 A cricket match played at Johnsonville on the Queen's Birthday between juvenile teams representing Johnsonville and Ohariu, resulted in a win for the former with 14 runs to spare.

1st December 1881 Wellington Education Board: £30 scholarship for Wellington Country district Schools Herbert Mowbray of Johnsonville School [Value £5405.97 in December 2020 terms]

28th January 1882 School Committee Elections: JOHNSONVILLE SCHOOL. The following householders were elected as a School Committee for 1882 :—Messrs Austin (Chairman),

Anderson (Treasurer, Book Fund), Bowler, Better, Saunders, Walton, and Wilson (Secretary and Treasurer School Committee)

20th March 1882 A cricket match was played on Saturday, at Johnsonville, between nine of the Petoni Boys' Club and fifteen of the Tawa Flat and Johnsonville schoolboys, and resulted in an easy victory for the former by an innings and 75 runs. Clapcott, Valentine, and Blake batted remarkably well for the Boys' Club, and the bowling of Cudby, Martin, and Valentine proved very destructive, the latter taking ten wickets for nine runs.

22nd July 1882 The Johnsonville School Committee have decided to put the compulsory clauses of the Education Act in force in the district under their control.

5th October 1882 . Notwithstanding the inclement state of the weather, a large number of people assembled in the Oddfellows' Hall at Johnsonville on Tuesday evening, on the occasion of a concert given for the purpose of raising funds for a treat to the various school children during the coming holidays. The entertainment was an excellent one and was much appreciated. Songs were given by Mesdames Bannister and Whitehouse, Misses Bannister and Brown, Messrs. Prosser, S. Greer, Stebbings, Warrington, and F. Greer, and the Misses Bannister executed a pianoforte duet with much taste and precision. The chair was occupied by Mr. E. Bannister.

20th December 1882 Wellington Education Board: The Johnsonville Committee recommended the Board to sell the present school site and buildings, valued at £300, and purchase a larger site on the opposite side of the road. The secretary stated that the land alluded to would cost about £310. The Chairman said that when the railway was completed, the children would be cut off from the present school. The site offered was in every way suitable for school purposes. The matter was ordered to stand over till next meeting, when a report will be brought up by the chairman.

27th January 1883 At Johnsonville the following elections were made for the current year :— Messrs Saunders, Braid, Winter, Chapman, sen., Rice, Wilmshurst, Chapman, jun. Mr Saunders was elected chairman and treasurer, and Mr Winter secretary. Dr. Newman and Mr Blair were nominated as members of the Education Board by both the Karori and Johnsonville committees.

31st January 1883 Wellington Education Board Financial Committee recommended Johnsonville site to spend £240

8th February 1883 A meeting was held the same night for the purpose of arranging a joint school treat for the Tawa Flat, Johnsonville, and Porirua Schools. It was decided that the picnic should be held on the 5th instant, at some inlet in Porirua Bay. It was agreed to invite the committees of the Pahautanui Small Farm and Horokiwi Schools to join in the picnic and bring the children of their schools. A committee was appointed to carry out the arrangements.

17th February 1883 . The picnic of the Johnsonville, Tawa Flat, and Porirua schools was attended by no less than 400 persons, who journeyed to the rendezvous in various vehicles and on horseback, making a procession the like of which has not been seen in the district before. The picnic took place in a picturesque paddock on the shore of the Porirua harbour, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr Watt. The contractor for the provisions, Mr G. Harris of Wellington, threw up his contract only a few days before the date of the picnic, and for a time his action seemed likely to "upset the apple cart," but the energy of the committee who had charge of the affair was equal to the occasion, and a new contractor was found in the person of Mr Bradey

, who carried out his undertaking to the satisfaction of everyone. Foot races, dancing, and rustic games made the happy hours glide by only too quickly, and at 5 o'clock the company departed to their respective homes, tired out with their day's amusement, which had been successful that the recurrence of the event next year will be looked forward to with the greatest interest.

1st March 1883 Wellington Education Board: The Ven. Archdeacon Stock wrote to the board explaining the circumstances under which Mr A. B. Clare, master at Johnsonville, had recently induced him to advance him a sum of money. The recent charge preferred against Mr Clare in the Resident Magistrate's Court was also brought up, and after some discussion it was resolved to give him three months' notice.

2nd March 1883 The first meeting of creditors in the estate of Arthur Benjamin Beresford Clare, schoolmaster of Johnsonville, is convened for the 9th instant, at the Supreme Court-house, Wellington. According to the filed statement of liabilities and assets it appears that the former reach £144 12s 6d, while the latter are put down as nil. Among the principal creditors are the following:— Mr. W. H. Saunders, storekeeper, Johnsonville, £20 14s ; Mr. M. Bohan, coachbuilder, £20 ; Mr. D. Braid, storekeeper, Johnsonville, £14 2s 11d ; Mr. W. Staples, brewer, £14 17s 7d ; Messrs. Dawson & Co., merchants, £10 ; Mr. T. G. Macarthy, brewer, £8 ; Mr. T. Smith, publican, £5 ; Mr. W. McKeever, bottler, £4, &c

9th March 1883 A JOHNSONVILLE SCHOOLMASTER AND HIS TROUBLES. Arthur Benjamin Beresford Clare, described as a schoolmaster, of Johnsonville, held a meeting of his creditors at 11 o'clock this morning at the Supreme Court Buildings. Mr. D. Braid presided, and there were seven creditors present. Mr. Morrah (of Messrs. Brandon, Shaw, and Brandon) appeared for the debtor, while Mr. J. Gordon Allan watched the proceedings on behalf of one of the creditors. The liabilities in the estate, the principal items of which have already been published, were stated to be £144 18s 6d, and the assets were put down as nil. On the motion of Mr. H. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Dowdeswell, Mr. Braid was appointed creditors' trustee. The debtor, who was present, was interrogated through the Chairman at some length by Mr. Allen and several creditors. In answer to their questions, he stated that he had no balance-sheet showing his receipts and expenditure for the past three months, but he had in his possession the receipts he had obtained. Some time ago he purchased a buggy from Mr. Moore, but sold it about September last to Mr. T. Smith, then of the New Zealander Hotel, for £12 and a trap worth £8. Subsequently he sold the trap at the Hutt sale-yards through Mr. Hasell. The price of the buggy was £50. He was not prepared to say what he did with the £12 but believed he liquidated trade debts with a portion of the money. Out of his last month's salary of £15, he had paid £5 to his solicitor, and purchased groceries and other goods. Mr. McKeever asked how the debtor, knowing his position, could have given certain cheques ? Mr. Morrah advised his client not to answer the question, and Mr. McKeever produced a cheque. The debtor declined to answer. In answer to the same creditor, Clare said he had no furniture at all ; he sold it to Mr. W. H. Saunders some time ago and got cash for it. Mr. Saunders, who was among those present at the meeting, hereupon produced a receipt for £20, dated 2nd August last. The furniture referred to on this document comprised a " drawing-room suite and two bedroom suites." Mr. Saunders added that he had taken possession of the furniture, which was now on the school premises and was being rented by the debtor at so much per week. Mr. Allan thought the trustee ought not to allow Mr. Saunders to remove the furniture until the matter had been enquired into; and it was agreed that the trustee should look into the transaction. Mr. McKeever

afterwards moved that the meeting should recommend the debtor's immediate discharge. He said it was no use showing their tooth unless they got some pleasure for doing so. (Laughter). Mr. Ingram moved the adjournment of the meeting to enable the creditors' trustees to investigate the debtor's affairs, and this was ultimately agreed to.

28th March 1883 A deputation representing the Johnsonville School Committee next interviewed the Board with the object of ascertaining the reasons that had actuated them in giving Mr. Clare, the local schoolmaster, notice of dismissal, especially without consulting the committee in any way. They pointed out that although "one or two parties" might have complained about Mr. Clare, yet on the whole he had given satisfaction. They believed he had kept the school open for the number of hours required by the Act, though he had been occasionally absent with the consent of the committee. They further pointed out that Mr. Clare was located at Johnsonville in the first instance against the wish of the committee, and now he was being removed without their being consulted, from which circumstances it was only to be expected that the committee was of no use whatever. The Chairman pointed out that the committee had been communicated with on Mr. Clare being given three months' notice, and the Board declined to state the reasons for which they had deemed it expedient to dispense with his services.

25th April 1883 It appears that the Johnsonville School Committee has resigned in a body because the Education Board declined to give any reason why three months' notice had been given to Mr. Clare, the master of the Johnsonville School. The position is a peculiar one, and the members of the Committee will probably find that they cannot relieve themselves of their offices. The Education Act contains provisions for filling extraordinary vacancies; but these do not apply to a whole Committee. The members of the Committee will therefore find themselves bound to retain office, and to perform the duties pertaining thereto until the expiration of their term.

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8th May 1883 Some three or four weeks ago the Johnsonville School Committee resigned in a body because the Education Board had dismissed the local teacher without consulting them, and we then pointed out that the district was placed in a very curious position, as there was no machinery in existence under which successors could be appointed, and that there would, therefore, be no person entitled to receive the annual capitation grant. We are glad to learn that all this difficulty has been avoided, the Committee having reconsidered its position and withdrawn its resignation unanimously. It is perhaps doubtful whether this step is legal, but no one is at all likely to raise the question.

17th May 1883 Wellington Education Board Job Applicants: Assistant Johnsonville School salary £80

18th May 1883 Master Johnsonville School; salary, £160 and residence.

30th May 1883 Mrs Clare resigns as assistant..... It was reported that six applications were received for the mastership of the Johnsonville School. Mr. Bennett, of the Te Aro School, was appointed, and Mr. Connell, of Horokiwi, was appointed to the vacancy thus caused at Te Aro
31st May 1883 Parents at Johnsonville will be pleased to learn that the difficulty with regard to their school has at last been overcome, and that Mr Bennett has been appointed master. Mr Bennett is a young gentleman who entered the service of the Board on the lowest step some three years ago, since which time he has steadily risen, not only in position, but also in the opinion of the members and officers of the Education Board, until he has now obtained a mastership. Under his management the school will speedily resume its former healthy condition. We understand that the School Committee, to which the appointment has to be referred, is unanimously in favor of Mr Bennett.

13th June 1883 Miss Bastin was appointed assistant at the Johnsonville School

25th July 1883 Wellington Education Board Mr. Hutchison expressed his opinion that the school-house at Johnsonville was too small, and that the site was an unsuitable one. A better site could be purchased for £300. The consideration of the matter was allowed to stand over.

31st October 1883 Wellington Education Board . In regard to an application for a new school and residence at Johnsonville, it was resolved to reply that the matter would be considered when the Board were in funds

1st November 1883 Wellington Education Board: Johnsonville application for new school residence was again postponed, till Government paid over the building grant to the Board.

20th December 1883 A children's concert, in aid of the prize fund, was held at Johnsonville yesterday evening, and afforded the residents an exceptional musical treat, its success being undoubtedly due to the zeal and energy displayed by Mr. Bennett, the local schoolmaster, who had spared no pains to make his youthful pupils proficient. Thanks are also due to those ladies and gentlemen who, undeterred by the inclement weather, came from town to lend their assistance. Where all were successful, it would be almost invidious to single out anyone in particular for special mention, but perhaps Mr. Johnson's songs, the trio "Hark, Opollo strikes the lyre," by the Misses Watson and Dowdeswell, the duet "Money Matters," by Miss P. Watson and Mrs. Benlow the recitations and the Burlesque Band by the pupils, carried off the palm. At the close of the concert, dancing was kept up until the small hours in the morning.

29th January 1884 JOHNSONVILLE. . The following gentlemen were elected a school committee for this district :— Messrs. Saunders (chairman), Cook, Olley, Cunliffe, Winter, Wilmshurst, and Rice. Attention was called to the insufficiency of school Accommodation, the master having had to refuse admittance to about twenty children on that account, and a hope was expressed that as the Education Board had purchased a site for a new schoolhouse, they would provide the necessary accommodation with as little delay as possible. The present schoolhouse, it was stated, would accommodate seventy children, and there are at present ninety-seven names on the school register.

1st February 1884 Wellington Education Board Estimates included Johnsonville school L450. [L was used sometimes instead of the £ sign]

28th February 1884 . A deputation waited on the Education Board yesterday with reference to the demands for increased school accommodation at Johnsonville. Mr Cook, spokesman of the deputation, stated that although the committee had made several applications to the board in

the matter, at the present time the requirements of the district were more urgent than ever. The number of scholars on the books was 88, and the school provided sitting accommodation for 75. As a further evidence of the total inadequacy of the building, he said that during last week the master had to take several children outside to teach them. The chairman (Mr Blair) pointed out that the board suffered from want 'of funds, although it might be a question whether something could not be done by selling the present property and rebuilding. Mr Bunny asked what amount could be realised on the present buildings. Mr Cook replied that £250 had been offered. After a abort discussion it was decided that the better course would be to sell, if possible, and the deputation withdrew, receiving, as they did so, a parting exhortation from Mr Bunny to "try and screw it (the price for the buildings) up to £300."

20th March 1884 Vacancy for a pupil teacher Johnsonville.

21st March 1884 The Johnsonville school committee have decided to put into force the compulsory clauses of the Education Act. Parents in that district who neglect to send their children to school, therefore, will run the risk of making their appearance before the Resident Magistrate

21st March 1884 JOHNSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT. As there is now ample school accommodation, the Committee of the above district have decided to enforce the compulsory clauses of the Education Act. W. COOK, Secretary.

29th August 1884 Wellington Education Board The board decided to deal with a question of a new schoolhouse at Johnsonville as soon as funds are available

24th September 1884 Wellington Education Board: An interim report by the Inspector on the recent examinations at the Wadestown, Kaiwarra, Johnsonville, Horokiwi, Pahautanui, Judgeford, Tawa Plat, and Mauriceville schools was received.

19th November 1884 The names of three pupils attending the Johnsonville school were received at the Board of Education office this afternoon as candidates at the scholarships examination in Wellington next week (A Brown, J Bannister, H Hobbs)

17th December 1884 Wellington Education Board The report of the Building Committee, recommending new schools at Eketahuna, Johnsonville, Te Whiti, and Porirua [£450] was adopted.

25th March 1885 Wellington Education Board . It was also decided to call for tenders for the erection of a new school at Johnsonville

29th April 1885 The tender of Mr. Thomas Orr, for the erection of a school at Johnsonville was accepted,

30th April 1885 Tenders called again for building of school [I think in error]

5th May 1885 Johnsonville School— Accepted : Thomas Orr, £673. Declined: James Russell, £747; Thomson and McLean, £793; Taylor and Johnson, £678; C. A. Spiers, £680

31st July 1885 Wellington Education Board d. The Chairman was instructed to bring pressure to bear on the Wellington-Manawatu Railway Company to fence the line opposite the school at Johnsonville.[A railway line was being built from Wellington to Porirua and beyond]

18th August 1885 Wellington Education Board Drawing examination . Passed Johnsonville Lilly Hobbs, Helen Hobbs'

28th October 1885 Wellington Education Board Mr Robert Lee's report included: The following shows the percentage of children who passed the examination and the condition of the schools generally : — Kaiwarra, 79 per -cent. , good ; Johnsonville, 83 per cent., very good

; Korokoro, 63 per cent., fair; Tawa Flat, 86 per cent., good ; Pahautanui, 71 per cent., good ; Featherston, 71 per cent., fair ;

23rd December 1885 The question of altering the Johnsonville School boundaries was referred to a committee

25th December 1885 It was decided to alter the boundaries of the Johnsonville School District on the recommendation of the local Committee.

1886-1890

1886	88	Johnsonville	Ward	Hugh P		Head Master	£220.00
1886	88	Johnsonville	Bastin	Kathleen		Assistant Female	£100.00
1886	88	Johnsonville	Hobbs	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1887	98	Johnsonville	Ward	Hugh P		Head Master	£240.00
1887	98	Johnsonville	May	Eliza J		Assistant Female	£90.00
1887	98	Johnsonville	Hobbs	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1888	104	Johnsonville	Ward	Hugh P		Head Master	£285.00
1888	104	Johnsonville	May	Eliza J		Assistant Female	£85.00
1888	104	Johnsonville	Hobbs	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1889	133	Johnsonville	Ward	Hugh P		Head Master	£245.00
1889	133	Johnsonville	May	Eliza J		Assistant Female	£85.00
1889	133	Johnsonville	Ryder	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1889	133	Johnsonville	White	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1890	132	Johnsonville	Ward	Hugh P		Head Master	£245.00
1890	132	Johnsonville	May	Eliza J		Assistant Female	£85.00
1890	132	Johnsonville	Nairn	Jessie		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1890	132	Johnsonville	Nott	Emily		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00

Hugh P Ward Taught at Greytown 1883-1885 and at Johnsonville from 1886 to 1895

1896/744	Ward	Hugh Park	36Y
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21st July 1896 The remains of the late Mr H. P. Ward, late headmaster of the Johnsonville School, were brought in from Johnsonville yesterday afternoon, and interred in the Bolton street Cemetery. There was a large attendance of the deceased's friends. The ceremony at the grave was conducted by the Rev Mr Burnett

Alice Hobbs was always a pupil teacher for the Wellington Education Board . 1882-1883 Kaiwarra, 1884-1888 Johnsonville, 1887-1888 Hutt

Eliza J May only taught as an assistant teacher at Johnsonville from 1887 to 1892 for the Wellington Education Board

1893/1448	Eliza Joan May	Augustus James Wybourn
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[Wybourn was a Johnsonville Family Name] They had only one child

1895/5442	Wybourn	Annie May	Eliza Joan	Augustus James
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Alice Ryder taught as a pupil teacher at Johnsonville in 1889 and at Clyde Quay 1890 to 1896 and finally as an assistant teacher for one year in 1897 at Petone

1898/520	Alice Ellen	Ryder	James Frederick	Kraft
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Alice Ellen Kraft had 6 children between 1899 and 1914

Jessie Nairn was only a Pupil Teacher for the Wellington Education Board Johnsonville 1890, Hutt 1891-1892, Thorndon 1893-1894.

1895/2628	Jessie	Nairn	Donald George	Clark
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Jessie Clark had 8 children between 1896 and 1916

Emily Nott taught one year at Johnsonville and then from 1891-1896 was a pupil teacher at Tawa Flat before becoming sole teacher at Taratahi West in 1897 and Nireaha in 1898 and 1899 [I can't find what happened after to her after this period of time]

22nd January 1886 For first assistant at Newtown the following applications were received :—
F, Bennett, 13° years and nine months' experience in teaching in England and New Zealand, five years as private teacher, assistant at Mount Cook Boys', Newtown, Te Aro, and head teacher at Tinui and Karori, now in charge of Johnsonville School, classification E 1 [et al]Mr Bennett was appointed. . . , In consequence of Mr Bennett's appointment to the Newtown School, it was decided, on the motion of the Rev Mr Paterson, seconded by Mr Young, to offer the appointment of head master of the Johnsonville School to Mr Ward, now first assistant at the Carterton School. Dr Newman dissented, stating that he thought Mr Cox should be appointed, but it was not deemed advisable to interfere with the present arrangements of the Mount Cook Boys' School, as the head master was away on leave of absence. It was understood that on a future occasion Mr Cox's claims should be favorably considered.

28th April 1886 At the annual meeting of the Johnsonville householders, the following gentlemen were elected as members of the School Committee for the current year •. — Dr. Bennett (chairman), Messrs. Cook (treasurer), Braid, Parkhouse, Retter, Bowler, Wilson (secretary)

30th April 1886 A public meeting was held in the schoolroom, Tawa Flat, on Tuesday night. The retiring Chairman (Mr E. Earp) read the report and balance-sheet for the past year, which was well received, after which Mr J. Taylor was voted to the chair. As there was some difficulty in respect to the boundaries of the School District, he, the Chairman, thought the best step to take would be for the meeting to send a deputation to the Education Board and see what could be done in the matter. This being agreed to, the meeting did not elect a committee for the ensuing year. Mr Ryan protested against this and thought that there would be no interference if they elected any householder who resided in the Johnsonville School District, but Mr Greer pointed out that the whole thing would be illegal. Mr E. Earp then proposed that Mr Greer, Mr J. Taylor, and the mover should be appointed as a deputation, which was carried

30th June 1886 Wellington Education Board: A deputation consisting of Messrs. Wilson, Cook, Parkhouse, and Better, waited on the Board relating to the fencing and draining of the school ground at Johnsonville, and the erection of a teacher's residence in that district. The Chairman said he thought it would be granted that the Johnsonville district had been well treated. The Board was without funds and could not carry out the % works proposed by the deputation. The deputation having retired, the Chairman, * the Mayor, and Mr. Young were appointed a committee to visit Johnsonville and see whether anything could be done in the directions pointed out.

