

## Levin

### 1889-1890

1890	25	Levin	Stuckey	F Albert		Male	£ 100.00	
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The Wellington Education Board was formed in 1877 and the Levin school was started very late. Otaki started in 1880 with the Wanganui Education Board Schools. Otaki became a Wellington Education Board school in 1886

5th July 1889 NOTICE is hereby given, in terms of section 117 of the Land Act, 1885, that Henry Bevan, the Selector of Section 30, Levin Village Settlement, has applied to transfer the same to Frederick George Albert Stuckey.

6th September 1889 TO BUILDERS. ERECTION OF A SCHOOL AT LEVIN, TENDERS are invited for erection of a Schoolhouse at Levin. Specification to be seen at the office of the Education Board, Wellington, Messrs Stevens and Gorton, Palmerston North, and with the undersigned, to whom tenders must be sent, to arrive on or before noon on Wednesday, the 11th inst. I The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. FRED. STUCKEY, Chairman, Levin School Board. 4th September, 1889 [I could find no mention of a school board being formed]

6th January 1890 An Entertainment at Levin, —Mr W. H. Warren, who proceeds to Levin in readiness for the sale of education reserves tomorrow, will read in the Levin schoolhouse this evening, Dickon's "Christmas Carol" in aid of the school building fund. The schoolhouse is one of those recently erected in the bush settlements along the Manawatu line, and will be ready for service at the conclusion of -the present vacation. The Wellington Education Board were assisted in the cost of erection of the school by the settlers in the- neighbourhood; - and it is to assist the settlers that the present entertainment is intended. It is a healthy sign when settlers are, willing to put their hands in their pockets for the purpose of assisting the cause of education.

30th January 1890 Wellington Education Board Job applications included teacher at Levin, £100 and house 3 applicants

19th February 1890 Wellington Education Board Mr R S Pope appointed

21st February 1890 The New Levin school building — the farthest yet erected on the Manawatu line — has now been completed. Mr Pope is the master'

24th April 1890 [School unidentified but probably Levin] Please allow me through your columns to complain of what I consider a nuisance on the railway between Palmerston and Wellington. Being a passenger lately, I and the other occupants of the carriage were annoyed by the fact that about twenty school children were put in at, I think, a place called Levin, and they travelled to Manakau, and during the time they were in the carriage it was just like Bedlam let loose, and through their incessant jabber it was simply impossible to hear oneself speak. Why don't the Company find a special carriage for these children, and not impose such an infliction on people who are unfortunate enough not to be able to afford to travel first-class ? Another complaint is against the young collisions passengers by this train are treated to in the shape of jerks, enough to almost knock one down. If the Company do not wish to appear some of these days as defendants in some action for damages, let them see to this.— I am, etc., Facts.

25th June 1890 Wellington Education Board Alterations and improvements to the schools at Levin and Porirua were sanctioned.

30th October 1890 Wellington Education Board Mr Whiley's tender of 18s per chain for fencing at Levin was accepted. [The chain is a unit of length equal to 66 feet (22 yards). It is subdivided into 100 links or 4 rods. There are 10 chains in a furlong, and 80 chains in one statute mile. In metric terms, it is 20.1168 m long.] In March 2020 terms inflation adjusted each chain would cost £185.427

10th December 1890 Wellington Education Board The resignations of Miss F. -Broberg Eketahuna, and Mr. R. J. Pope, Levin, Were accepted, and Mr. Stuckey temporarily appointed to the charge of the latter school'

[Robert James Pope went on to have a long and successful career with the Wellington Education Board

1891 Featherston. 1892-1895 assistant at Newtown. 1896-1905 Headmaster at Kaiwairua, Between Featherston and Martinborough. 1906 to at Least 1923 Headmaster of Kaiwarra School

12th December 1890 In a description on a journey between Wellington and Palmerston North was this: Levin is our next stopping place, the circular being here also busily at work, reducing the large trees to all manner of marketable timber. The township, consisting of 4000 acres in the Horowhenua Block, was that referred to in my last letter as having been sold to Government by the native owners. Government has disposed of it to settlers, and rapid progress is being made with the work of clearing, and no less than 1500 acres of bush will be felled at Levin this season.

11th December 1890 Evening Post A correspondent at Levin writes to us a long letter complaining of the manner in which the son of the chairman of the School Committee has been appointed to the position of master of the Levin school. He says grave dissatisfaction exists in the district upon the subject, and a public meeting is likely to be held to petition the Board. Our correspondent's letter contains allegations which we could not safely publish. [Also published in the Manawatu Herald]

Frederick G A Stuckey taught at Levin for a short time in 1890. 1891-1892 at Clyde Quay, Then 1893-1899 Headmaster of Kaitara School which was at Morison's Bush East of Greytown, then 1900-1911 Head of Island bay School

## 1891

1891	34	Levin	Tuckey	Henry E		Male	£ 150.00	
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Where else has a Tuckey followed a Stuckey?

Henry E Tuckey taught at Featherston 1880- 1883 as Headmaster with a BA 1889-1890 he was at the Kilbirnie School then the Terrace School. In 1891 at Levin, 1892 at Paraparaumu and 1893 at Te Whiti school east of Masterton In 1889 he was appointed relieving teacher by the Wellington Education Board

He was a JP in Wellington before going to Featherston

19th December 1883 After difficulties with the Featherston School Committee he was appointed to the Headmastership of the Rangiora School

Then in 1887 He was a Reverend in charge of St Peter's parish in Wellington

10th March 1891 Opening of the Manawatu Gorge Railway included this quote as a passenger in the train We rush once more into forest, thick on either side without a break, untouched by the hand of man save for the railway clearing. Maori land this, 40,000 acres, the finest in the world ; great masses of luxuriant fern trees telling of the quality of the soil. In this country lies the Horowhenua Lake.