28th July 1886 Wellington Education Board The Board decided that a survey the site of the old school at Johnsonville should be made prior to the property being sold.

25th August 1886 Wellington Education Board Mr. P. Bennett, late of Johnsonville, applied for payment of £6 13s 4d on account of the tuition of a pupil teacher in the local school, on the ground that if he had been allowed to remain in the district another three months the young lady would have passed. The application was granted.

22nd December 1886 The following are the only teachers in the service of the Board of Education who possess second grade drawing certificates : Included Mr H P Ward: Johnsonville

25th February 1887 Wellington Education Board: teachers The Board decided to deal with the applications under its regulations requires that the attendance at each school must reach a certain number before any additional teachers can be appointed. It was decided to inform both Committees of that fact

5th May 1887 Wellington Education Board Temporary appointments included: Miss Henrietta Lawson to Johnsonville, pending the appointment of a successor to Miss Bastin, promoted to Te Aro

16th May 1887 On Saturday the children of the Johnsonville School met for the purpose of presenting a combined desk and workbox to Miss Bastin who has been transferred to the Te Aro School. Mr. Ward presided, and called upon Master Wigo Anderson, who read the address, and Miss Isabel Brown, who made the presentation in the orthodox manner. Miss Bastin having suitably replied, the Rev. J. Dickson and Mr. G. Parkhouse addressed the children, and proceedings were shortly brought to a close by a vocal contribution from the young people. The workbox is a handsome piece of workmanship, made of knotted heart of totara, with a burnished metal top, engraved with an elaborate wreath of bush laurel leaves. It bears the inscription, " Miss Bastin, from the pupils of Johnsonville, May, 1887."

[Wigo Anderson had a long and successful teaching career for the Wellington Education Board]

25th May 1887 Wellington Education Board: The old school site at Johnsonville was directed to be sold at auction, and tenders were ordered to be invited for fencing the new school property.

29th June 1887 Wellington Education Board Reports of Mr. Lee on the Tawa Flat. Johnsonville, and Karori schools were laid upon the table.

28th July 1887 Wellington Education Board; The Committee appointed to consider various other matters reported that they had authorised the calling of tenders for the erection of a post and rail fence at Johnsonville;

10th August 1887 One of the students at the Training College is to be sent out to Johnsonville to temporarily fill the vacancy which will be caused by Miss Lawson's removal to Newtown. [Miss Lawson was not at Johnsonville in December 1886]

26th August 1887 Wellington Education Board APPLICATIONS, stating qualifications and length of experience as a teacher, will be received up to Monday next, the 29th instant, for the following appointments :—: Assistant, Johnsonville, salary .£90

30th August 1887 Eight applications have been received for the appointment of assistant teacher in the Petone School. A similar number have been sent in for the position of assistant

in the Johnsonville School. The salary in each case is .£90 per annum. The applications will be considered at the meeting of the Board of Education to-morrow

31st August 1887 Applications for the position of assistant teacher to the Johnsonville school and assistant teacher to the Petone school were opened to-day by the Board of Education. Miss May was selected for the Johnsonville school and Miss Levy for the Petone school, the selection in both cases to be subject to the approval of the respective School Committees

1st September 1887 Wellington Education Board: A month's leave of absence was granted to Miss Kate Madden, pupil teacher at Johnsonville.

6th September 1887 Miss May, the newly-appointed assistant in the Johnsonville School, will not be able to sever her connection with the Marlborough Board of Education until the end of the month, and cannot commence duties in her new sphere of labour until the 5th proximo. In the meantime, Miss Feist, who was in temporary occupation of the assistant teachership at Petone, will discharge the duties of assistant at Johnsonville.

25th October 1887 It will be remembered that some time ago we drew attention to a dispute between the residents of Johnsonville and the Education Board in reference to the old school site, which the Board now claim in exchange for the new site on which the present school is built. The old site was originally paid for by subscription among the residents, and it was vested in two trustees, of whom the surviving one is Dr. Taylor, of Greytown. That gentleman, at the request of the Education Board, signed a transfer of the land to that body as soon as the new site was provided, but this transfer is disputed by the residents, who claim the old site as their own property. We now learn that Mr. G. B. Davy, the District Land Registrar, declines, in face of the opposition, to bring the land under the provisions of the Land Transfer Act unless compelled to do so by order of the Supreme Court. The residents, anticipating further action by the Board, have retained Messrs. Bell, Gully, and Izard to protect their interests. The land in dispute, which is about half an acre in extent, is at present occupied by the residence of the local constable, and we believe the Board is receiving the rent. The dispute is creating a good deal of feeling in Johnsonville, and several informal meetings to discuss the pros and cons have been held.

30th September 1887 Wellington Education Board: The Board resolved to make application to the Supreme Court for a title to the school site at Johnsonville,

14th December 1887 A concert was held at the Oddfellows' Hall, Johnsonville, last evening, in aid of the district school funds. One of the features of the entertainment was the singing of four school songs, and two rounds by the children, who acquitted themselves very creditably, the accompaniments being played by one of their number, Miss Millie Bannister. This young lady, with Misses May Cook, Carrie Braid, and Paulina May, sang the favourite song, "To the woods," as a duet. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Billows, Miss Retter, and Messrs. Renwick, Randall, Springay, Williams, and Cunliffe, while two glees were given. "Oh, who will o'er the downs," and "Calm be thy slumbers," by Mesdames Cook and Billows, Miss Retter, and Messrs. Cook and Parkhouse. Mrs. Renwick and Mr. Leivein acted as accompanists during the evening. At the conclusion of the concert the room was cleared for dancing, to which upwards of 60 couple remained. Great praise is due to Mr. Ward and his teaching staff for the success of the entertainment. The committee are also to be congratulated on the effort, as a creditable sum has been cleared by their undertaking

17th December 1887 Wellington Education Board : County District Scholarship Wigo Anderson Johnsonville 375 second to a Petone Scholar who scored 376 marks

26th January 1888 Wellington Education Board allowed L250 for a residence at Johnsonville [L was used instead of £ sign by some typesetters']

20th February 1888 At a recent meeting of the provisional committee of the Johnsonville Literary Institute, Messrs. Anderson, Orbell, Atkinson, Ward, Jones, Renwick, and Jackson being present, the following' temporary appointments were made :— - Chairman, Mr. Jackson ; treasurer, Mr. Anderson ; secretary, Mr. Ward. It was decided to canvass the district for subscriptions and acknowledge the amount through one of the newspapers.

12th March 1888 The following are the returns of the late examination of Sixth Standard scholars of the city and suburban schools by Mr. Lee, School Inspector: Johnsonville 5 presented 5 passed.

21st June 1888 From time to time we have alluded to the dispute which has been waged for months past between the Education Board and the residents of Johnsonville with regard to the old school site in that township. The Bite, which comprises about half-an-acre of land valued at .£300, was originally paid for by public subscription and vested in private trustees. The Education Board built a schoolhouse upon it, which was for years used as the district school. Three years ago a larger school was built upon another site, and Dr. Taylor, the sole surviving trustee, signed a deed conveying the old site to the Board. The trustee's action was objected to by the residents as being ultra vires, and at a public meeting Mr. F. Orbell was requested to endeavour to upset the conveyance. Dr. Taylor then made an application to the District Registrar to have the land brought under the Land Transfer Act so as to validate the Board's title. Mr. Davy, after investigating the circumstances, declined to grant the application, and the matter was then taken by the Board of Education into the Supreme Court, where it has within the last few days formed the subject of an argument in Chambers before Judge Richmond. The judgment which has just been given is against the Board, his Honour affirming that the grounds on which the District Registrar refused to allow the application put in by Dr. Taylor were sufficient and declaring that the trustees or their survivor had no power to alienate- the property, consequently that Dr. Taylor could not legally convey to the Education Board. It is probable that a public meeting will shortly be held to consider the question of utilising the site for a public library

26th June 1888 A very pleasing ceremony took place at the Johnsonville public school yesterday, when Miss Jervois presented the sewing prizes offered by Lady Jervois in February last for the best samples forwarded to her Ladyship on the 31st May. Seniors— 1st prize, Paulina May ; 2nd, Millie Bannister ; specially commended, Lily Hobbs. Juniors —1st prize, Mary Hobbs ; 2nd, Bella Braid. Miss Jervois, in making the presentation, complimented Miss May on the excellence of the work, and expressed a hope that all the girls would give increased attention to needlework, which was a most important part of a girl's education. Lady Jervois had also desired that the children should be congratulated on the marked improvement in their work and hoped they would continue to improve. Mr. Ward thanked Miss Jervois for her kindness in coming so far to present the prizes, and the children expressed their concurrence by hearty applause. After the children had sang several songs the ladies were shown through the class-rooms and expressed admiration of the arrangements. [Lady Jervois was the wife of

the Governor general and had lived at Johnsonville over the summer in a rented house built for the local doctor]

29th August 1888 Inspector Lee to inspect Johnsonville school on the 5th and 6th September.

30th August 1888 Wellington Education Board refused an application from Johnsonville for additional school desks.

8th September 1888 The result of the inspection of the Johnsonville public school is as follows :—Out of 140 pupils who were presented for examination (55 of whom were infants) 50 passes were secured. Of those presented five pupils were absent on the day of examination, and four in the 3rd Standard were recorded as “ excepted ” from examination. The following are the passes in the different standards 7th Standard, 3 presented (1 absent from examination), 2 failed; 6th Standard, 5 presented (2 absent), 2 passed ; 5th Standard, 8 presented (1 absent), 4 passed; 4th Standard, 14 presented (1 absent), 7 passed ; 3rd Standard, 18 presented, 8 passed; 2nd Standard, 19 presented, 14 passed; 1st Standard, 18 presented and 15 passed.

27th September 1888 Inspector Lee’s report to Wellington Education Board included: He called attention to the very weak work in arithmetic produced in the Johnsonville School,

20th November 1888 Wellington Education Board scholarships Johnsonville entered 3 students. The Wellington, Petone, Johnsonville, Otaki, Kaiwarra, Makara, Karon, Pahautanui, and Vogelstown candidates will be examined in the Terrace School by the Rev. Dr. West, on the 28th instant.

28th January 1889 Wellington Education Board The question of enlarging the Johnsonville school was left to the Inspector to report upon.

29th March 1889 Wellington Education Board Johnsonville. —Additional accommodation needed, but no pressing necessity for it until the winter was over. The present infant room should be enlarged so as to give a room large enough for the head master and a pupil teacher to take classes in.

24th April 1889 JOHNSONVILLE. Twenty residents at Johnsonville attended the mootings held in their schoolroom, and Mr. Orbell, chairman of late committee, presided. The report and balance-sheet were read and adopted. The report showed a large increase in the attendance as to make additional accommodation a necessity. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring committee, coupled with a special vote to Mr. Springay for improvements to the school grounds. Mr. Cook having been voted to the chair, the election of a new committee was proceeded with, and the following gentlemen were elected:— Messrs. Atkinson, Joe Bannister, Braid, Cook, Smith, Springay, and Waddington. Mr. Cook was elected chairman and treasurer, and Mr. Bannister secretary, of the new committee, which will meet on the third Monday in each month.

26th April 1889 JOHNSONVILLE IMPROVEMENTS. Messrs Braid and Cook, representing the Johnsonville Committee, having waited on the Board, it was decided to at once call for tenders for enlarging one of the classrooms, and that the work should be done during the midwinter holiday

18th May 1889 Wellington Education Board calls for tenders for Additions Johnsonville

31st July 1889 Wellington Education Board The Board was assured that a shelter shed was urgently required at Porirua, and £10 was voted for the purpose. The Board also voted £10 towards the erection of a similar structure at Johnsonville.

7th September 1889 The remits of the inspection of the Ohariu, Johnsonville, and Tawa Flat schools by Mr. Lee are as follow :— Johnsonville — Standard VII., 3 presented, 1 excepted, 0 passed; Standard VI., 5 presented, 2 excepted, 2 passed; Standard V., 10 presented, 9 passed; Standard IV., 15 presented, 1 absent, 1 excepted, 10 passed; Standard III., 25 presented, 2 absent, 2 excepted, 15 passed ; Standard II., 22 presented, 1 absent, 2 excepted, 19 passed ; Standard I., 22 presented, 1 absent, 1 excepted, 20 passed ; 73 in preparatory class presented and all passed. Total, 175 presented, 5 absent, 8 excepted, 13 failed, 70 passed.

25th September 1889 Johnsonville School. —A deputation, consisting of Messrs W. Cook, R. Smith and J. Braid, waited upon the Education Board yesterday morning for the purpose of urging that shelter sheds should be erected for the school. Mr Cook stated that he was under the impression, when a former deputation waited upon the Board, that the work was to be carried out in connection with the contract for the erection of additions to the school. When the additions were finished the contractor cleared away his timber,, much to their surprise, and the Committee then learned that the Board had voted £10 toward the cost of the erection of the sheds. The cost of the erection of the shed, it was stated, would be about £25. From the remarks of the deputation it appeared that the Committee were under the impression that the Board were prejudiced against them. The Chairman and other members of the Board said there was not the slightest feeling against the Committee, and Dr Newman stated that more money had been spent upon the Johnsonville School than any other school within fifty miles of it, with the exception of the city schools. The members of the Board pointed out that they had only a limited sum to disburse, and Johnsonville had been treated as liberally as other schools. Mr R. Smith said the closets [toilets] of the school were in a disgraceful state, and if it was any other place the police would lay an information. The Chairman said he did not think the condition of things was as bad as Mr Smith stated. After further discussion it was decided that the Chairman should visit the school in company with the architect, and report at next meeting.

27th September 1889 Mr Inspector Lee reported: Johnsonville— The school has been closed for six weeks. The work generally is improved, but the instruction in higher arithmetic and model drawing is defective

7th October 1889 Wellington Branch NZEI [Teachers Union] . Mrs Francis (Mount Cook Infanta' School) and Mr H. P. Ward (Johnsonville) were appointed to represent the Wellington Institute at the Conference

20th December 1889 The children attending the Johnsonville School were dismissed for the holidays yesterday. Mr. D. Braid, one of the members of the committee, presided over their final gathering, and, after the scholars had been regaled with sweetmeats, undertook, on behalf of the committee, that special prizes for regular attendance will be given next year.

10th April 1890 Johnsonville School has been added to the list of those closed till Monday next on account of influenza. It is stated that two thirds of the scholars are suffering from the complaint.

29th April 1890 School Committee Johnsonville residents mustered in large numbers, and Mr. G. H. Wilton was in the chair. The report showed that there were 200 children on the roll ; that the accommodation for them was ample ; and that the school was well furnished and well kept. The balance sheet showed that there was a very small balance in hand. A contest took place for the positions of committeemen, Messrs. Kemp and Stebbings acting as scrutineers and the following were returned :— Messrs. W. Cook (Chairman and Treasurer), M. Atkinson

(Secretary), W. Drake, Lambert, P. Rotter, G. Waddington, and G. H. Wilson. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

30th May 1890 Wellington Education Board The Board considered protests against the election of school committees at Belvidere, Pahautanui, Johnsonville and Otaki. In the cases of Belvidere and Pahautanui the Board decided to declare the elections invalid, on the ground that people residing outside the districts had voted at the elections. It was decided that fresh elections should be held on Monday fortnight. The objection to the Johnsonville election was that a person under age had voted, but this was not sustained, the person referred to having declared that he had not voted.....

21st August 1890 The Johnsonville School Committee, at their meeting on Tuesday night, passed a resolution forbidding the use of Messrs. Whitcombe and Tombs' books in the school during the existence of the present difficulty between that firm and the Trades Unions.

29th August 1890 Wellington Education Board The Johnsonville Committee asked for an amount for the erection of shelter sheds at their school ground. The question was left in the hands of the Chair, man to make inquiries.

17th September 1890 NOTICE. ANY respectable inhabitant of Johnsonville who has been asked to sign, or even seen, the petition which was or is supposed to have been in circulation praying for the removal of Mr. H. P. Ward, the local schoolmaster, is invited to attend the Special Meeting, to be held on FRIDAY EVENING next, the 19th instant, at half past 7, at the Johnsonville School, when the Committee intend to investigate the matter

24th September 1890 Wellington Education Board Differences which have arisen between Mr. George Lambert, a member of the Johnsonville School Committee, and Mr. Ward, the local schoolmaster; were discussed in committee. It was decided to remit the whole correspondence to the school committee for consideration before taking any action in the matter

29th September 1890 Matters in dispute between Mr Ward, master of the Johnsonville school, and Mr Lambert, & member of the local committee, were brought before the Education Board in committee yesterday. The Board decided to refer the correspondence on the subject to the School Committee,

22nd October 1890 At a meeting of the Johnsonville School Committee last night, after the transaction of some routine business, Mr. Drake was appointed to represent the Committee on a committee suggested to arrange a combined school treat for the various schools in the district. The master's ordinary report, and the Inspector's report of a surprise visit as well as of his annual inspection, were received. The secretary was instructed to write to the master (Mr. Ward) and Miss May, expressing the Committee's pleasure at securing such satisfactory reports. A complaint made by Mr. Lambert, a member of the Committee, to the Education Board, against the master, Mr. Ward, was referred to the Committee by the Board. In reference thereto, it was, agreed that with regard to that portion ' of the complaint coming properly under the notice of the committee, there was no evidence to show that the master had acted in an improper manner, and in regard to the portion relating to the personal differences ' between the roaster and others the committee declined to make any remark. The committee also wished to -place on record the pleasure given them in receiving unsolicited from many parents their expressions of satisfaction with, and confidence in, the - present staff of the school. Mr. Lambert wished his dissent from these resolutions to be noted.

30th October 1890 Wellington Education Board Mr H. P. Ward, master at Johnsonville, wrote explaining that he was not personally liable for the weakness shown by his scholars in

arithmetic. The School Committee also wrote stating that they were perfectly satisfied with Mr Ward's tuition. The letters were received.

22nd December 1890 A concert and dance, in aid of the treat fund of the Johnsonville School, will be held in the local Oddfellows' Hall to-morrow evening

24th December 1890 A highly successful concert was held at the Johnsonville School last evening. Dr. Newman, M.H.R., presided. Twenty items were contributed by the children, assisted by Misses Retter, Revell (3), P. May, and Cook, Messrs. Cook, Warham, and Steele. Prizes were also distributed, as follows :—Attendance—First class certificates, W. Fancourt and E. Lambert. Prizes offered by the Committee for the best attendance in each class. provided the pupil passed the annual examination, and was well conducted— Francis L. Ward, Standard VII. ; Hannah Grierson, Standard VI. ; George Bannister, Standard V. ; Spencer Bannister, Standard IV. ; William Winter, Standard III. : Maud Styles, Standard II. ; Beulah Waddington, Standard I.; infants, Zoe Styles. A first grade art certificate, in a gilt Oxford frame, presented by the master, was awarded to Margaret Grierson. Mr, Ward, headmaster, was presented in the name of the children with an ink stand and paper holder of native woods, and silver pencil and sleeve links ; Miss May with a handsome bracelet and brooch, and Miss Nairn with an album. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Dr. Newman for presiding

1891-1895

1891	146	Johnsonville	Ward	Hugh P		Head Master	245.00
1891	146	Johnsonville	May	Eliza J		Assistant Female	£85.00
1891	146	Johnsonville	McLauchlan	Mary		Assistant Female	£60.00
1891	146	Johnsonville	Anderson	Wigo		Male Pupil teacher	£30.00
1892	143	Johnsonville	Ward	Hugh P		Head Master	£255.00
1892	146	Johnsonville	May	Eliza J		Assistant Female	£85.00
1892	146	Johnsonville	McLauchlan	Mary		Assistant Female	£70.00
1892	146	Johnsonville	Anderson	Wigo		Male Pupil teacher	£35.00
1893	113	Johnsonville	Ward	Hugh P		Head Master	£255.00
1893	113	Johnsonville	McLauchlan	Mary		Assistant Female	£80.00
1893	113	Johnsonville	Drawbridge	E E		Assistant Female	£70.00
1893	113	Johnsonville	Anderson	Wigo		Male Pupil teacher	£40.00
1894	139	Johnsonville	Ward	Hugh P		Head Master	£270.00
1894	139	Johnsonville	McLauchlan	Mary		Assistant Female	£90.00
1894	139	Johnsonville	Drawbridge	Eleanor		Assistant Female	£80.00
1894	139	Johnsonville	Anderson	Wigo		Male Pupil teacher	£60.00
1895	125	Johnsonville	Ward	Hugh P		Head Master	£270.00
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Mary McLauchlan started her teaching career from 1891-1895 as a pupil teacher. She then went to Rongomai [11 Kilometres North West of Eketahuna] 1896 -1912 as a sole charge teacher then came as assistant to Pahautanui school as head teacher until 1915.

Eleanor E Drawbridge only taught for the Wellington Education Board 1893-1896 at Johnsonville as an assistant. By 1899 she was running a day and Kindergarten school in Saint Paul's Schoolroom

1909/5220	Eleanor Elizabeth	Drawbridge	Francis Matthew	Byrne
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1923/7688	Byrne	Francis Matthew	77Y
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29th January 1891 Mr Cook, as a deputation from the Johnsonville school, complained to the Education Board yesterday of the frequent changes which are made in the pupil teachers of that school, eleven such changes having, he said, been effected since Mr Ward was appointed to the school. When it re-opened on Monday last two pupil teachers were absent, one having been removed to Tawa Flat and the other having left. The Chairman pointed out that although the Board discouraged pupil teachers in endeavouring to get transferred from one school to another it was only natural that they should desire to live in town, where better facilities for study were afforded them. He advised that in Johnsonville an effort should be made to obtain local pupil teachers.'

29th January 1891 A slight error crept into a paragraph in yesterday's issue relative to a deputation from the Johnsonville School Committee which waited upon the Education Board. It transpires that, although Miss Nairn, a pupil-teacher, was present at the opening of the school on Monday last, she had sent in an application to the Board to be transferred.

13th February 1891 Jesse Nairn 5th year and Wigo Anderson 2nd year both passed their pupil teacher examinations.

27th February 1891 Wellington Education Board A petition for a school at Khandallah was referred to the Johnsonville School Committee.

20th March 1891 A concert in aid of the picnic fund of the Johnsonville School was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, on Friday evening. The programme was attractive and varied. Mesdames Jordan and Mr Dean (violin) contributed instrumental items. Songs were tastefully rendered by Misses B. May, Curtis, Revell (2), Retter, Messrs Saunders and Rigarlsford. Those by Mr Saunders and Miss B. May are deserving of special mention, as they were rendered in good voice and with considerable power and expression. Mrs Jordan, Misses Hobbs and P. May, with Mr Dean, played the accompaniments. After the concert concluded the room was cleared and about 30 couples engaged in dancing till about 2 am. Miss Curtis and Mr Dean supplying the music. We understand the concert was a financial success.

25th March 1891 Wellington Education Board made a grant of £20 to Johnsonville for the erection of a shelter shed.

28th April 1891 School Committee: At Johnsonville, the following were elected to act as a Committee for the ensuing year :— Messrs. Alex. Willis, M. Atkinson, R. Bould, D. Braid, F. Retter, W. Simmons, G. G. Wilson. Mr. Willis was appointed Chairman and Treasurer of the new Committee, and Mr. N. Atkinson, Secretary.

11th May 1891 A performance was given in the Johnsonville school ground yesterday afternoon by the Johnsonville Brass Band, under the conductorship of their bandmaster, Mr. George Gray, junior, in aid of a fund to plant the school grounds with trees. They presented a capital programme composed of snored and secular music, which was greatly appreciated by the large number of the inhabitants who assembled. The amount of £8 3s was collected on (he ground by Mr Atkinson in aid of the object.

15th July 1891 A correspondent, signing himself "Ex Harbour Board Man," writes us expressing strong views in favour of Dr. Newman's motion in favour of a public school arbor day. Ho points out that Mr. Atkinson, whom he terms the " bold Mayor " of Johnsonville, has already planted some 500 trees in the school grounds there mainly at his own expense, although £33 was raised by the band and many of the trees were given by residents. This our correspondent thinks deserving of praise, and he expresses a hope that the trees will not be interfered with.

18th August 1891 Wellington Education Board The application of Alias Jessie Nairn to be transferred from the Johnsonville school to the Hutt school, was agreed to.

14th November 1891 Wellington Education Board First Grade Drawing Examinations
Geometry: Johnsonville.— W. Bramley, N. W. Cook, L. G. Retter, Lilian Harrap, F. Orbell, W. A. Hobbs good, Ethel Partridge, Jessie Winter.
Scale Drawing: Ethel G. Jacobsen, A. Lambert, Eleanor B. Orbell, Agnes Styles good, Jessie Winter

16th December 1891 Wellington Education Board A deputation attended from the School Committee at Johnsonville, consisting of Messrs M. Atkinson, Robert Bould, and David Brand. The object the deputation had in view was to point out the difficulty the remaining members of the Committee had to contend with, inasmuch as the Committee had, owing to ono thing and another, been reduced to but three members. The remaining members felt they were in an awkward position because they had no quorum, and consequently they could not legally pay accounts. The Chairman (Mr. J. R. Blair) thought the best plan for the three gentlemen to do would be to carry on quietly till the next School Committee elections in February next. The deputation having agreed to accept the suggestion of the Chairman and retain office pro tern., withdrew.

18th December 1891 The Johnsonville Public School was dismissed for the Christmas vacation at 3 p.m. yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Willis attended, and distributed prizes to those children who had made the maximum attendances during the year, as well as certificates to the successful candidates at the drawing examination. Following is the prize-list:—Chair-man's prizes presented by Mr. A. J. Willis— A. Lambert, St. 7, 1 ; A. Cunliff, St. 5, 2 ; E. Lambert (Mr. Cook's prize), 3 ; I. Retter, St. 3, 4 ; L. Cunliffe, St. 3, 5 ; E. Clark, St. 1, 6 ; B. Styles, 7; Z. Styles, 8. The committee having failed to provide prizes, all but the first-mentioned were provided by the headmaster, Mr. H. P. Ward. After sweetmeats, which had been kindly supplied by Mrs. Willis, were distributed, cheers were given for that lady, the prize givers, and the teachers, after which the children dispersed

5th March 1892 Miss McLauchlan was elected a member of the NZEI at the quarterly meeting in Wellington [New Zealand Educational Institute the teacher's trade unio]

28th April 1892 Wellington Education Board and that the house allowance at Kilbirnie, Wadestown, Johnsonville and Petone schools be increased from £20 to £30....the proposal was adopted.

27th July 1892 Wellington Education Board A deputation consisting of Messrs. W. [Littlejohn, F. W. Mansfield, and Revell waited upon the Board in support of a petition from the residents of Khandallah praying for the establishment of an aided school in that district. Mr. Mansfield said that there was a suitable building in the district, and a school could be opened with 20 children. At present parents who wished their children instructed sent them into Town, which was both inconvenient and expensive. There was a school at Johnsonville, but it was too far for the little ones. Mr. Young suggested that the Board should ~ look out for a site.....

6th August 1892 Arbor Day was observed in Johnsonville by the school children, under the headmaster, Mr. Ward, and the School Committee, renewing the plantation in the school grounds and planting a hedge of trees in front of the grounds. The trees used were macrocarpa, of which 200 were provided by the parents.

15th August 1892 Inspector Fleming to inspect Johnsonville on the 12th, 13th and 14th September

31st August 1892 The Board of Education was interviewed this morning by a deputation from the Johnsonville and Kaiwarra School Committees, consisting of Messrs. W. Bowden, G. Wilson, and D. Braid, who protested against the proposal to establish an aided school at Khandallah, on the grounds that there is no need for another school, seeing that there are already four schools within a radius of two miles. Mr. Bowden said that if a school were opened at Khandallah ten children now attending the Ngahauranga School would leave the latter, and the consequence would reduce the attendance at the Kaiwarra and Johnsonville schools. The Board decided to forward to the Kaiwarra and Johnsonville Committees copies of the requisition from the residents of Khandallah praying for the establishment of a school in their district. It was further resolved to postpone the opening of the school until the Johnsonville and Kaiwarra Committees had been able to consider the requisition.

6th September 1892 A meeting of Johnsonville and Kaiwarra residents was held at the Johnsonville Schoolhouse last evening to consider the application made by Khandallah parents to the Education Board for the opening of an aided school in their district. Mr. Joseph Chapman was voted to the chair. Mr. R. Bould moved a resolution (seconded by Mr. Drake) to the effect that a great injustice would be done to the neighbouring schools by the establishment of a school at Khandallah. With the permission of the proposer this was improved by the addition of a pledge on the part of the meeting that if the new school were granted by the Board, the present Committee should at once resign, and no one in the district should in future act either on the School Committee or as Commissioners. It was pointed out that this was ultra vires, but ultimately the addition was allowed to be tacked on, with only one alteration, viz., the substitution of the words " under the circumstances" for "in the future." The proposition was then put to the meeting and carried. It was then agreed that the resolution be forwarded to the Board, and votes of thanks to the chairman and the convener having been carried the meeting concluded.

28th September 1892 A deputation of the residents of Khandallah, consisting of Messrs. F. W. Mansfield, W. Littlejohn, F. H. Bevell, J. H. Richardson, W. Pearce, and G. McCarthy, waited

upon the Education Board this morning, to farther urge the claims of the Khandallah people to the erection of a school in their district. Mr. Mansfield read a care-fully-prepared memorandum in refutation of the objections of the Johnsonville Committee. Briefly the answers to the objections were that Khandallah was outside the radius of two miles required by the department, Kaiwarra being 3 and 1-20th miles and Johnsonville 2 4-10th miles distant from Khandallah. It was further urged that the probable loss to the Johnsonville School, should a school be established at Khandallah, would be six pupils, whilst Kaiwarra would suffer to the extent of five, Wadestown three, and Ngahauranga possibly five. The actual number of children of school age residing in Khandallah was 23. Mr. Revell said he believed the majority of the residents of Johnsonville were in favour of a school being erected at Khandallah. As it was at present, the roads leading from Khandallah were almost impassable for children, besides which it was absolutely dangerous for little ones to walk these roads, on account of straying cattle. On the deputation retiring, the Board went in committee, and decided to postpone further consideration of the subject for a month.

13th October 1892 Johnsonville nominated four candidates to sit scholarship examinations.

2nd November 1892 Wellington Education Board First Grade Drawing examination results: Scale: Johnsonville — S. Bannister (good). J. and C. Brown, C. Corlett, H. Cunliffe (good), J. F. Dougherty, E. Harrap, E. Lambert, L. Better, M. Revell, L. Taylor, L. Willis, J. and H. Wilson

3rd November 1892 Freehand: Johnsonville — Mary J. Badland, Jane Bodley, Liesette Wilson, Ida Willis, Jessie Winter, Joseph Young, Herbert Young.

10th February 1893 Wigo Anderson passed his fourth year pupil teachers examination

20th April 1893 Wellington Education Board Assistant Teacher Johnsonville £70

25th April 1893 Mr. Geo. Wilson presided at the Johnsonville meeting. The Committee's report was of a very gratifying character, both in regard to the school and the finances. Votes of thanks to the headmaster (Mr. Ward) and staff and the retiring Committee having been unanimously carried, Messrs. Wilson, Braid, Cunliffe, Anderson, and Rod (re-elected), with Messrs. Retter and Mildenhall, were elected as the Committee for the ensuing year. The meeting also resolved that a public meeting be held forthwith, receive the Trustees' report re the old school site, and decide as to the allotment of the fund, Mr. Wilson was re-elected Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Committee.

21st July 1893 A SERIOUS QUESTION.

TO THE EDITOR. Sir,—Will you permit me through the columns of your valuable paper to make a few remarks anent the conduct of the Johnsonville School Committee, and the teachers of the aforesaid school, through which I believe my little daughter recently lost her life. What do you say, sir, to the Inhumanity that compels a fragile little girl to sit all day for a couple of weeks in a direct line of draught from a broken window pane, although the child, at her mother's request, asked to be removed, or the reprehensible carelessness of a body of men whom we elect to study the welfare of our little ones, to allow the pane to remain broken while they tried to bounce some of the children's parents into paying the paltry expense incurred by replacing the pane? My little girl, through being exposed to the cutting draught, contracted bronchitis, which ended fatally. Now, sir, have the school committee really not funds sufficient to replace a broken window-pane? Are we to sit meekly by with folded hands while our beloved little

ones are thus exposed ? And is there no way of compelling them to carry out the duties they undertake to perform ? I am, &c., H. W. London. Johnsonville July 12, 1892.

21st July 1893 A PUBLIC MEETING to enquire into the alleged assertions relative to the death of Mr. London's child will be held in the School, Johnsonville, on MONDAY, 21st instant, at half-past 7 p.m. All parents are earnestly requested to attend. G. WILSON, Chairman S.C.

26th July 1893 On Monday evening a meeting was held at Johnsonville to enquire into a statement made by Mr H. W. London, that the death of his child had been caused by her being compelled to sit in a draught. After a good deal of discussion the following motion was carried That this meeting, while consoling with Mr and Mrs London, exonerates the committee and teachers from blame in the matter.

26th July 1893 With regard to the Johnsonville School, which had been closed on account of measles, the Board expressed the opinion that the school should be kept open.

11th August 1893 Inspector T R Fleming to inspect Johnsonville School on 11th, 12th and 13th, September

27th October 1893 Wellington Education Board art examination. Johnsonville 67 children sat examination and 19 passed.

22nd November 1893 Jessie Winter Johnsonville sat country schools scholarship from Johnsonville and finished well down the list with 316 marks. Needed more than 411 to qualify for one of 4 scholarships.

29th November 1893 Wellington Education Board: Miss Elizabeth Benbow (Terrace-school), and Miss McLauchlin (Johnsonville school), applied for an extension of the Christmas holidays. The Board decided that in justice to other teachers the applications could not be granted.

15th December 1893 The prize presentation took place yesterday afternoon, when Dr. Newman, M.H.R., [Member House of Representatives] Mrs. Newman, and a number of parents of the scholars were present. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Newman, as follows: — Needlework. — Std. VII. (Mrs. Fancourt's prize), J. Winter. Std. VI. (Mrs. Cook's), D. Badland. Std. V. (Mrs. Baker's), E. Rod. Std. IV. (Mrs. Cunliffe's) L. Wilson. Std. III. (Mrs. Ward' B), M. Gower Std. II. (Mrs. Ward's), E. McClure. Std. I. (Mrs Ward's), E Cunliffe. Infants (Mrs. Ward's), E. Mildenhall. Knitting — (Mrs. Cook's), A. Waters ; (Mrs Cunliffe's), M. Sim. Drawing.— (Dr. Newman's prizes, presented to the best girl and best boy at First Grade examination), A. Styles and J. Mildenhall. A. Styles and J. Winter were also presented with full First Grade certificates.

Merit (the best pass in each standard). — Std. VII., J. Winter, dux (Mr. Rod's prize). Committee's prizes— Std. VI , C. Brown • Std. V., W. Winter, D. Retter ; Std. IV., L. Wilson; Standard III , E. Taylor; Standard. II., G. Wilson, Z. Styles ; Std. I , M. Chapman./ \

Attendance prizes, presented by Committee to pupils making a complete attendance -I. Braid (Mr. Rod's), M. Styles, A. Anderson, K. Taylor, F. Braid, E. Clarke, B, Styles, Z. Styles, M. Harrap, G. Wilson, E. Lam. Bert, F. Braid, F. Taylor, A. Styles, D. Taylor, H. Braid, and S. Styles.

Mrs Newman also presented the certificates won at the recent examinations. The children, having sung a number of "action" and other school songs, were addressed by Dr. Newman, who complimented 'the head master on the state of the school. Cheers having been given for

Mrs. and Dr Newman, the head master, the visitors, and the Committee, the school was closed by the singing of the National Anthem.

28th February 1894 Wellington Education Board the Johnsonville School was ordered to be supplied with four grates for the fireplaces,

24th April 1894

JOHNSONVILLE. Between 20 and 30 householders assembled in the Johnsonville Schoolroom for the annual meeting. Mr G. G. Wilson occupied the chair. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. Reference was made to the successful efforts of the Committee in raising subscriptions for the purpose of providing the school with a harmonium. The following gentlemen were elected the new Committee :—Messrs J. Moore, Anders Anderson, J. Ross, P. Rutter, G. G. Wilson, J. E. Cunliss and D. Braid. Three others were nominated, but retired, and the above were consequently elected without a ballot. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the outgoing officers, and also to the teaching staff of the school in recognition of the services they had rendered during the year. Mr Wilson was elected chairman, secretary and treasurer of the now Committee. The Committee intend organising a series of concerts during the winter months in aid of their funds

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27th August 1894 Wellington Education Board would be inspected by Mr Lee or/and Mr Fleming on the 19th and 20th August

24th November 1894 The SS Wairarapa hit Great Barrier island with large loss of life. Appeal: Johnsonville State School £1 6 shillings.

7th December 1894 Wellington Education Board An application for repairs to the roof of the Johnsonville School was referred to the carpenter to report on.

18th March 1895 The pupils attending the Johnsonville public school held their annual picnic at Plimmerton on Saturday. They went out by the 10.00 a.m. train under the care of Mr Ward, headmaster and the teachers. The committee were represented by Messrs Wilson, Moore and Braid. Although the weather was overcast a very pleasant day was spent.

24th April 1895 Johnsonville. — The annual meeting of householders was presided over by Mr. G. G. Wilson, the Chairman of the retiring Committee. A report of the Committee's financial position and of the school's progress was submitted, and was adopted, on the motion of Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Mr. Cook. The following were elected a Committee for the ensuing year :— Messrs. Cook, Corlet, Chapman, Dawson, Moore, O'Neil and Wilson. Mr. Wilson was re-elected Chairman and Treasurer, and Mr. Corlet Secretary. It was decided to hold meetings quarterly, on the third Monday in June, September, December, and March

11th May 1895 Parents are in many instances unaware of the provisions of the Education Act, and three cases came before the Stipendiary Magistrate to-day, in which Henry London, Alfred Mildenhall, and John Stannard, of Johnsonville, were presented at the instance of Mr. Felix O'Neil, of the local School Committee, for failing to send their children to school. Defendants pleaded ignorance of the Act. Mildenhall said his boy had been kept from School for a week owing to sickness, whilst Stannard admitted having kept his son home occasionally to assist him in work. The Committee did not press for a fine. His Worship said it rested with parents to make themselves acquainted with the Education Act, and it was his duty and intention to administer it. He ordered defendants to see that their children attend school at least six times a week—morning and afternoon being reckoned as separate attendances. If they again appeared before him the maximum fine provided by the Act would be imposed. If children were ill for any time it was the duty of parents to obtain exemption from the school committee

31st May 1895 Wellington Education Board A deputation from the Johnsonville School Committee waited on the Board and asked for assistance in providing a well and pump to supply the school with water, which was now only supplied from tanks. The cost would be about £10. Mr J. Young moved that the £10 be granted, which was seconded by Dr Newman, and carried.

2nd August 1895 Wellington Education Board It was decided that, as soon as an opportunity occurred, Miss McLaughlan, assistant at Johnsonville, should be removed to another school.

9th August 1895 Either Inspector Lee or Fleming to inspect Johnsonville on the 12th and 13th August

16th August 1895 and two children named Arthur Moore ; and Ellis Stannard appeared on a charge of having damaged by stone-throwing some property of the Johnsonville School Committee. Both pleaded Guilty, and Moore was remanded till Friday, while Standard's ' father was ordered to punish his son in the presence of a constable, as well as repair the damage done

30th October 1895 Wellington Education Board It was decided to transfer Miss McLaughlin from Johnsonville to some other school.

28th November 1895 A deputation from the Johnsonville School Committee waited on the Board to ask why their recommendation for the transfer of Miss McLachlan, one of the teachers, was not carried out. The Chairman replied that the matter had been left in his hands, and the teacher in question informed him that she had not heard of the charges made against her of beating the children, and furthermore that they were not true. He requested the committee to make arrangements to have a meeting with him before he finally reported to the Board.

11th December 1895 The Board approved of the Chairman's action in transferring Miss Slater to Petone and Miss Tabor to Johnsonville.

20th December 1895 At a social reunion of the teachers of the Newtown School, Miss Tabor, who has been promoted to Johnsonville, was presented by the staff with a very handsome gold brooch and gold watch chain. The head-master, Mr C. Hulke, made the presentation, and in a few well-chosen words referred to Miss Tabor's many amiable qualities.

1896-1898

1896	124	Johnsonville	Bethune	Finlay		Head Master	£255.00
1896	124	Johnsonville	Drawbridge	Eleanor		Assistant Female	£80.00
1896	124	Johnsonville	Tabor	Florence		Assistant Female	£80.00

1896	124	Johnsonville	Anderson	Wigo		Male Pupil teacher	£60.00
1897	121	Johnsonville	Bethune	Finlay	D1	Head Master	£255.00
1897	121	Johnsonville	Farmar	Mary	D3	Assistant Female	£80.00
1897	121	Johnsonville	Evans	Ada H	E4	Assistant Female	£80.00
1897	121	Johnsonville	Willis	Alice Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1898	125	Johnsonville	Bethune	Finlay	D1	Head Master	£255.00
1898	125	Johnsonville	Farmar	Mary	D3	Assistant Female	£80.00
1898	125	Johnsonville	Evans	Ada H	E3	Assistant Female	£80.00
1898	125	Johnsonville	Willis	Alice Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£36.00

Finlay Bethune started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Masterton in 1884 and then was at Carterton in 1887. From 1888 to 1895 he was headmaster at Manakau. From 1896 to at least 1917 he was at Johnsonville/Newlands and in 1919 was headmaster at Newtown School.

29th December 1921 Temuka Leader: MR FINLAY BETHUNE. There will be general regret among the older residents of the Geraldine and Temuka districts and other parts of South Canterbury, where he was known, at the death of Mr Finlay Bethune, headmaster of the Wellington South School. Although news had recently been received by friends. . at- Geraldine that Mr Bethune, had. not been in good health lately, ;the news" of his death, which occurred on Christmas morning, came as a shock. The late Mr Bethune spent his young days in Geraldine and was one oi the original pupils in the school that was built on the bank of the river nearly opposite Messrs Sherratt and Son's store. Adopting" teaching as a profession, he later on received his training as a pupil teacher under Mr. T. Hughes, then headmaster of the school. Among the positions the late Mr Bethune filled .was assistant master in the Temuka and Carterton schools, and from the later he came to take charge of the Pleasant .Valley School, where he remained for several years. He was then appointed headmaster of the Manakau School, on the Manawatu line, and was subsequently promoted to the charge of the Johnsonville School, near Wellington. Here he remained for many years, and he and his wife took, an active part in Church work and in the social life of the residents, and~ both were highly popular. About two .years ago Mr Bethune received further promotion by being "appointed headmaster of the 'Wellington South School. As. a teacher Mr Bethune appealed to his pupils as a man of wide sympathy in all their activities. The same sympathetic attitude endeared him to his fellow citizens. His scholastic work was uniformly successful, but probably his most valuable work was the formation of character In his pupils. His own sense of kindness and responsibility and fair dealing was reproduced in those whom he taught. The late Mr Bethune belonged to a class of teachers that did good, sterling work, and the profession will be the poorer for their removal. The late Mr Bethune took an active part in sport in his younger days and was well known as a footballer and cricketer. When the Geraldine Rifle Corps was formed in 1885 at time of the "Russian scare," Mr Bethune, who was then headmaster of the Pleasant Valley School, joined . as a member, and for many years afterwards took a keen interest in volunteering. During the war, the: Defence Department under arrangement with the Education Department, had the use of Mr Bethune's services in connection with the embarkation of the contingents that left Wellington, his duty being to see the men placed in their quarters on the different transports, a work that he carried out 'with great tact and efficiency. The late Mr Bethune was held in high esteem by all who knew him for his kindly nature and his manly and

upright character, and he will be much missed by a very large circle of friends. He leaves a widow, the eldest daughter of the late Mr N. Dunlop, who has lost a most devoted husband, and, for her there will be much sympathy.

Florence Tabor Taught at Mt Cook Infants as a pupil teacher from 1887 to 1888 and still a pupil teacher Newtown until 1895. She only spent 1896 teaching at Johnsonville

1897/3384	Florence	Tabor	John Wilmer	Wood
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Mary Farmar taught for the Wellington Education Board at Manakau from 1897 to 1896 and followed Finlay Bethune to Johnsonville from 1897 to 1899

8th March 1901 Miss M Farmar was appointed by the Marlborough Education Board to a temporary position at the Blenheim Borough School. She taught in Blenheim 1890 to 1892 and at Havelock 1904 and 1905 Only registered on Electoral Roll in 1905 and 1898

Ada H Evans taught at Featherston in 1889 and Porirua from 1892 to 1896 as a pupil teacher. She then taught at Johnsonville from 1897 to at least 1921 as an assistant teacher

Probably the daughter of Mrs Evans the long term teacher at Mangaroa in Upper Hutt Ada died in 1946 aged 73

Alice Mary Willis started at Khandallah school in 1895 to 1896 then at Johnsonville from 1897 1901. In 1902 she was an assistant at Te Horo School and then came back to Johnsonville from 1903 to 1905.

1906/6448	Alice Mary	Willis	William Douglas Thomas	Steele
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1907/22379	Steele	Colin Alister	Alice Mary	William Douglas Thomas
1912/10800	Steele	Donald Gavin	Alice Mary	William Douglas Thomas
1919/23604	Steele	Roger Campbell	Alice Mary	William Douglas Thomas

27th February 1896 Wellington Education Board : A sum of £3 was voted for providing a force pump at Johnsonville School,

11th March 1896 A little boy named Gray had a narrow escape at Johnsonville on Monday. He and his elder brother, aged eight years, were crossing the railway line at the Johnsonville crossing in front of a train when the younger , lad stumbled. The driver was unable to stop the train, but the elder brother, with great pluck, pulled the other out of harm's way. So close was the engine, however, that the cow-catcher grazed the youngster's leg.

28th April 1896 JOHNSONVILLE. The attendance was small, owing to the bad weather. The following Committee was elected:— Messrs. Cook (Chairman and Treasurer), Corlet (Secretary), Dawson, Moore, O'Neill, Dodgshun, and Retter. The Secretary reported a satisfactory year's work, with finances just equal to requirements. The services rendered by the retiring Chairman, Mr. Geo. Wilson, who has acted in that capacity for a number of years, were suitably acknowledged.

15th July 1896 Mr. H. P. Ward, head master of the Johnsonville School, will be unable to resume duty next Monday. The Board has granted him six months' leave of absence.

17th July 1896 It is with deep regret we hear of the death of Mr. Hugh Park Ward, head-master of the Johnsonville School, which occurred this morning. Mr. Ward has been in a serious

condition for only a few days, a severe chill having aggravated other complaints from which he was suffering. He was a native of Belfast and has been in the colony *for some 13 years, for part of which he was teaching at the Greytown school, and for the last ten at Johnsonville. For many years past he has been Secretary of the Wellington Branch of the New Zealand Educational Institute and has worked hard in connection with the organisation of his profession. Personally, he was a man of most genial disposition, and his death will be widely mourned. Mr. Ward was unmarried.

21st July 1896 Applications for the position of headmaster to the Johnsonville School and first assistant at the Thorndon School will be received by the secretary of the Education Board up to Saturday, 25th instant. Salary £ 245: No residence.

21st July 1896 The funeral of the late Mr. H. P. Ward, who was Head Master of the Johnsonville School, took place yesterday, the remains being interred at the Bolton-street Cemetery. At the Thorndon Railway Station the mourners were joined by the Secretary of the Education Board (Mr. Dorset), the Chairman (Mr. Blair), Mr. Young (a member of the Board), and the Inspector. The Rev. Messrs. Paterson and Burnett conducted the grave-side service, and a large number of friends and fellow teachers of the deceased attended.

29th July 1896 There were 21 applications for the position of head teacher of the Johnsonville School, rendered vacant by the death of Mr. H. P. Ward. The Board has made an appointment, subject to the approval of the local Committee

1st August 1896 The Johnsonville School Committee has accepted the Education Board's appointment of Mr. F. Bethune, present headmaster of the Manukau School, to the charge of the Johnsonville School

28th August 1896 Mr T R Fleming will inspect Johnsonville School on the 17th and 18th September

19th September 1896 About seven or eight years ago a public meeting was held at Johnsonville to nominate three gentlemen for appointment as trustees, by the .Supreme Court, of some school property at Johnsonville, Those gentlemen were duly appointed, and the townspeople thought that at intervals they would give a statement of the way the funds were being received and administered. One of the trustees is now dead, and another practically takes no part in looking after the trust, and so, the matter is left in the hands of one trustee who had forwarded a statement, which was not considered satisfactory. The statement showed that a sum of money had been borrowed from a loan company, but there was no, information as to the rate of interest being paid. At a public meeting held at Johnsonville last night it was decided, "That Mr Hislop be informed that the accounts filed are not satisfactory, and that lie continue the action to compel the filing of complete accounts showing the rate of interests and amount of fines paid and asking for the resignation of the trustees. Another resolution to the effect that Hislop should he instructed to. make arrangements to have the property vested in the Johnsonville Town Board was also carried.

30th September 1896 It was decided at the meeting of the Board of Education to-day that the Chairman should make enquiries as to whether there was power to recognise in a tangible manner the services rendered by the late Mr. H. P. Ward, head-master of the Johnsonville School, and the late Mr. D. Munro, who had been in charge of the Ohariu School.

30th September 1896 It was decided to divide the Johnsonville School ground. [The Wellington Education Board divided many of the school playgrounds with a fence, One side for Boys' and one for Girls']

5th November 1896 First Grade Drawing examinations: Johnsonville passes were Johnsonville Charles Braid, James Hutton, Alexander Moore.

13th January 1897 Johnsonville, Assistant Mistress; salary,. £90

14th January 1897 The Education Board require a third assistant for both the Terrace and Clyde quay Schools, assistant mistresses for Johnsonville and Greytown, a pupil teacher for Mauriceville, and a teacher for the aided school near Te Nui.

1st February 1897 Miss Farmer, at present assistant at Manukau, is to be transferred to Johnsonville School.

25th February 1897 W Anderson Johnsonville is now classified Ex pupil Teacher.

1st April 1897 Wellington Education Board Eleanor Drawbridge resigns from Johnsonville.

28th April 1897 Wellington Education Board The following changes of teachers were agreed to . — Miss Combes from Mangatainoka to Porirua to relieve Miss Evans, who is promoted to assistant at Johnsonville in the place of Miss Drawbridge, resigned ; Miss Robertson from Paraparaumu to Kilbirnie; Miss Walton from Kilbirnie to Clyde-quay ; Miss "Willis from Khandallah to Johnsonville to replace Miss Anderson, [Actually Mr Wigo Anderson] who opens the Hukanui School;

18th May 1897 The School Committee at Porirua and a number of the ladies of the district met in the Oddfellows' Hall in that township on Saturday and entertained Miss Ada Evans, who has been transferred from the teaching staff of the local school to that of the Johnsonville School. Complimentary addresses were given, and Miss Evans was presented by Mrs. Stevens with a handsome dressing case as a mark of appreciation by the settlers of the district of her six years' service in the Porirua School.

19th June 1897 The Johnsonville School Committee has decided to have a bonfire and send up fireworks on the hills adjoining the village on Thursday evening at 7 p.m., instead of bringing the children to the city to take part in the procession there. Refreshments will be handed round to the children by the ladies.

30th July 1897 Johnsonville to be inspected on the 9th of September

27th April 1898 JOHNSONVILLE. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. Cook. The report showed that there was a good attendance, and that the school was being well conducted. The new Committee is as follows:—Rev. J. Chapman, Messrs. G. Lambert, T. W. Kirk, W. Cook, and Retter. At the meeting of the Committee, Mr. Cook was re-elected Chairman, and the Rev. J. Chapman was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

1st October 1898 The residents of Ohariu received an intellectual treat last night, when Sir Robert Stout paid the district a visit and delivered his interesting lecture on "Nansen" to a large audience in the local schoolhouse. Mr. F. A. Majendie, Chairman of the .School Committee, was in the chair. Sir Robert received a hearty vote of thanks on the motion of Mr. C. C. Wackrow, seconded by Mr. W. B. Smith. The lecture was preceded by a capital concert, the items in which were contributed by Mrs. Bethune, Miss Blair, and other friends from Johnsonville. A dance followed the lecture.

1899-1901

1899	140	Johnsonville	Bethune	Finlay	D1	Head Master	£255.00	
1899	140	Johnsonville	Evans	Ada H	E3	Assistant Female	£80.00	
1899	140	Johnsonville	Farmar	Mary	D3	Assistant Female	£80.00	
1899	140	Johnsonville	Willis	Alice M		Female Pupil Teacher	£42.00	
1900	141	Johnsonville	Bethune	Finlay	D1	Head Master	£255.00	
1900	141	Johnsonville	Evans	Ada H	E3	Assistant Female	£80.00	
1900	141	Johnsonville	Evans	Edith M	D4	Assistant Female	£80.00	
1900	141	Johnsonville	Willis	Alice M	E4	Female Pupil Teacher	£42.00	
1901	138	Johnsonville	Bethune	Finlay	D1	Head Master	£235.00	£20.00
1901	138	Johnsonville	Evans	Ada H	E3	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1901	138	Johnsonville	Evans	Edith M	D4	Assistant Female	£80.00	
1901	138	Johnsonville	Willis	Alice M	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00	

The £20.00 is paid because the Education Board did not provide a residence at Johnsonville for the Head Master.

Edith M Evans started teaching in 1894 and 1895 at Mount Cook Infants' In 1896 and 1897 she was at Terrace School. In 1898 and 1899 she was sole teacher at Horokiwi. Then following her two years at Johnsonville she was at Mt. Cook Girls' until 1906. 1st December 1906 granted 1 years leave of absence by Wellington Education Board

27th April 1899 School Committee Election: Johnsonville. — Messrs. W. Cook (Chairman), J. W. Chapman, A. Chapman, G. Lambert, A. Anderson, E. J. M. Corlet, and Rev. J. W. Chapman (Secretary).

12th June 1899 Mr F Bethune elected Vice President of the Wellington Educational Institute [The Teacher's Union]

30th November 1899 Wellington Education Board authorises Johnsonville Painting £16

10th January 1900 Wellington Education Board Assistant, Johnsonville School; salary £80.

11th January 1900 Wellington Education Board : Johnsonville : School— C. Masters and E. Tester, Wellington, £16 10s accepted.

24th January 1900 The Board of Education has received the following number of applications for each of the vacancies in its schools: — Headmaster at Island Bay, salary £200, 51 ; head teacher at Mangaone, salary £100, 16 ; assistant at Johnsonville, salary £80, 20 ; assistant at Mount Cook Boys', salary £100, 9 ; teacher at Mangamaire, salary £90, 8 ; pupil teacher at Carterton, £20, 11 ditto at Pongaroa, £20, 2

7th February 1900 Miss Evans, now of Horokiwi School, to be assistant at Johnsonville.

1st March 1900 The annual picnic in connection with the Johnsonville school was held at Day's Bay on Monday. During the afternoon, Miss Farmar, who has resigned her position as assistant in the school, was presented by the pupils with a handsome gold bracelet.

19th May 1900 . Mr. W. H. Field, M.H.R., yesterday introduced to the Minister of Education a deputation consisting of Messrs. Cook, Rod, and Chapman, members of the Johnsonville School Board, and also of the Johnsonville School Trust, who sought to obtain, if possible, the sanction of the Government to the expenditure of all or portion of the accumulated funds of the trust to provide material for the building of a Technical School on the State School grounds at Johnsonville. The deputation stated that the Director of the

Wellington Technical School, Mr. A. D. Riley, had promised to pay for the labour of the building and supply the appliances if the Johnsonville people would supply the timber. Mr. Walker replied that he was unable to give any direction or consent on the subject, because of the conditions of the trust, but he was willing to lend his aid to the passing .of a special Act to amend the Johnsonville School Trust Act, 1898, so as to give the trustees the powers sought for.

26th July 1900 Wellington Education Board: in a long list of teachers who were in excess of staffing as provided by the Board's regulations was E Evans assistant Johnsonville.

30th January 1901 Wellington Education Board re proposed increase of wages included: Johnsonville E Evans current salary £ 80 to be raised by £6 8 shillings

31st January 1901 A remarkable record in the way of regular attendance comes from the Johnsonville school. A pupil (Pearl Retter, daughter of Mr. F. Better, of Johnsonville), who left school last December, had not missed a single half day since 1st September, 1891, a period of nine years and four months. It need scarcely be added that she had no difficulty in passing her examinations year by year.

7th March 1901 Wellington Education Board The chairman was empowered to act in regard to the claim of the Johnsonville School for technical education.

21st March 1901 A revised scheme of Wellington Education Board salaries included: Johnsonville — (137), first female assistant, £90 (£10) ; pupil teacher, £50 (£8).

23rd April 1901 School Committee election: Johnsonville. — The headmaster reported an increase in the number of children, and that the results of the examination. had been good. There is a credit balance of £3 13s 3d. The new committee' consists of Messrs. W. Cook (Chairman and Treasurer), Rev. Chapman (Secretary), T. W. Kirk, Corlet , Martin, Clifford, and Morgan.

12th July 1901 Parliamentary News: There is a cadet corps at the Johnsonville State school, ' says Mr. Field, whose drill would be a credit to any adult volunteer corps. "You can't have fighting roosters without game hens," said Mr.. Monk yesterday while advocating that girls as well as boys should receive military training in our schools.

10th August 1901 . Yesterday afternoon Miss Edith Evans, one of the teachers of the Johnsonville school, was walking down the Ngahauranga line to take the next Government train to town, when she was rushed by a bullock that was being pursued by a drover. At the suggestion of the drover she got over the fence,' and hold on to it for a moment, but the animal charged her, forcing her to let go, and throwing her to the foot of a wall. Miss Evans had her left arm broken above the elbow and was bruised otherwise.

25th September 1901 "A Parent" writes from Johnsonville stating that there is an epidemic of scarlatina in the township, and that several children attending the local school were found to be suffering from the complaint. and were removed to the Wellington Hospital. Oar correspondent suggests that the School Committee would be taking a proper course in closing the school until the epidemic ceases.

1902-1904

1902	152	Johnsonville	Bethune	Finlay	D1	Head Master	£ 235.00	£30.00
1902	152	Johnsonville	Evans	Ada H	E3	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1902	152	Johnsonville	McKeown	Emily M	D4	Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00	

1902	152	Johnsonville	Hutton	James		Male Pupil teacher	£ 40.00	
1903	166	Johnsonville	Bethune	Finlay	D1	Head Master	£255.00	£35.00
1903	166	Johnsonville	Evans	Ada H	E2	Mistress	£110.00	
1903	166	Johnsonville	Willis	Alice M	D4	Assistant Female	£80.00	
1903	166	Johnsonville	Hutton	James		MP4	£50.00	
1903	166	Johnsonville	Murray	Clarice A F		FP2	£30.00	£10.00
1904	163	Johnsonville	Bethune	Finlay	D1	Head Master	£237.16	£35.00
1904	163	Johnsonville	Evans	Ada H	E2	Mistress	£110.00	
1904	163	Johnsonville	Willis	Alice M	D4	Assistant Female	£80.00	
1904	163	Johnsonville	Murray	Clarice A F		FP3	£45.00	£10.00
1904	163	Johnsonville	Blake	Bertie N T	E5	MP1	£30.00	

Emily M McKeown started her teaching career at Paraparamu in 1897 to 1891. And then did one year at Johnsonville in 1902. Then from 1903 to 1908 was assistant mistress at Tokomaru School North of Levin.

James Hutton started in 1901 at Newtown and then spent 1902 and 1903 at Johnsonville as a pupil teacher. In 1904 to 1906 he was at Clyde Quay School. Then from 1907 to at least 1915 was at Terrace school with a MA. In 1917 there was a James Hutton MA teaching at Millerton School, In the hills North of Westport with 152 pupils and in 1919 was at Blackball school near Greymouth and in 1921 at Southbridge DHS in Canterbury

29th January 1923 A Greymouth message says that Mr James Hutton, headmaster of the Southbridge High School, has been appointed director of the new Greymouth Technical School out of 24 applicants.

Clarice A F Murray Was a pupil teacher at Johnsonville 1903-1904 and at Terrace DHS in 1905

In 1910 resigned from Waitekauri School [North East of Waihi] By 1911 was appointed to Waihi South School and in 1913 to Morrinsville school

1916/3212	Clarice Ada Feodora Murray	Herbert Man Corbett
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17th January 1916 At St. Matthew's Church, Morrinsville, on January 11, the wedding took place of Miss Clarice Murray, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray, of 'Tahuna to Mr. H M. Corbett, county chairman, the Rev. Mallet officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore ivory white silk, with a bridal veil and orange blossoms.

Bertie N T Blake started teaching for Wellington Education Board as a pupil teacher in 1904. In 1904 he was at Horokiwi and 1906 and 1907 at Horoeke [North of Pongaroa]/ 1908 to 1910 he was at Muhunoa out of Levin before spending 1911 to 1917 at Mt Cook Boys and from 1919 to at least 1923 at the Normal School in Wellington / In 1925 appointed Headmaster of Thorndon Normal School.

In October 1927 he was appointed an Inspector for Auckland Education Board in 1945 resigned as Chief Inspector of the Wanganui Education Board

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30th January 1902 Salaries of Wellington Education Board teachers included Johnsonville, Ada H. Evans, present salary £80. colonial salary £105

3rd May 1902 he following will comprise the Johnsonville School Committee for the ensuing year : — Rev. John Vosper (Chairman and Treasurer), M. Atkinson (Secretary), H. W. London, John W. Chapman, D. Martin, Hooper, and Pattle.

28th August 1902 It was reported to the Education Board yesterday that the following applications for cadet corps or detachments had been forwarded to Major Loveday, Commanding Officer of the Public Schools Cadets: — Mount Cook Boys, No. 1 Company, 48 all ranks ; No. 2 Company, 57 ; Te Aro, 53; Terrace, 58; Clyde-quay, 72; Thorndon, 68; Newtown, 48; South Wellington, 64; Petone, 52; Carterton, 60 ; Greytown, 46 ; Featherston, 62 ; Brooklyn, 40; Johnsonville, 34.....

19th September 1902 A neat shield-shaped marble tablet has been prepared for erection upon the wall of the Johnsonville School in memory of Trooper Retter, an old boy of the school. The tablet bears this inscription: — "In honoured memory of Leonard Greenwood Retter, Seventh Contingent, who volunteered at the nation's call, and fell fighting at Bothasberg, S.A., 23rd February, 1902."

25th September 1902 Part of a long article Yesterday, the neat little schoolhouse at Johnsonville was the scene of an interesting ceremony, when the handsome mural tablet erected by past and present pupils to the memory of Leonard Greenwood Retter, a private in the Seventh Regiment of New Zealand Mounted Rifles, who fell at Bothasberg, was unveiled by his Excellency the Governor. The deceased was a native of Johnsonville, where his family and relatives still reside. When the tidings of his death arrived, it was felt by his old comrades and a number of other admirers, that the memory of the fallen soldier should be perpetuated in a fitting manner. As mentioned by one of the speakers at yesterday's gathering, Retter was one of three brothers who served at the front. Ten of his relatives volunteered for active service, six of whom were accepted. There was a representative assemblage of the people of the district present, as well as several members of the deceased trooper's family, when his Excellency arrived, accompanied by General Babington, the Hon. C. Hill-Trevor, and Mr Mounteney Jephson. The vice-regal party were received by the Hon. C. H. Mills, Mr W. H. Field, M.H.R., Rev. Mr Vesper, and the members of the school committee. The cadets were drawn up on each side of the avenue and presented arms as the Governor passed. On his entering the schoolroom, the National Anthem was sung by the children, after which Mr Vosper called upon his Excellency to perform the ceremony of unveiling the tablet. The patriotic song "The Red, White and Blue" was then rendered.....

1 Link to Picture of Girls at Johnsonville School 1903

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2 Link to picture of Boys doing Dumbbell exercises 1903

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11th February 1903 James Hutton passed his third year examinations as a Pupil Teacher.

9th June 1903 The Johnsonville School Committee intends to take energetic measures to deal with irregular attendance in that district. Circulars containing extracts from the School Attendance Act have been distributed, so that parents cannot plead ignorance of their liabilities. It is intended to follow this up at next meeting by prosecuting the most persistent offenders

25th July 1903 Mr Finlay Bethune is elected President of the Wellington Branch of New Zealand Institute.

1st July 1904 Miss Ida Willis resigned as pupil teacher at Johnsonville. Miss Willis was at the end of 1903 at Te Aro School. She did not teach again for the Wellington Education Board under her maiden name.

20th July 1904 It is due time that the Johnsonville School playgrounds should receive the attention of those concerned, as during wet weather it is in a disgraceful state -and pot fit for children attending school

17th August 1904 The Education Board has appointed Mr James Hutton, of the Johnsonville school staff, as junior assistant in the Clyde quay school.

27th August 1904 PUPIL TEACHER. A PUPIL TEACHER is required for the Johnsonville School (male preferred). Applications, which must be made on forms to be obtained at this office, will be received by me up to WEDNESDAY, 31st inst. G. L. STEWART. Secretary.

31st October 1904 There is a strange dearth of pupil teachers of both sexes in Wellington just now. The Education Board advertised on four occasions for a pupil teacher for the Johnsonville School, and no applications were received. Apparently teaching has gone out of favour.

24th December 1904 An information against Arthur Standard, of haying damaged property at Johnsonville with stones, was dismissed; Another charge was laid against 'him and David Fisher of wilfully damaging six panes of glass and a picture, on property of the Education Board at Johnsonville, and both defendants were fined 5 shillings, and ordered to make good the damage, in default three days' imprisonment. ,

1905-1907

1905	179	Johnsonville	Bethune	Finlay	D1	Head Master	£236.18	£35.00
1905	179	Johnsonville	Evans	Ada H	E2	Mistress	£110.00	
1905	179	Johnsonville	Eager	Edward F	D5	Assistant Master	£100.00	
1905	179	Johnsonville	Willis	Alice M	D3	Assistant Female	£80.00	
1906	203	Johnsonville/Side	Bethune	Finlay	D1	Head Master	£250.00	£35.00
1906	203	Johnsonville/Side	Eager	Edward F	E5	Assistant Master	£180.00	
1906	203	Johnsonville/Side	Evans	Ada H	E2	Assistant Female	£115.00	
1906	203	Johnsonville/Side	Millar	Ethel Mrs	E3	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1906	203	Johnsonville/Side	Wood	Horace		MP1	£45.00	
1907	201	Johnsonville/Side	Bethune	Finlay	D1	Head Master	£265.00	£35.00
1907	201	Johnsonville/Side	Eager	Edward F	E4	Assistant Master	£160.00	
1907	201	Johnsonville/Side	Evans	Ada H	E2	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1907	201	Johnsonville/Side	Gaudin	Emma C	D3	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1907	201	Johnsonville/Side	Baker	Sybil E	D3	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1907	201	Johnsonville/Side	Wood	Horace		MP2	£50.00	

Edward F Eager started working for the Wellington Education Board at Johnsonville in 1905 and was teaching there until at least 1913. Then with a B.A he went to Karori in 1914 and was not teaching for the Wellington Education Board at the end of 1915. In 1917 with an M.A he

was head master of the Ocean Bay School at Port Underwood and by 1921 he was back in Wellington as Head of the Newtown School. [There are various mentions of an Edward Eager in Papers Past but it was impossible to firmly attach the activities to this Edward Eager.]

Ethel Millar Mrs only taught under this name in 1906 at Johnsonville though a Ethel J Miller taught at Momona a small school in the Puketois in 1903 and 1904

Horace Wood taught for two years at Johnsonville and then two years at Levin and didn't work for the Wellington Education Board again.

Emma C Gaudin started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Mt Cook Infants in 1899 and was by 1902 teaching at Newtown until 1904. In 1905 she was sole teacher at Waione North of Pongaroa and then taught for the one year in 1907 at Johnsonville.

Sybil E Baker started her career for Wellington Education Board at Horokiwi in 1906 and then spent 1907 to at least 1917 at Johnsonville school. In 1905 a S E Baker resigned from Hawera School

27th January 1905 PUPILS Shut Out No Free places at Secondary Schools. A long article included: Mr Fleming (Inspector) said he had received applications from parents in Wellington, asking if they could send their children to the Petone District High School. He had replied that there was no objection to this being done, but they would have to pay the train fares. Parents at Johnsonville and Khandallah had also communicated with him on the same question. It was resolved that the school committees interested he informed that they will be communicated with as soon as a reply is received from the department.

22nd February 1905 Johnsonville News in NZ Mail: . Our school on account of the cricket match, is to be closed to-morrow afternoon (Friday). I regret to say that a parent, who has little reason to complain, is making much out of a child's being punished for a breach of school rules. Though, according to the reports of the other children, who saw the punishment, there is nothing to complain of, the child's parents are on the warpath. Do such parents expect teachers to obey their children or do they expect their children to be a bad example to the others, and thereby injure the whole school ? There are children attending school through being forced to do so by the law, and parents of such children should not, if they wish to do so, disturb the peaceableness of the school, nor should they be encouraged in doing so. It may be the duty of other Parents to speak out upon this subject. am informed that the School Committee has asked the teacher to apologise to the pupil, and to the parent, and to solemnly promise not to touch their child again. If such is the case we will have the children training teachers in what is dictated by too fond and unreasonable parents.

28th April 1905 Wellington Education Board At a result of representations made by the Johnsonville School Committee, the Inspectors hold an enquiry into a complaint against a teacher of that school, Chief Inspector Fleming reported to the affect that the teacher gave an explanation of ' the whole circumstances ; this is accepted by the Committee and by the Board.
29th April 1905 JOHNSONVILLE SCHOOL. TO THE EDITOR.

Sir, — The statement in the concluding paragraph of your report of the meeting of the Education Board which appears on the second page of to-day's issue is quite contrary to fact. We think your reporter must have misunderstood Mr. Fleming. The facts are (1) The teacher made no explanation of the circumstances (2) after enquiry in the presence of the Committee, followed by v private interview with the teacher referred to, Mr. Fleming apologised in her name and in her presence for two of the offences about which complaint was made; she had

previously stated with regard to the third complaint that she would not act in a similar way again. This, letter is considered necessary in the interests of truth and of the school. J. Vosper, Chairman ; F F. Moore, Thos. Pattle, J. Walker, A. J. Trezise, T. W. Kirk, Committee ; J. W. Braithwaite, Secretary. Johnsonville 28th April.

3rd May 1905 At Thursday's meeting it was reported that the inspectors had conferred with the Johnsonville Committee in reference to a complaint made against one of the teachers. The explanations made have been accepted by* the Board and committee as satisfactory.

25th May 1905 Wellington Education Board Johnsonville grant for new tank.

12th July 1905 Wellington Education Board Johnsonville — Assistant ; male £100 ; female, £80.

11th August 1905 Mr E F Eager of Dannevirke has been appointed assistant at Johnsonville.

1st September 1905 Miss A Willis Johnsonville has been granted 1 months leave by Education Board

20th December 1905 Miss A Willis Johnsonville resigned.

13th March 1906 Wellington Education Board female assistant at Johnsonville, Miss Emma Gaudin, from Waione

23rd March 1906 A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the Residence of Mr. A. Chapman, Newlands, Johnsonville, SATURDAY, 24th March, at" 8" p.m. Business : • Consider establishment of a School.

7th April 1906 to the editor A few days ago I was waited on by a resident of the newly-settled Newlands district. He- was armed -with a subscription list and was asking for contributions towards purchasing a site for a school, his idea being that if a long-suffering public found the land, the Government, would charitably erect a schoolhouse, also at the expense of the public. If the school wero built, the parents would be allowed the privilege of finding all books and other necessary impedimenta. This, I believe, is called free education. If my memory is not at fault, the present Minister for Education made a grant towards , the statue- of her late Majesty Queen, Victoria. A loan upon that memorial would at the present time be of great assistance to the Wellington Education Board, which is without funds to provide all the accommodation required. The present member for this favoured district is averse from building small schools, but if his children had, like ours, to walk to Johnsonville, he would change his views. Little delicate children" have either to walk two miles over rough and broken hills, or close on three miles if they take the road; and this in all ' weathers, ' for ' if they do not make the specified attendance, they are threatened with the truant officer. If they are fortunate enough to escape being injured by mobs of 'wild cattle on the way to the Ngahauranga and Petone slaughter yards, a further trap awaits the unwary in Johnsonville township — the level crossing of the railway. My reason for writing is to ask why we are to make the Government a present of a site'? Is it not its duty to provide one? With a floating population, would it not fall heavily upon some families who might in the course of a year or so be asked to subscribe to several schools? Wo are, I believe, over the regulation distance from a school, and can muster among us well over the number of children required to form a school. Let the- Government do its duty, and not evade its responsibilities. — I am, etc., A WOMAN— NOT A VVARHORSE. Horokiwi, 29th March, 1906.

27th April 1906 Wellington Education Board Leave of absence and one month to Miss A. Evans, of the Johnsonville School

12th May 1906 The Johnsonville School and grounds are entirely inadequate for even the present requirements of the place. ^ Mr. W. H. Field, M.H.R., has been in communication with the authorities to see if a portion of the Hawtrey estate, acquired for workers' homes, could not be reserved as a school site. A reply has been received from the Minister of Lands (the Hon. T. Y. Duncan) that the necessary reserve for a school site will be made. A request was also made for a piece of land for municipal buildings, but it was pointed out by the Minister that there is no power to do this unless the municipal authorities pay the capital value of the land. The existing school at Johnsonville is in a congested part of the district and stands on a very valuable site.

31st May 1906 An inhabitant of the Paparangi settlement brought a forcible argument before the Education Board this afternoon, in supporting a plea, that a 'school should be erected in a central part of the district. "When my child came home yesterday (from Johnsonville)," *he* said, "and stood- on the floor, a pool of water soon formed there. It is foolish to erect sanatorium!! for consumptives when this thing is allowed to go on."

1st June 1906 A number of residents of Paparangi and Newlands—new settlements near Johnsonville —waited on the Board yesterday and asked for the establishment of a side school (to that of Johnsonville). The chief reason urged in support of the request was the long distance the children had to travel some three miles—to the Johnsonville School. The leader of the deputation (Mr Chapman) stated that last Wednesday his son had arrived home »3 wot that in a few moments he was standing in a pool of water. What w.as the use of erecting sanatoriums for consumptives if that sort of thing was allowed to go cm ? (Laughter.) Mr P. T. Moore said the Johnsonville School Committee supported Newlands in its application, and one of the grounds for so doing was that the children were kept away, and to attendance at the Johnsonville School was below the average of the colony. He mentioned that Ngahauranga was only a mile, as the crow flies from the place, and quite a number of men engaged in the works had purchased sections there, with a view to . making homos. Mr T. W. Mirk pointed out the urgent necessity for some such provision as suggested. The chief inspector, in stating that it had been decided to enlarge the Johnsonville School, asked would that course be necessary if a new school were established at Newlands. Mr Kirk said the need for increasing the accommodation at the Johnsonville School would remain. The inspector is to report on the matter.

14th November in a list all the schools in the Wellington Ed Johnsonville had an attendance average of 198. Karori 164 Khandallah 78. Kaiwarra 101

29th November Wellington Education Board Miss E C Gaudin granted leave until the ed of December

14th December 1906 Wellington Education Board JOHNSONVILLE SCHOOL. The Johnsonville committee was granted leave to hire a hall as a temporary . school, and that- the Department be applied to for the necessary' rent.

20th December 1906 Wellington's third battalion of school cadets, Which comprises the Petone, Hutt, Otaki, Johnsonville, Levin, and Wereroa districts, is to hold an encampment aft Christchurch during the first or second week in February. The committee of the Board of Education which was appointed to deal with cadet matters has given its consent to the application and has applied to the department for the concessions offered by the Government.

27th March 1907 To provide a site for a public school in the Hawtrey settlement (Johnsonville) the Government has temporarily reserved . about two and .a half meres of land on the Ohariu road.

24th April 1907 School Committee: Johnsonville. —'Rev. J. Vesper (chairman), F. T. Moore (secretary), T, W. Kirk, A. W, Chapman. A Mills, T. Pattle, G. Mildenhall, T. Doyle, A. Grierson.

21st May 1907 The third battalion of the Wellington Public School Cadets, which includes the corps at Hutt, Petone, Johnsonville, Otaki, Levin,' and Weraroa, will parade at Levin under the command of Major Burlinson, and the city battalions will probably also turn out.

31st May 1907 Female Assistant Johnsonville £90 [In 1887 assistant females at Johnsonville were paid £90 twenty year later Wellington Education Board were still paying assistant females the same wage]

12th June 1907 Miss S Baker (Horokiwi) to be assistant female teacher at Johnsonville

30th August 1907 Wellington Education Board . it was decided to approach the Government regarding the accommodation at the Johnsonville School, the requirements depending largely upon whether it is intended to erect a new school at Hawtrey.

30th August 1907 Wellington Education Board t was decided to ask the Government to provide the new school buildings on the new site at Johnsonville. Mr. Field said he was endeavouring to get the department to increase the area of land given from two to four acres.

23rd September 1907 The Johnsonville Rifle volunteers (Capt. F. T. Moore) and the Johnsonville School Cadets (Capt. F. Bethune), attended the service in the local Anglican Church yesterday morning. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Vosper.

22nd October 1907 Part of a long article on School Cadet event held at Levin included: The cadet corps on parade, with their numbers, were as under: — Petone cadets (Captain Lynskey), 63 ; Johnsonville cadets (Captain Bethune) 33 ; Levin High School cadets (Captain Burns), 48 ; Hutt cadets (Captain ' Ballachey), 53; Training Farm. cadets (Captain Eggleton), 63 ; and Otaki cadets (Captain Burns-Smith), 25.

23rd December 1907 Wellington Education Board: The Wellington Education Board is to receive the following Government grants : £550 for an infants' school at Johnsonville,

1908-1909

1908	220	Johnsonville/Side	Bethune	Finlay	D1	Head Master	£265.00	£35.00
1908	220	Johnsonville/Side	Eager	Edward F	E4	Assistant Master	£160.00	
1908	220	Johnsonville/Side	Evans	Ada H	E2	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1908	220	Johnsonville/Side	Baker	Sybil E	D3	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1908	220	Johnsonville/Side	Graves	Clara	D4	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1908	220	Johnsonville/Side	Tosswill	Ethne		FP3	£55.00	
1909	226	Johnsonville/Side	Bethune	Finlay	D1	Head Master	£275.00	£40.00
1909	226	Johnsonville/Side	Eager	Edward F	E3	Assistant Master	£185.00	
1909	226	Johnsonville/Side	Evans	Ada H	E2	Assistant Female	£140.00	
1909	226	Johnsonville/Side	Baker	Sybil E	D2	Assistant Female	£110.00	
1909	226	Johnsonville/Side	Graves	Clara	D3	Assistant Female	£95.00	
1909	226	Johnsonville/Side	Renner	Charlotte F	C4	Assistant Female	£90.00	

1909	226	Johnsonville/Side	Earp	Alice L		FP1	£45.00	
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Clara Graves taught for the Wellington Education Board at Levin DHS in 1907, Johnsonville in 1908-1909 and Khandallah in 1910 [May have had a different registered Christian Name as no other records appear to exist]

Ethne Tosswill taught for the Wellington Education Board as a Pupil teacher 3 at Johnsonville in 1908 and at Horokiwi Sole Charge in 1909.

Charlotte Renner Started her Wellington Education Board career in 1908 at the Normal School [A Normal School was attached to the Training College] She was then at Johnsonville from 1909 to 1915.

1919/372	Charlotte Friedericka	Renner	Johannes Friedrich	Munster
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Alice L Earp only taught for the Wellington Education Board as a pupil teacher for 3 years at Johnsonville Resigned December 1911. In 1913 there was an Alice Earp a Typist in Wellington giving evidence in court after witnessing a shooting

1926/3806	Alice Lucy	Earp	Charles William	Thompson
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31st January 1908 Miss E Gaudin resigned

14th February 1908 Wellington Education Board Wanted: Assistant Mistress £105

9th March 1908 Picnics held on Saturday included the following : — Worsler Bay school children, at Day's Bay ; Johnsonville school, at Plimmerton; Porirua 'Mental Hospital patients, at Paremata.

16th March 1908 Wellington Education Board Tenders called for: Johnsonville, Infant School. [Presumably at Newlands]

28th April 1908 Forty householders attended the meeting for the election of the Johnsonville committee. The following were elected: —Rev. J. Vesper (chairman), Messrs. F. T. Moore (secretary), T. W. Kirk, W. H. Doyle, A. Mills, T. Pattle, R. Bould, T. Jackson, and J. B. Marshall. The following motions were passed:—(1) That the secretary write to the Education Board requesting them to hold their hands respecting the new buildings until the facts of the provision of a new infant school and the accommodation at the Parish Hall are thoroughly explained to them. (2) That the new main school be at once proceeded with, as it is impossible for the headmaster' to attend to his duties in the main school and scrutinise the teaching in the Parish Hall. (3) That the Education Board be asked not to erect any buildings, fencing, or other improvement on the new school site without first consulting the local committee; The chairman reported, in reference to the last matter, that the committee: had been occupied for twelve months in obtaining a suitable site for the new building, -Mr.' Jennings finally obtaining the sanction of the. Minister for Lands to their having the. area required

7th May 1908 Wellington Education Board Tenders accepted: Johnsonville; fencing new site, Johnsonville, J. Robinson

28th May 1908 Wellington Education Board Other recommendations of the committee were: — Johnsonville — (a) That absolutely necessary repairs be effected at the main school ; (b) that two rooms be erected to complete the infant department ; (c) that authority be obtained to sell two sections of the old site.

27th November 1908 Wellington Education Board Permission was granted to sell the old site of the Johnsonville School

10th December 1908 Yesterday the 3rd Wellington Battalion Public School Cadets, comprising Weraroa, Levin District High School, Johnsonville, Petone District High School I. and II., and Hutt District High School corps, arrived at Johnsonville by train from their respective centres, and on arrival of the camp equipment at 1.30 proceeded to pitch tents, erect cook house, etc. \By 2.30 all was snug and comfortable. Major G-. M. Burlinson is in command with Captain Bethune,.....

11th March 1909 Johnsonville assistant mistress £90

27th April 1909 School Committee JOHNSONVILLE. Chairman, Mr Robert Bould; secretary, Mr F. T. Moore; committee, Messrs K. Hogg, A. McMahan, A. Mills, T. \V. Kirk, T S. Jackson, S. N. McVicar, and Rev. C. Eaton.

30th April 1909 Wellington Education Board Tender accepted Johnsonville (paths and -metalling), 'A. Mildenhall, £21 ,7s.

9th June 1909 Wellington Education Board Johnsonville— Assistant, £90 to £105.

9th June 1909 Appointment Horokiwi, sole teacher, Miss E. Tosswill, of Johnsonville ;

23rd June 1909 "Parent," a resident of Johnsonville, has written to the editor of The Post, complaining that cattle of all descriptions are allowed to travel along the loads through Johnsonville at all hours of the day ; sometimes bullocks are driven with nobody in the lead. He submits that small children, on their way to. school are exposed to risk of injury and are frequently compelled to scurry through fences or gates to avoid the beasts. "Parent" forcibly recommends that the Johnsonville Town Board should frame regulations to abate the nuisance.

24th June 1909 Wellington Education Board The committee recommended, re completion of school, Johnsonville, that an application for authority to sell the old sits be made, and that the board complete the rebuilding when the condition of the finances was improved.

11th August 1909 Mr. T. W. Kirk, Government Biologist has presented the Johnsonville School Committee with £6 2s Id worth of choice trees for the newly-acquired school park. The committee is also spending £20 in planting 500 trees in the park, and Mr. Kirk has promised, besides superintending the planting of the trees, to make a plan .showing the position and name of every tree, so that in the future the teachers may be able to point out the respective names and values of each tree. At last night's meeting of the Johnsonville School Committee an appreciative vole of thanks was accorded Mr. Kirk, on the motion of Mr. F. T. Moore, for his valuable gift to the district, and his services as supervisor. Mr. Kirk is a member of the school committee.

26th August 1909 Wellington Education Board Minor works authorised at Johnsonville (Newlands)

2nd September 1909 Mr. Findlay Bethune has been elected honorary auditor of the Johnsonville Bowling Club.

29th October 1909 Wellington Education Board It was resolved that completion of 'the-'new' school at Johnsonville be undertaken when the funds of the board justify. The application from Newlands for a school was referred to the inspector.

29th October 1909 Wellington Education Board Leave to attend examinations was granted to : Mr. E. Eagar, Johnsonville ;

8th December 1909 A troop of scouts is forming at Johnsonville, already some thirty boys being prepared to join. This is a good sign, and we wish them success.

9th December 1909 Cadets shooting at Trentham The seven leading aggregate makers all . came . from . Johnsonville and 'Petone Schools, the highest two being Johnsonville lads, with 100 and 99 points respectively..... The Public Schools winners were Private Rabe (Maranui), Private Ferris (Normal School), Colour - Sergeant McCrae (Johnsonville), and Sergeant McFarlane (Johnsonville). The three prize-winners in the Grand Aggregate were Sergeant McVicar (Johnsonville,) Colour- Sergeant McCrae (Johnsonville), and Private Marsden (Petone).

11th December 1909 The Inspector's report with reference, to the request of, the. Johnsonville School Committee for school buildings., at Newlands, about-two miles from Johnsonville, was - adopted. It 'was explained that in view of the fact that considerable sum had been expended- on school buildings at .Johnsonville there being now ample accommodation for the children from the" preparatory classes to Standard 2, it would be impolitic to approach-the Department for £500 for school buildings less than two miles from Johnsonville. Should the roll number at Newlands increase., those within the-legal' limit (two, miles) would be required to attend. the Main School., where ample accommodation will be provided

15th December 1909 Mr. Finlay Bethune, Secretary of the Johnsonville Lawn Tennis Club, was the recipient of a "Doherty" racquet yesterday afternoon from his club mates. Mr. F. T. Moore, president of the club, made the presentation, and asked Mr. Bethune to accept it in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered in years past, and as a of the high esteem and appreciation in which he was held by every member of the club

16th December 1909 he results of the Wellington Education Board's examinations for proficiency certificates were made known at the schools throughout the district this morning. The following is a list of the successful candidates under the age of 15, who have qualified for free secondary education: Johnsonville. — Boys: H. Angill, W Bentley, W. Bramley, H. Baxter, R McFarlane, W. McVicar, O. Moore R Moore, P. O'Donnell. Girls: E. Hogg, B. Reeves, G. Trezise

1910-1911

1910	237	Johnsonville/Side	Bethune	Finlay	D1	Head Master	£280.00	£40.00
1910	237	Johnsonville/Side	Eager	Edward F	E3	Assistant Master	£190.00	
1910	237	Johnsonville/Side	Evans	Ada H	E2	Assistant Female	£145.00	
1910	237	Johnsonville/Side	Baker	Sybil E	D2	Assistant Female	£115.00	
1910	237	Johnsonville/Side	Renner	Charlotte F	C4	Assistant Female	£95.00	
1910	237	Johnsonville/Side	Hanron	Clara	D3	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1910	237	Johnsonville/Side	Earp	Alice L		FP1	£45.00	
1911	236	Johnsonville/Side	Bethune	Finlay	D1	Head Master	£285.00	£40.00
1911	236	Johnsonville/Side	Eager	Edward F	E3	Assistant Master	£195.00	
1911	236	Johnsonville/Side	Evans	Ada H	E2	Assistant Female	£150.00	
1911	236	Johnsonville/Side	Baker	Sybil E	D2	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1911	236	Johnsonville/Side	Renner	Charlotte F	C3	Assistant Female	£100.00	
1911	236	Johnsonville/Side	Hanron	Clara	D3	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1911	236	Johnsonville/Side	Earp	Alice L		FP2	£50.00	

Clara Hanron only taught for the Wellington Education Board for two years at Johnsonville. In 1909 she was teaching for the Wanganui Education Board at a sole charge Tapuse?

1911/6941	Clara Hanron	Thomas Green
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Alice L Earp only taught for the Wellington Education Board as a pupil teacher for three years at Johnsonville. 1909 to 1911

24th November 1913 Alice Earp, a resident of Tawa Flat, ' employed as a typist in an office in the city said that she came down Arthur Street on the evening in question.

THOMPSON—EARP.—On the 31st of May, 1926, at St. Peter's, by the Rev. H. Watson, Charles Thompson (3rd engineer s.s. Hororata), youngest son of Mrs. and the late William Thompson, Hull, England, to Alice Lucy (Foesy), second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earp, Tawa Flat.

12th March 1910 Makara County Council: The Johnsonville School Committee wrote objecting to the proposal of the council to erect a pound near the .school. The council decided to reply stating that the pound was out of sight of the school, and 300 yards distant. No watercourse would be polluted, but if the committee feared any such danger the water for the swimming bath could be drawn at little extra cost from a point above the pound.

26th April 1910 The following is the new committee of the Johnsonville district Messrs A. ,R. Bould, chairman (re-elected), F. T. Moore, secretary (re-elected), Mrs. Jessie Macquarie, Messrs. G. Macquarie, J. Gray, W. P. Budd. A. Mills, S. M. McVicar, and A. McMahan

2nd May 1910 Mis. Finlay Bethune, of Johnsonville, left by the Moana on Thursday to visit her sister, Mrs. White, of Dunedin,

25th June 1910 It has been decided by the Johnsonville School Committee to nominate Mr. ,W. H. Field, M.P., for a further term as member of the Education Board, representing the Hutt-Horowhenua ward.

1st July 1910 MR. JOSEPH PAYTON. Mr. Joseph Payton, editor of the Wairarapa Daily Times, died at Masterton this morning (telegraphs The Post's correspondent). Mr. Payton was a well-known journalist, of 'exceptional ability. He had a facile pen, with a wide range of subjects. Mr. Payton was" a son of the vicar of Solihull, near Birmingham. He came to New Zealand in the ship James Lisper in 1865, and soon after his arrival he was a schoolmaster at Johnsonville. Subsequently he turned to journalism.....

9th July 1910

October WANTED~~Known— If sufficient inducement offers, private school will be started at Johnsonville. Communicate E.C., Post Office, Molesworth-street.

9th August 1910 Wellington Education Board Johnsonville— Assistant Mistress. £90 to £105

31st August 1910 Wellington Education Board The question of the site for the old Johnsonville School building was deferred.

29th March 1911 Wellington Education Board Johnsonville School site—The Town Board is to be informed that the board is prepared to sell the old site, Johnsonville, -with the building - thereon, at a fresh valuation to be determined by the Government valuer

25th April 1911 Johnsonville. The following committee was elected at Johnsonville:—Mr. G. T. Hall, chairman; Mr. F. T. Moore, secretary; Revs. Petrie and Perryman, Messrs. A. Mills, W. O. Cook, J. J.- Eason, G. E. Manson, and F. T. O'Neill

28th June 1911 Wellington Education Board: COOKERY AT JOHNSONVILLE.

The Johnsonville committee requested that classes for instruction in cookery be held at Johnsonville. The Chief Inspector reported that the intention was that a new building should be erected there, and that the old school should then be used for cookery. Cookery classes would 'in the end be established. But this could not be done this year. It was decided to write to the committee in terms of the inspector's report

26th July 1911 Wellington Education Board accepts resignation of Miss C Graves from July 18th

27th July 1911 Association Football [Later known as soccer] The secretary of the Johnsonville Club wrote stating that the Johnsonville School team was ready to play school matches in town.

14th October 1911 Makara County Council It was decided to grant the Johnsonville school committee £10 towards the cost of keeping down the gorse growth in the school reserve.

19th December 1911 Miss A L Earp's resignation accepted by Wellington Education Board

1912-1913

1912	236	Johnsonville/Side	Bethune	Finlay	D1	Head Master	£290.00	£40.00
1912	236	Johnsonville/Side	Eager	Edward F	D2	Assistant Master	£200.00	
1912	236	Johnsonville/Side	Evans	Ada H	E2	Assistant Female	£150.00	
1912	236	Johnsonville/Side	Baker	Sybil E	D1	Assistant Female	£125.00	
1912	236	Johnsonville/Side	Renner	Charlotte F	C3	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1912	236	Johnsonville/Side	Sergeant	Blanche E B	D2	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1913	243	Johnsonville/Newlands	Bethune	Finlay	D1	Head Master	£295.00	£40.00
1913	243	Johnsonville/Newlands	Eager	Edward F	D2	Assistant Master	£205.00	
1913	243	Johnsonville/Newlands	Evans	Ada H	E2	Assistant Female	£150.00	
1913	243	Johnsonville/Newlands	Baker	Sybil E	D1	Assistant Female	£130.00	
1913	243	Johnsonville/Newlands	Renner	Charlotte F	C3	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1913	243	Johnsonville/Newlands	Sergeant	Blanche E B	D2	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1913	243	Johnsonville/Newlands	Pattle	Dorothy		FP1	£20.00	

Blanche E B Sergeant only taught for Wellington Ed in 1912 and 1913. In 1911 she was teaching at Patumahoe for the Auckland Education Board. First record of teaching in Auckland is in 1906

27th June 1914 A quiet wedding was solemnised at All Saints' Church, Ponsonby, on June 3rd, when Mr George Blacker, younger son of Mr and Mrs W. Blacker, Normanton, Yorkshire, England, was married to Miss Blanche Eva Sergeant, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Sergeant, Mercer, the Rev. Greenwood being the officiating clergyman.

1914/5582	Blanche Eva	Sergeant	George Tuman	Blacker
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Dorothy Pattle only taught as a Female Probationer 1913 and 1914 for the Wellington Education Board

30th January 1912 Wellington Education Board approved Johnsonville, shelter shedA district high school is desired at Johnsonville. The board decided, when the request came up, to ask for full information.

30th January 1912 Wellington Education Board Miss C Hanron's resignation accepted

6th February 1912 Wellington Education Board 2 vacancies Johnsonville assistant mistress £90 to £105

29th May 1912 NEWLANDS. Johnsonville inquired whether a grant had been obtained for the school at Newlands. The chairman said it was evidently in the minds of the department to refuse applications for near schools—anything within a radius of three miles was considered out of court, and no doubt there was something in that policy.

26th June 1912 Wellington Education Board: Johnsonville, drainage, extension hoods, purchase of an acre of land, repairs to fencing, and cupboard;

12th July 1912 Makara County Council An application by the Johnsonville School Committee that some metal should be placed on the approach to the schoolhouse from, the Hawtrey-road was not entertained.

31st July 1912 Wellington Education Board Newlands: Request of Johnsonville school committee for erection of school at Newlands. The works committee reported that no new facts had been adduced such as would justify the present renewal of the application which had been already refused

4th October 1912 A highly successful concert was given in the Parish Hall, Johnsonville, on Wednesday evening, the hall being crowded. A party from town— Mrs. Easson, Miss Malcolm, Messrs. Persons, Searle, Longmore, Warren, and McDonald —contributed to the programme, which included male quartettes, flute solo, and vocal items, Mrs. Easson acting as accompanist. The entertainment will materially benefit the playground funds of the Johnsonville School.

13th November 1911 There was an enthusiastic audience at the annual concert on Saturday in aid of the Newland School Picnic Fund. Mr. F. Bethune presided, and among the visitors were Messrs. J. P. Luke, M.P., and Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald. The performance included songs by Mesdames Fitzgerald, Pritchard and Smith, and Messrs. Tunley (2), Gibbons, Wilmott, and Cathcart ; recitations by Misses Luke and Parkin and Mrs. London ; oboe solo by Mr. Kershaw violin and piano solos by -Misses Muncaster, Pritchard, and Tunley; and Scotch dances by Miss Daisy McLelland ,accompanied by Piper Shannon. Mr. C. Pritchard presided at the piano. During the evening Messrs. Luke and Fitzgerald addressed the audience.

7th December 1912 A match was played between ' the Johnsonville and Porirua Schools on the Mental Hospital ground, Porirua. on Thursday: afternoon, and resulted in a win, by 67 • runs, for Porirua School. The scores were as follow : Johnsonville 33 and 20 (Moore (8) principal scorer), Porirua 41 and 79 (Rene. 16 and 22 not out, Eastwood 23 not out, Stunell 10, and Windby 10 scoring double figures). Moore, Grierson, and Mills bowled best for Johnsonville, Harris, Stunell, and Lewis sharing the honours for Porirua. On Monday week the Porirua boys meet a team from Petone District High School.

29th January 1913 Wellington Education Board Probationer Appointed Dorothy H Pattle

19th April 1923 HMS NEW ZEALAND The school children visitors to-day include those from Paekakariki, Tawa Flat, Johnsonville, Ngaio, Linton, and Paraparaumu, besides others from Wanganui and Foxton.

29TH April 1913 The annual report of the Johnsonville School, submitted at the annual meeting of householders last- evening, shows that the committee commenced the year with £25 Is 10d, with a liability for gorse cutting of £4, which reduced the credit to £21 Is 10d. There is

now in hand £24 8s 10d, with liabilities of £1 17s 6d, which leaves the new committee £22 11s 4d to commence the year with. Regret was expressed that the Education Board had been unable to see its way to inaugurate the proposed cookery and woodwork classes until the train service was more suitable. The proposal to establish a district high school at Johnsonville had been dropped owing to the apathy of the parents. The average attendance for the year was 236. The incoming committee was recommended to give the matter of the school library and various other matters their earnest attention during the coming year. The report was adopted. The election resulted as follows: Mr G. T. Hall (chairman), Revs. Petrie and Perryman (secretary), Messrs A. Mills. G. E. Manson, F. T. O'Neil, O. Cook, F. H. Futter, and J. J. Eason

28th May 1913 Wellington Education Board The board decided to enquire again into the need for a school at Newlands. Johnsonville, complaints having been made of the difficulty of Newlands children reaching the Johnsonville School, by reason of the condition of the roads : and especially when stock was being driven over them.

19th June 1913 A very successful concert was held at Johnsonville last night in aid of the local school playground fund. The programme, which was principally carried out by Wellington amateurs, included a piano solo by Miss Minifie, piccolo solos by Mr. P. Minine, a monologue and recitation by Mr. P. A. Devereux. recitations by Miss Hall, songs by Mrs. Dunbar Sloane and Messrs. Gerald Bell and W. H. Church, and mi exhibition of conjuring by Mr. F. G. Major. Mrs. Monks and Miss Minifie played the accompaniments.

30th September 1913 Wellington Education Board The Department wrote, declining to make any immediate grant for a school at Newlands.

17th October 1913 The Wellington Education Board Is calling for tenders for painting the infants' school at Johnsonville

29th October 1913 Wellington Education Board accepted tender; Johnsonville (painting infants' school), R. Turner, £27

12th November 1913 Johnsonville — Assistant, £90 to £105. [In 1886 Wellington Education Board were paying assistants at Johnsonville £90. In December 2020 values £90 in Dec 1886 was worth \$18 771. December 1913 £90 was worth \$15058 in December 2020 dollars.

25th November 1911: 8 Johnsonville children entered the Wellington School Tennis Championship.

8th December 1913 Assistant at Johnsonville Miss J Wilson late of the Wellington Training College. She was not at Johnsonville or any other Wellington Education Board school by December 1914.

9th December 1913 It is proposed that the Johnsonville public school be declared to be within the limits of the Johnsonville Town District.

17th December 1913 Navy League Report: Fresh new branches were formed at Johnsonville State School, Miss Baber's private school, Croydon School [Later became Wellesley College] and St Patrick's College

1914-1915

1914	250	Johnsonville/Side School	Bethune	Finlay	D1	Head Master	£305.00	£40.00
1914	250	Johnsonville/Side School	Baskiville	Walter C	D2	Assistant Master	£180.00	
1914	250	Johnsonville/Side School	Evans	Ada H	E2	Assistant Female	£150.00	
1914	250	Johnsonville/Side School	Baker	Sybil E	D1	Assistant Female	£140.00	

1914	250	Johnsonville/Side School	Renner	Charlotte F	C2	Assistant Female	£115.00	
1914	250	Johnsonville/Side School	White	Angusina	D3	Assistant Female	£110.00	
1914	250	Johnsonville/Side School	Smyth	Jacquette A		FP4	£55.00	
1914	250	Johnsonville/Side School	Pattle	Dorothy		Female Probationer 2	£30.00	
1915	271	Johnsonville/Side School	Bethune	Finlay	D1	Head Master	£320.00	£50.00
1915	271	Johnsonville/Side School	Baskiville	Walter C	D2	Assistant Master	£190.00	
1915	271	Johnsonville/Side School	Evans	Ada H	E1	Assistant Female	£160.00	
1915	271	Johnsonville/Side School	Baker	Sybil E	D1	Assistant Female	£150.00	
1915	271	Johnsonville/Side School	White	Angusina	D3	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1915	271	Johnsonville/Side School	Renner	Charlotte F	C2	Assistant Female	£115.00	
1915	271	Johnsonville/Side School	Norman	Nora P		FP3	£65.00	
1915	271	Johnsonville/Side School	Doyle	Mary M		Female Probationer 1	£35.00	

Walter C Baskiville started as Assistant Master at Terrace DHS in 1903 as a pupil teacher and was there from 1905 until 1913 as an assistant when he came for two years at Johnsonville. By 1917 he was headmaster at Carterton school and was still there in 1923 when my records end

1952/31661	Baskiville	Walter Charles Leslie	67Y
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Angusina White had a variety of teaching jobs for the Wellington Education Board 1911 Reikiorangi, 1912 Mungaroa, 1913 Te Maru, 1914 to at least 1917 at Johnsonville. By 1919 she was in Masterton and 1921 in Levin and in 1923 back in Wellington at Karori.

Jacquette A Smyth taught at Featherston in 1912 and 1913 and Johnsonville in 1914 all as a pupil teacher

Nora P Norman In 1915 Nora P Norman was a pupil teacher at Johnsonville. In 1919 Norah was at Te Aro with a MA and in 1921 at Martinborough DHS as a secondary Teacher with a BA [Checked]

In 1922 was appointed to Taumaranui DHS

1924/345	Nora Philippa	Norman	Sydney Paul	McDonald
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They had a stillborn child in 1925.

990/36952	McDonald	Nora Philippa	21 July 1896
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Mary M Doyle only taught in 1915 at Johnsonville for the Wellington Education Board
28th January 1914 Miss Jacquette A Smith appointed pupil teacher Johnsonville
29th January 1914 Wellington Education Board . Intimation was received «that the Minister for Defence could not comply with the Johnsonville Committee's request for a grant for ground improvements. The ground is used by the local Territorials, and the committee applied for a grant to improve it, so that it would be better for military purposes and school purposes as well.
10th March 1914 The Wellington Education Board his made the following appointments :— •
Karori: Mr. E. Eager of Johnsonville
31st March 1914 Wellington Education Board The Johnsonville Committee renewed its application that cookery and woodwork course. Be conducted in the school, for which the Department had refused to provide the necessary accommodation. It was decided to ask the Department to reconsider its decision
8th May 1914 School Committee Johnsonville.— Messrs. G. T. Hall (chairman, re-elected), Rev. F. H. B. Peryman (secretary), A. Lills, F. T. O'Neill, W. O. Cook, F. ,H. Futter, C. W: Pritchard, J. J. Eason, and the Rev. F. H. Petrie.

9th May 1914 In an endeavour to promote the resuscitation of the School Committees' Association, the Johnsonville committee wrote to five of the committees in the city but received only one reply. As that was unfavourable, the project was not further persevered with.

12th May 1914 Mr W. C. Baskiville, of the Terrace School, to be assistant master at Johnsonville;

16th May 1914 Mr. W. C. Baskiville, of the teaching staff at the Terrace School, who has just been appointed senior assistant at Johnsonville, will be greatly missed in city school sports circles. The Terrace football team, under his coaching, has won the Schools' Rugby Championship several times, while in other departments the prestige of the Terrace School, under his enthusiastic supervision, has been well maintained

20th May 1914 Saturday's Cadet Review: Third Battalion — Four companies, comprising the Petone Technical, Thorndon, Karori, Johnsonville, Petone, and Lower Hutt Cadets, under Major Bethune and S.M.s [Sergeant Majors] Ryan and Morrison.

2nd July 1914 Wellington Rugby Union: Mr. Baskiville, of the Johnsonville School, wrote to the effect that he hoped to place another good team in the field shortly, and asked for a match football. — The application was granted.

25th September 1914 Johnson Lawn Tennis Club The resignation of the secretary (Mr. F. Bethune) was accepted with regret. He had held this position since the foundation of the club, some twelve or thirteen years ago, and it was unanimously resolved to elect him a life member, as a mark of esteem for his past services.

10th November 1914 Belgian relief fund Johnsonville School 2nd instalment 9s 9d

12th November 1914 Mr. Finlay Bethune, of Johnsonville, was yesterday the recipient of a handsome piece of plate, presented by the members of the Johnsonville Tennis Club to commemorate Mr. Bethune's retirement from the secretaryship of the club. Mr. F. T. Moore, president of the club, made the presentation, and said that the solid silver token of his fellow members' regard would not outlast the deep respect and esteem sincerely entertained for Mr. Bethune by all members of the club. Mr. Bethune was also unanimously elected a life member in return for his eleven years of service.

25th November 1914 Wellington Education Board application for leave. Mr Bethune, H.T., Johnsonville, about a week for military duty;

27th January 1915 Wellington Education Board Nora P Norman appointed pupil teacher at Johnsonville

28th April 1915 Wellington Education Board It was decided that the West Coast members should visit Johnsonville School, in response to the committee's request for an inspection by board members.

24th June 1915 Wellington Rugby Union Gifts of footballs were approved for the public schools at Johnsonville and Tawa Flat.

20th June 1915 Wellington Education Board Military Leave: Mr. Bethune, head teacher, Johnsonville (embarkation duties whenever required).

2nd July 1915 carnival Concert Wellington Town Hall 750 to 800 school children in choir: All children taking part wore across their breasts a Union Jack or a flag of the Allied nations— Italy, Japan, Russia, France, and Belgium. They were children selected from the best singers in the following schools :— Brooklyn, Clyde quay, Hutt District High, Hutt East, Island Bay, Johnsonville.....

10th August 1915 Countess of Liverpool fund included: Public School Girls, Johnsonville, per Miss A. Evans, 2 pairs h.k. socks,

2nd October 1915 Christmas Comforts in the trenches Johnsonville Infant's School £1 4s 1 penny.

13th October 1915 Johnsonville —Assistant Master, ,£190 .to ' .£220

14th October 1915 Mr. W. Baskiville, of Johnsonville, to be assistant at Carterton High School

11th November 1915 Mr. J. B. Ross, now in the fighting line, appointed in place of the late Mr. J. E. Mills, killed in action; Johnsonville," assistant master, Mr. W. F. Dudson, now in fighting line, transferred from Cross Creek. It should be explained in connection with the two latter appointments that they have been made in compliance with a resolution of the board, the effect of which is that teacher on active service should be given his chance of promotion in the ordinary way as though he were "here, instead of the theatre of war or in camp.

13th November 1915 Belgian Children's fund Johnsonville £4

18th December 1915 JOHNSONVILLE. On Wednesday the breaking-up of the Johnsonville School took the form of a children's bazaar in aid of the Wounded Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund. The staff and pupils, aided by friends, worked energetically, and the Result was most gratifying in every way. Moore Bros.' hall was filled with a display of fancy goods, produce, sweets,, a jumble stall, and Christmas tree. The flower .stall contained a fine collection of blooms. Mr. It. A. Wright, M.P., who' was accompanied by Mrs. Wright, in an appropriate Speech declared the bazaar open. A tiny child presented Mrs. Wright with a handsome bouquet of sweet peas. Business was carried on energetically during the afternoon and evening, the result being that a sum of ,£65 will be handed over to the fund. The headmaster,' on behalf of the staff and pupils, thanks the many willing helpers and those who gave so liberally in goods and donations.

The following -pupils gained proficiency certificates:—William Anderson, Walter Carman, Eric Eason,' George Hardgrave, Charles McMahon." Ernest Mildenhall, Charles Pethybridge, James Purchase, Roy Styles, Oliver Townshend, Edward Walker, Gladys Bray, 'Mary Hogg, Dorothy Langford, Areta May, Pearl Pethybridge, Winifred Richardson, Chrissie Watt. . _ . ' . , Competency.—Alex. Ferguson, Fenwick Hall, Ernest Taylor, Maud Gason, Myrtle Pope, Marjory Sim.

18th December 1915 Wounded Soldiers Fund Johnsonville School Bazaar £65

21st December 1915 ' Awatea private School Break-Up. The annual prize-giving of the Awatea Private School, Johnsonville, took place on Saturday evening. A display of handwork done by the children during the was exhibited, which reflected credit on the principal, Miss Morgan. An ' interesting programme of songs, piano solos, recitations, drill, etc., was given by the pupils in a very able manner. During the evening prizes were awarded to the following:—General excellence, Lorimer Thompson; reading, Mollie Petrie; arithmetic, Lorimer Thompson and Colin Steele; writing, Here Thompson ; spelling, Berta Smyth; drawing, Hector Bramley; sewing, Laura Boardman; music, Phyllis Embury and Berta Smyth. Junior division — Jean Boardman and Robbie Horsman. At the conclusion Mr. W.. L. Thompson complimented Miss Morgan on the progress the pupils had made, evidenced by the display that evening, and he asked little Jean Boardman to hand her a present oil behalf of the pupils

1916-1917

1917	229/22	Johnsonville/Side School	Bethune	Finlay	D-24	Head	£340.00
1917	229/22	Johnsonville/Side School	Grant	Colin C	B-72	Assistant	£200.00
1917	229/22	Johnsonville/Side School	Evans	Ada H	E-74	Assistant	£180.00
1917	229/22	Johnsonville/Side School	Baker	Sybil E	D-61	Assistant	£170.00
1917	229/22	Johnsonville/Side School	White	Angusina	D-63	Assistant	£140.00
1917	229/22	Johnsonville/Side School	Stansell	Florence E		Assistant	£135.00
1917	229/22	Johnsonville/Side School	Whitwell	Rebecca L	D-101	Assistant	£120.00
1917	229/22	Johnsonville/Side School	Hagan	Catherine M		PT 1	£55.00
1917	229/22	Johnsonville/Side School	Pattle	Edna M		Probationer 1	£30.00

Colin C Grant started teaching for the Wellington Ed in 1908 and 1909 at Brooklyn as a pip teacher. Then there is a two year gap to allow him to attend Wellington Training College. In 1912 he was at Worser Bay. In 1913 south of Martinborough at Dyer School followed by two years at Rangitumu north of Masterton. Then 1917 he was at Johnsonville and in 1919 he was at Rongokokako south of Eketahuna. Then her back in Wellington by 1921 at Berhampore to at least 1923.

Florence E Stansell was a pupil teacher at Shannon in 1905 and Levin 1906 to 1909. In 1910 she was an assistant at Hutt and in 1911 sole charge teacher at Maunganui South on Western Like Road south of Featherston. From 1912 to at least 1915 she was at Tokomaru. She is last registered as teaching at Johnsonville in 1917

Rebecca L Whitwell started her career for Wellington Education Board at Johnsonville in 1917 and from at least 1919 to 1923 was at Berhampore School

1938/8288	Rebecca Leone	Whitwell	Charles Haig	Bridgford
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1986/35310	Bridgford	Reba Leone	86Y
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Catherine M Hagan only taught for Wellington Education Board at Johnsonville and was there from at least 1917 to at least 1921.

1925/10175	Catherine May	Hagan	Hector Arthur	Wells
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The -wedding was solemnised in the' Methodist Church, Otaki, recently of Mr. Hector Arthur Wells and Miss Catherine May Hagan. Both bride and bridegroom are highly respected residents of Otaki, which accounted for the church being filled with interested friends.

Edna M Pattle only is registered for Wellington Education Board in 1917

1925/6082	Edna Melva	Pattle	Sidney Herbert	Barcham
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1980/43308	Barcham	Edna Melva	9 April 1898
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Barcham family history: Sidney Herbert Barcham (1897-1980), also emigrated to New Zealand, where he married his cousin, Edna Melva Pattle, in 1925. Sidney was an orchardist in South Island.

31st January 1916 Mr. Walter C. L. Baskiville, for eleven years on the staff of the Terrace. school, and for some time past assistant master at Johnsonville, has been promoted to a similar position at Carterton, for which town he left to-day. Mr. Baskiville has always taken a great interest in Rugby football, and the competitions in that branch of sports between the various

schools were revived mainly owing to his zealous efforts. He is a keen bowler, and before joining the Wellington Club was a prominent member of the Kelburn Club. Last year he enlisted, but owing to an old injury to his knee, sustained while playing football, he was unable to pass the medical test.

1st March 1916 Wellington Education Board A visit is to be paid to Johnsonville to discuss the matter of drainage with the committee

14th March 1916 Meeting in Wellington re Anzac Day: included Mr. F. T. Moore (Johnsonville Town Board) thought that a holiday was necessary to enable them to adequately commemorate the day.

31st May 1916 Wellington Education Board: Leave of absence Miss S. E. Baker, assistant, Johnsonville, extension of one month;

31st May 1916 Wellington Education Board resignation Miss M. M. Doyle, pupil teacher, Johnsonville.

22nd June 1916 Wellington Association Football (Soccer) The Porirua School wrote asking that tile competition between Porirua, Tawa Flat, and Johnsonville be started, and it was decided to commence same

28th June 1916 Wellington Education Board: Johnsonville, asphaltting—That subsidy of .£40 be approved.

8th July 1916 the. St. John Ambulance Depot Committee has pleasure in acknowledging the undermentioned articles made by the children in the different schools: Johnsonville School 19 balaclavas, 6 pairs socks.....The school children's contributions to the Red Cross were particularly well done, and the committee of ladies in Nathan's Buildings were delighted with what was sent in. That from the Johnsonville School, besides being so well, sewn and knitted, was beautifully laundered and tied up into neat little bundles just ready for sending away.

20th July 1916 Wellington Football Association [Soccer] A letter was received from Mr W. D. Bennett, who stated that as Mr. Windley did not put in an appearance last Friday afternoon at Johnsonville, Mr Grant (in charge of the Johnsonville School team) and himself agreed to play the match and act as referees He also enquired whether (on a suitable ground being found) some of the matches could not be played at Tawa Flat. It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the secretary.

26th July 1916 Wellington Education Board: Leave of absence or extension of leave to Miss Baker assistant Johnsonville

1st September 1916 School soccer football country division: Porirua A 10, tawa Flat 4, Johnsonville 1, Porirua B 1

29th September 1916 Christmas Parcels Fund: Johnsonville School Third and Fourth standards, 10s:

16th December 1916 JOHNSONVILLE

The following pupils gained certificates : Proficiency, Walter Carman, Kenneth Clark, Courtenay Kenny, Carl Nordell, Dulcie Bowler, Muriel Budd, Phyllis Gray, Violet London, Myrtle Pope; competency, Alice Pethybridge, Lena Schultz, Edna Kealey; attendance, Colin Brown, Lottie Williams, Cecil Blackford Eliz. Wilson, Helen Watt, Ivo Green, Ernest Hackley, John Watt, Alice Long^ Edith Schutz, Andrew Hastie, Jack King, F. Richardson, Florence Blackford, Nellie Kubler, Dorothy Paulmier, Lynda Holt, Marjorie McCallum, John Brown, Kenneth Gray, Hugh Mackley, Albert Schultz, Hector Walker, Walter Carman, Courtenay

Kenny, Lena Schultz, Clarence Carman, Iris Wood. A concert was held in connection with the breaking-up. It was announced that the Barnardo collecting-boxes had been opened and were found to contain £8 16s 9d.[Barnardo homes were orphans accommodation in England [collecting boxes were issued to children to take home and opened once a year at schools at least until the 1950's]

8th January 1917 Wellington Hospital Wounded Soldiers: Cigarettes and Lettuce Johnsonville Children.

12th January 1917 Wellington Education Board Takapu (near Johnsonville) —Sole teacher, £110-£140

16th February 1917 Red Cross Work: . It will be seen that the residents and school children of Johnsonville have helped, in various ways, to swell the fund, and the hearty thanks of the committee are due to them and to. all those who are shown in the statement to have contributed so generously.

1st May 1917 School Committee The following were elected to the new committee at Johnsonville: The Rev. Mr. Petrie (chairman), Messrs. S. J. Embury (secretary), O'Neil, Turner, Wales, Skinner, Blair, Jackson.

11th May 1917 Sale of bottles by Johnsonville school children £1

22nd December 1917 AWATEA. The annual distribution of prizes or Awatea Private School, Johnsonville, took place' On Tuesday, in the presence of a large number of parents and relatives of the children..... At the conclusion of the evening Mr. Steele, on behalf of the children and music pupils, presented Miss -Morgan (the principal) with a travelling -rug, and Mrs. Morgan, who had taken a great interest in the school during "the year, with a handbag.

1918-1919

1919	268/23	Johnsonville/Newlands	Jones	George A	C-44	Head	£360.00
1919	268/23	Johnsonville/Newlands	Dudson	Walter F	D-62	Assistant	£305.00
1919	268/23	Johnsonville/Newlands	Evans	Ada H	E-73	Assistant	£240.00
1919	268/23	Johnsonville/Newlands	Whitcombe	Minnie A	D-71	Assistant	£240.00
1919	268/23	Johnsonville/Newlands	Roughton	Myra W	B-97	Assistant	£165.00
1919	268/23	Johnsonville/Newlands	Knapp	Mabel F	D-106	Assistant	£150.00
1919	268/23	Johnsonville/Newlands	Brown	Jean D		Assistant	£120.00
1919	268/23	Johnsonville/Newlands	Hagan	Catherine M		PT2	£100.00
1919	268/23	Johnsonville/Newlands	Harvey	Viti L R		PT3	£90.00
1919	268/23	Johnsonville/Newlands	McDavitt	Ellen F		Probationer 2	

Ada A Evens was the only teacher on the staff in December 1917 still on the teaching staff in December 1919.

George A Jones started teaching in 1894 as a pupil teacher at Hutt From 1895 to 1901 he was assistant master at Mangatainoka North of Pahiatua, In 1902 and 1903 he was headmaster at Mangamahoe North of Masterton on the railway line. He was then at Kaitawa [east of Pahiatua]as Headmaster. Then from 1906 to at least 1917 he was at Te Ore Ore just East of Masterton . Then he came to Johnsonville until at least 1923 when my records end.

11th March 1932 Auckland Star: Mr. G. A. Jones, headmaster of the Johnsonville school for the past 12 years, and a teacher for 40 years, has retired.

Walter F Dudson started his service as a pupil teacher in 1909 and 1910. There is a two year gap in his record which I presume was for entry to training college. In 1913 and 1914 he was headmaster of Cross Creek school and then a gap because of war duty before coming to Johnsonville until at least 1923. He was transferred to the Johnsonville staff in November 1915 even as he was on war duty Married in 1919 to Miss E D Brady of Pahautanui. Appears to have left teaching in the 1920 and became a sports official in Boxing, athletics and operating as a dietician and physical culturist.

Was teaching at Lyall Bay in 1939

1970/49859	Dudson	Walter Francis	78Y
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Minnie A Whitcombe had a long career with Wellington Education Board As a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Infants in 1896, Tawa Flat in 1897 & 1898 and Porirua to 1902. She was the Mistress at Porirua from 1902 to 1910. In 1911 to about 1917 she was at Ngaio. In 1919 and 1921 she was at Johnsonville and by 1923 was at Miramar South as Infant Mistress, retired from teaching at Miramar South for Wellington Education Board in December 1931 after 35 ¼ years teaching

1974/32303	Whitcombe	Minnie Agnes	5 January 1878
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Myra W Roughton only registered as being at Johnsonville in 1919

1921/4438	Myra Winifred	Roughton	Roy Charles	Palmer
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Mabel F Knapp only registered for Wellington Education Board at Johnsonville from 1919 to at least 1923

Jean D Brown was a probationer in Upper Hutt in 1917. At Johnsonville as an assistant in 1919 at Johnsonville at Masterton West in 1921 and back in 1923 at Upper Hutt as a reliever

Viti L R Harvey only was at Johnsonville for the Wellington Education Board in 1919 as a pupil teacher

Ellen F McDavitt Only taught in 1919 for Wellington Education Board as a probationer.

1898/18989	McDavitt	Ellen Frances	Mary	Charles
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1923/1454	Ellen Frances	McDavitt	John Edmond	Engel
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5th January 1918 Gifts to the Wellington Hospital soldier's comfort ward Standard 4 Johnsonville School

23rd April 1918 JOHNSONVILLE. The new committee of the Johnsonville School is as follows:— Chairman, Rev. P. H. Petrie; secretary, Mr. E. J. Embury; members, Mrs. Rodda, Messrs. R. Turner, P. O'Neill, M. Lutzky, J. Blair, J. Griffiths, and Rev. W. Rowe

1st June 1918 JOHNSONVILLE SCHOOL TRUST FUND. TENDERS, addressed to the Chairman of Trustees of the above Fund, will be received up till Noon of Tuesday, 11th June. 1918, for the Purchase and Removal of the Main Building now on the School Trust section, Main-road, Johnsonville. Full particulars and conditions of tenders at Johnsonville Town Board Office. / By order. A. MILLS, Hon. Secretary to Trustees. Johnsonville, 1st June, 1918..

15th June 1915 A well-attended meeting of ratepayers and householders of the Newlands and Paparangi districts was held on Thursday evening, to consider a letter from the Education Board to the Johnsonville School Committee proposing to dose down the Infant Ride School at ' Newlands. The proposal has created much surprise and indignation in the district, where the

school has been a valued asset for over ten years, catering for the education of children up to the Third Standard, who, if the board's proposal is carried into effect, will, it is claimed, have to walk too great a distance for children of tender years, and this on the dangerous Ngahauranga Gorge Road. crowded at school times with motors and live-stock. After lengthy discussion and much testimony to the usefulness of the school to the district, it was unanimously agreed to use every effort to retain the school for the children and to this end a deputation was appointed to wait upon the Board of Education to see if their action cannot be cancelled. The meeting then adjourned till next week

13th July 1918 Makara County Council: . It was agreed to ask for the consent of the Governor-in-Council to the transference of a portion of a road reserve at Johnsonville to the Johnsonville School Committee for the purpose of a school swimming pond

12th October 1918 Makara County Council: It was decided to inform the Johnsonville- School' Committee that in proceeding with the construction of the swimming pool as proposed it would be trespassing on council ground, and that as the council's conditions had not been complied with they would be well advised to -discontinue operations unless good cause for the continuance was immediately shown.

28th October 1918 among the later donations to the Capper Trail were a £15 15s order on Kirkcaldie and Stains, contributed by Miss O'Mailey, who won it at the Catholic bazaar. Also £10 from the Johnsonville District High School, per Mr. Findlay Bethune. This was the only reference I could find that called Johnsonville a district high school]

6th November 1918 A very successful bazaar was held at Johnsonville on 31st October and 1st November, in aid of the School Playground Fund. The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. R. A. Wright, M.P. The following were in charge of the various stalls:—Plain and fancy, Miss Evans, -, Mrs. King, and Miss McDavitt; produce, Mesdames Dingwall, Parratt, and Freeman; sweets, Misses Roughton and Pattle; jumble, Mrs. Durnett; bran dips, Mrs. Beech; refreshments, Miss Whitcombe, Mesdames Brown, Bramley, Howard, and Miss Hagan. A feature of the bazaar was a queen competition between the various standards. The public took the matter up warmly, and there was keen competition. The winner proved to be the infant department candidate, Eileen Moore. The coronation ceremony, which was arranged and carried out by Mrs. Bethune; was enthusiastically received by what was probably the largest audience ever assembled in Johnsonville. The local brass band played selections during the evening. The net proceeds of the bazaar will amount to about £200.

29th January 1919 Miss A White resigns

1st April 1919 WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD VACANCY LIST. HEAD MASTERSHIP— Johnsonville, £340 to £380. and £50 h.a. [Housing allowance because a residence wasn't provided for the Headmaster]

1st April 1919 Mr. Finlay Bethune, who has been headmaster at the Johnsonville School for a number of years, has been appointed to succeed Mr. H. A. Parkinson as headmaster of the South, Wellington School. Mr. Bethune entered the teaching profession at Geraldine in May, 1878, and he remained in the Canterbury] district for some years." In June 1887 he was transferred to the Wellington district, and up till 1896 held various positions. In that year, he was appointed headmaster at Johnsonville, and that position he has held up to the present time

15th April 1919 JOHNSONVILLE. The following officers were appointed to the committee of the Johnsonville school: —Rev. Petrie, 52; Messrs S. J. Embury, 30; R. Turner, 25; Rev.

Rowe, 25; Messrs Kenny, 24; O'Neil, 20; Rodda, 17; Hutter, 16; Carman, 16.. The Rev. Petrie was reappointed chairman, and Mr Embury reappointed secretary.

8th May 1919. Mr G A Jones appointed Headmaster

16th May 1919 Mr. and Mrs. Findlay Bethune, of Johnsonville, were presented with a handsome silver kettle and set of cutlery at a crowded gathering of children and adults held in Moore Brothers' Hall on Wednesday night. The gifts were presented by Mr. F. T. Moore, Chairman of the local Town Board, on behalf of the scholars to mark the occasion of Mr. Bethune's promotion from the headmastership of the Johnsonville School to that of the Newtown School. Mr. Moore eulogised the excellent service rendered by Mr. Bethune during the past 22 years, and also spoke most appreciatively of the way in which Mrs. Bethune had always supported her husband in fostering the social life and every variety of sports and pastimes in the district]

19th June 1919 he Rev. F. H. Petrie, vicar of the Church of England at Johnsonville, has received notice of his appointment to the Roseneath parish, and will shortly take up his new position. The Rev. Mr. Petrie, who has taken a keen interest in all patriotic movements, was president of the Johnsonville Patriotic Society. [And chairman of School Committee]

28th July 1919 Wellington Chess Club During the evening a very cordial welcome was given to Mr. G. A. Jones, the Masterton champion, who was recently promoted to the charge of the Johnsonville School. Before leaving Masterton he was made a life member of the local Chess Club, to which he has been a tower of strength for the past ten years.

1920-1921

1921	296/26	Johnsonville/Newlands	Jones	George A	C	Head	£440.00
1921	296/26	Johnsonville/Newlands	Dudson	Walter F	D	Assistant	£380.00
1921	296/26	Johnsonville/Newlands	Evans	Ada H	E	Assistant	£280.00
1921	296/26	Johnsonville/Newlands	Whitcombe	Minnie A	D	Infant Mistress	£280.00
1921	296/26	Johnsonville/Newlands	Knapp	Mabel F	C	Assistant	£220.00
1921	296/26	Johnsonville/Newlands	Gilpin	Martha E	D	Assistant	£200.00
1921	296/26	Johnsonville/Newlands	Kirk	Beth G		PT2	£120.00
1921	296/26	Johnsonville/Newlands	Garner	Frank H		PT1	£100.00
1921	296/26	Johnsonville/Newlands	Young	Robert A		Probationer 1	£100.00

Martha E Gilpin taught first for Wellington Education Board as a pupil teacher in 1912 at Roseneath in 1912 and Kilbirnie in 1913. She then had a two year gap presumably at Training College: By 1917 she was at Worsler Bay/Seatoun/Miramar School and was at Johnsonville in 1921.

1923/624	Martha Esther	Gilpin	Clarence Banks	Arnold
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Beth G Kirk only taught for Wellington Education Board prior to 1924 at Johnsonville in 1921 Beth Gwenlleam taught in the Wellington and Wairarapa after 1923. And was a strong leader in the Women Teacher movement

1978/32655	Kirk	Beth Gwendolyn	14 March 1903
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Frank H Garner was a pupil teacher for the Wellington Education Board only in 1919. Taught later in the Wanganui and Taranaki Education Board.

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Frank Henry

4 January 1901

Robert A Young only taught for the Wellington Education Board as a Probationer in 1921

14th February 1920 The conditions imposed by the Makara County Council in agreeing to the transfer of the site of the swimming pond on Wakefield-road, Johnsonville, to the Education Board were the subject of a communication from the Johnsonville School Committee at yesterday's meeting of the Makara County Council. The committee was of opinion that the County Council might have consented to the transfer without imposing any conditions, in a similar manner as though the land was passing by way of a money consideration. Two conditions not agreeable to the committee were as follow:—"(1) That the portion of the road so closed shall be used only for the purposes of constructing a school swimming bath., and open only and without fee to all children of school age .whose place of residence is situated either within the town district of Johnsonville or the county of Makara. (2) That the controlling authority provide for sufficient vigilance for the protection of any property under the jurisdiction and control of the council in the vicinity of the swimming bath." With regard to limiting the use of the bath to children of school age in Johnsonville or the County of Makara/ it was stated that there were a number 'of children in Johnsonville attending the colleges and technical classes in Wellington who, .under this condition, would be able to use the bath, as well as scholars at Ohariu, Tawa Flat, etc. This raised the question of proper supervision. Such work could not be undertaken by the Johnsonville teachers, who would control their own scholars, and it would be necessary to make suitable arrangements in the best manner possible. Money for the' purpose would be required, and the committee would have to depend upon the general public for obtaining funds. .

To put the baths, sheds, and grounds in order would necessitate an expenditure of over £200. The committee had no funds available, and the Government had refused to make any future contributions or (subsidies for school swimming baths. The work could only be completed by means of contributions from the public. If any contributors desired to use the bath a refusal would be ungenerous. - The committee considered the second clause vague and indefinite. The council was assured that when the land was transferred and added to the school property it would be administered for the best interests of the children and the State, and in accordance with the general practice governing school sites.

The council decided to adhere to the conditions imposed.

3rd June 1920 Disappointment was expressed at a meeting of the Johnsonville School Committee held on Tuesday evening, at the action of the Makara County Council regarding the swimming pond. It was resolved to prepare a petition to be canvassed among the ratepayers concerning the matter. The Works Committee urged that sundry repairs and improvements were urgent; the matter was left in the hands of the new Works Committee. ., Mr. F. T. O'Neill, Mr. J. C. Moore, and the Rev. N. T. Turner were appointed as Works Committee for the ensuing year. Strong exception was taken to the fact that the whole of the money raised was to be devoted to the Recreation Reserve, it being clearly understood that as part of the project was in aid of the swimming pond scheme, the secretary was instructed to write to the Town Board and chairman of Sports Committee entering a protest. On the motion of Messrs. Rodda and Kenny,

Mr. F. T. O'Neill and the Rev. N. T. Turner were appointed representatives to the School Committee Association.

4th June 1920 JOHNSONVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Johnsonville Committee met on Tuesday evening, Mr. P. T. O'Neill, chairman, presiding. Disappointment was expressed at the action of the Makara County Council relative to their action regarding the swimming pond, and it was resolved to prepare a petition to be canvassed among the ratepayers concerning the same.

The Works Committee presented their report, urging that sundry repairs and improvements were urgent, The matter was left in the hands of the new Works Committee. It was agreed to spend upon, necessary repairs at the Newland School. Mr. P. T. O'Neill. Mr. J. C. Moore, and the Rev.. N. Turner were appointed a Works Committee for the ensuing year.

Strong exception was taken to the fact that the whole of the money raised was to be devoted to the recreation reserve, the same being gathered by means of a carnival in which the school children had taken active part in canvassing, it being clearly understood that part of the project was in aid of the swimming pond scheme. The secretary was instructed to write to the Town Board and chairman of the Sports Committee entering a protest.

On the motion of Messrs. Rodda and Kenny, Mr. P. T. O'Neill and the Rev. N. Turner were appointed representatives on the School Committee Association.

14th July 1920 Johnsonville Town Board: Letters were received from the Public Health Department and the Makara County Council, regarding the present site of the swimming baths, and the Johnsonville School Committee is to be notified that the site was not suitable

9th October 1920 Notification was received by the Makara County Council yesterday from the Johnsonville School Committee accepting the condition.- on which the county was prepared to transfer to the Wellington Education Board the portion of the road required for the erection of a swimming pond for the Johnsonville School children. The committee undertook to take any action necessary to ensure the purity, of the water, but as the proposed works were on land under, the control of the county, it was necessary to have the council's permission to make improvements. This was granted.

23rd December 1920 SCHOOL CHILDREN THINK-OF THEIR SICK FRIENDS.

It was reported by a committee to the Hospital Board yesterday that the Lyall Bay school children, collected 766 eggs on "Egg Day" for the children's wards of the hospital; the children of the Johnsonville School forwarded £3 3s (collection, of pence), and the staff of the Government, Printing Office donated £7 11s. 6d, to be expended during the festive season for good cheer of the inmates of the Children's Hospital. Additional donations of moneys and goods were being received. ' The action of the school children in thinking of their little sick friends at this time of the year was favourably commented upon by the chairman of the committee (Mr. J. W. McEwen) and members of the board.

18th February 1921 Wellington Education Board 2nd Assistant Miss M E Gilpin appointed

15th June 1921 Miss M W Roughton resigned from Johnsonville

19th October 1921 J Coulson resigned from Johnsonville.'

29th December 1921 JOHNSONVILLE Proficiency Certificates.—Boys: Raymond Angell, Cecil Blackford, William Burrows, Percy Elson, Francis Hardgrave, Leonard Gray, Thomas Kenny, Milne May, John Pearce, Leonard Stebbings, Kenneth Styles. Girls: Mary McMahan, Winifred Munro, Eva Stebbings, Helen Watt. '

Endorsed Competency Certificates.— Boys: Jack Harrap, Leslie Kenny. Girls: Edna Cording, Vera Lutzky, Ethel Jones, Lavinia Nordell, Ella Turner. ,
Competency Certificate: Cuthbert Neilson

1922-1923

1923	309/28	Johnsonville/Newlands	Jones	George A	C	Head	£445.00
1923	309/28	Johnsonville/Newlands	Dudson	Walter F	D	Assistant	£375.00
1923	309/28	Johnsonville/Newlands	Duff	Minnie	C	Infant Mistress	£293.00
1923	309/28	Johnsonville/Newlands	Preece	Olive W	D	Assistant	£293.00
1923	309/28	Johnsonville/Newlands	Knapp	Mabel F	C	Assistant	£215.00
1923	309/28	Johnsonville/Newlands	Bollinger	Marjorie J	C	Assistant	£195.00
1923	309/28	Johnsonville/Newlands	Bath	Marie E	C	Assistant	£175.00
1923	309/28	Johnsonville/Newlands	Brown	John K		PT1	£88.00

Minnie Duff started as a pupil teacher at Worser Bay in 1909 and Kelburn in 1910. She then was at Training college in 1911 and 1912 before going back to Worser bay 1913 to 1915 and then at Worser Bay/Seatoun/Miramar until at least 1919. By 1921 she was at Brooklyn and in 1923 was as Infant Mistress at Johnsonville/Newlands/ in 1928 appointed Infant Mistress of the Eastern Hutt school

3rd April 1940 A striking tribute to the untiring work of Mr. McCaskill in the infant department was paid by Miss M. Duff, infant mistress of Eastern Hutt School. She referred to the esteem in which he was held by all infant teachers, who regarded him as a friend and adviser.

1979/40769	Duff	Minnie	22 December 1890
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Olive Preece started her teaching career for Wellington Education Board as sole teacher at Pirinoa (South of Martinborough near Palliser Bay) by 1917. She was at Martinborough by 1921 as Infant Mistress and at Johnsonville/Newlands by 1923

Marjorie J Bollinger In 1919 and 1921 Marjorie J Bollinger was teaching at Newtown School before coming to Johnsonville by 1923. In 1915 was teaching at Bell Block School in Taranaki. Went to London in 1935 and was appointed to Boulcott School in 1939

1972/48038	Bollinger	Marjorie Joyce	21 December 1894
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Marie E Bath only taught for Wellington Education Board at Johnsonville by 1923. In 1928 appointed assistant at Te Aro and sailed overseas in 1933 and 1938.

John K Brown only was teaching for Wellington Education Board at Johnsonville in 1923
23rd February 1922 A referendum was taken by the Johnsonville School Committee recently regarding the introduction of the " Nelson" system of religious instruction with the local State school. The proposal was carried, the following being the result of the voting:—In favour, 74 parents, representing 163 children: against, 36 parents, representing 62 children'

20th September 1922 A children's park is being laid, out at Johnsonville on a plan prepared by Mr. L. E. Williams, A.R.I.B.A., the old school site having been acquired for the purpose. Voluntary contributions are being called to cover the cost of erecting a memorial gate to fallen soldiers at the entrance to the park

19th December 1922 **JOHNSONVILLE**

The school children's' breaking-up concert was given last week in Moore Bros. Hall. The programme was given by groups out of every class in the school from the smallest infant pupils

to the leaders of the senior classes, and the school funds will greatly benefit as a result of the liberal patronage. ‘

The prize list is as follows :— Proficiency certificates : Jack Bailey, Colin Brown, Alwyn Cathcart, Gordon Moore, Cuthbert Neilson, Seton Nossiiter, Eric Pethybridge, James Renner, Arthur Phillips, Adrian Rodda, Laura Bordman, Ida Douglas, Clarice Douglas, Edna Field, Edna Gandie, Madge McMahan, Linnea Nordel, Patricia Nossiter, Amelia Reeves, Eileen Stebbings, Morna Worthington.

Endorsed competency : Eda Bramley, Ken. Moore.

Competently Eric Alcock, Percy. Briant, Ken. Harrup, Arthur, Neal, Robert Williams, Elsie Hancox.

Seventy-five pupils out of the three hundred and sixty on the roll earned attendance certificates.

24th December 1923 JOHNSONVILLE

The following pupils gained certificates:—Standard VI., Proficiency—Russell Edwards, Raymond Hurren, Donald McKenzie, James O'More, Harry Tunley, Robert Williams; Elsie Hancox, Eleanor Georgeson., Nellie . Hardgrave, Daisy Hoskings, Nancy McCristell, Gwen Short, Vera Styles, Julia White; endorsed competency, Arthur Pethybridge; competency, Edward Bowman, Vernon Douglas, Tom. Masterton, William Tynan, Blanche McKenzie, Violette Muhlegger, Nola Turner. Good attendance certificates were issued to the following:— Preparatory class—George Mitchell, Donald Rippey. Standard I.: Tom Rothnie, Kathleen McMahan, Eileen McBride, Fred Greer, Bruce Grant, Harry Cavell. Standard II.: Doreen Davis, Donald McLennan, Francis Madigan, Lena Kenny, Norah Kenny, Keith Morris, Donald Michel, Jack Hallewell, Phyllis Beaumont, Annie Millar, Rhoda Denison, Edna Style's, James McBride, Ria McBride. Standard III.; Mary McCristell, Grace Joiner, Patricia Douglas, John O'More, Alfred Mitchell, Donald Grant. Standard IV.: Annie McIndoe, Margaret Moore, Irene Joiner, Reta Greer, Jean Cavell, Eunice Blackford, Horace Trenchard, John Townhill, Tom McCristell, Alan. King, Bernard Doyle, Arnold Beaumont. Standard V.: Walter Taylor, Jack Rice, Kendal Croft, Ken McMahan. Jack Elliott. Standard VI.: Nancy McCristell, Vera Styles, Julia White, Nellie Hardgrave, James O'More.