Two openings, stony land where the forest never grew, make breaks in the forest with dreary poverty in the midst of the richness around; we reach and pass the little settlement of Levin; and once more we are in the heart of the forest. Kereru, with its rich clearing, reminds us that we are near the Manawatu River, sweeping round with southerly curve, on its way to the sea

27th April 1891 Inspector T R Fleming to inspect Levin School 6th May

27th May 1891 Wellington Education Board and £15 was voted for lining the Levin schoolroom

## 1892

1892	57	Levin	McIntyre	James		Head Master	£185.00
1892	57	Levin	Dunlop	Margaret		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00

In 1891 Margaret Dunlop was a pupil teacher at Shannon. She then had 9 years as a pupil teacher at Levin.

1902/5423	Margaret Currie	Dunlop	John Duncan	Brown
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James McIntyre started teaching as a pupil teacher in 1881 at Mt Cook Boys'. 1887-1888 assistant master at Petone. 1888-1891 assistant master at Newtown School. And from 1892 at Levin with a roll of 57 until he finished in or after 1921 when the roll at Levin DHS was 540 in the primary school and 39 in the High School. At least 43 years' service to the Wellington Education Board

4th January 1892 . The inhabitants of Shannon and Levin are agitating for telephonic communication with Foxton. At present the passing railway trains are their only means of communicating with outside places except during the few minutes a train is at the station, when in case of urgent necessity the private telephone of the Manawatu Railway Company is available.

27th January 1892 In Committee, the Board made selections of assistant teachers for the Clydequay, Kaiwarra, Vogeltown, and Otaki Schools, and also a head teacher for Levin, subject in all cases to the approval of the local Committees.

24th February 1892 Wellington Education Board The question of the appointment of a teacher for the Levin School was left in the hands of a committee, consisting of the Chairman, Dr. Newman, and Mr. Fraser.

16th March 1892 On Monday morning the Chairman of the Wellington Education Board (Mr J. R. Blair) accompanied by Mr F. H. Fraser and Mr Dorset (Secretary to the Board), paid a visit to the Levin School and had a consultation with the local Committee on school subjects generally. They subsequently paid a visit to the Manakau School, with a similar object.'

26th March 1892 Mr. J. McIntyre , now of Newtown School, has received the appointment of teacher to the Levin School, and proceeds to take charge on Monday. The Rev. H. E. Tuckey, relieving master to the Education Board, takes temporary charge of the Taita School.

27th April 1892 Wellington Education Board It was resolved to arrange for additional accommodation at the Levin school

28th April 1892 School Committee LEVIN. Messrs Smithson (Chairman), Francis (Secretary), J. Prouse, Tantrum, Purcell, Gerrard, Howell.

29th June 1892 Wellington Education Board It was decided to transfer Miss Dunlop to Levin [From Shannon]

30th June 1892 Wellington Education Board Estimated cost of Levin additions L250 [L was used as the pound sign if there was no £ sign when typesetting]

26th August 1892 Wellington Education Board Additions to Levin School £223 7s Cassie (accepted)

8th September 1892 Wellington Education Board Levin. This committee applied to have the school building shifted to higher ground. —Mr Fraser moved that the work done at a cost not exceeding £10, which was agreed to.

29th October 1892 Wellington Education Board Drawing Examination 4487 papers were entered in freehand 1683 papers presented 785 passed 896 Failed. Levin G Adsett, G Davison, N Prouse, G Prouse, C Retter, B Staff, A Stuckey, E Stuckey passed

## 1893

1893	47	Levin	McIntyre	James		Head Master	£215.00
1893	47	Levin	McGowan	Mary		Assistant Female	£70.00
1893	47	Levin	Dunlop	Margaret		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

9th February 1893 Margaret Dunlop passed her 2nd year examination as a pupil teacher

27th April 1893 School Committee Levin.— Mess's. R. Prouse (Chairman), J. Prouse, Mills, Davison, Francis, Retter, and Walton 1917 to about 1919 Ngaio and by 1921 to at least 1923 when my records end was Infant Mistress at Roseneath School in Wellington.

Mary McGowan had a long career with Wellington Education Board 1893-1895 Levin. 1898-1899 Wairere 37 Kilometres from Masterton through Bideford. 1900-1904 Sole Teacher at Judgeford 1905-1915 Newtown DHS and Newtown

2nd June 1893 Wellington Education Board to advertise for an assistant at Levin

28th June 1893 Wellington Education Board The appointment of an assistant for Levin School was deferred until the Committee has been consulted.

12th July 1893 Miss Mary McGowan appointed subject to approval by the Levin School Committee

30th August 1893 Wellington Education Board The Levin Committee was granted £2 for repairs to the chimney,

2nd October 1893 Levin Letter included The School Committee, has been planting trees round the school grounds and it will only be a matter of time for our town to look-very pretty

25th October 1893 First Grade Drawing examination Levin 47 sat 27 passed [Otaki 25-12 Manakau 17-10)

## 1894

1894	90	Levin	McIntyre	James		Head Master	£215.00
1894	90	Levin	McGowan	Mary		Assistant Female	£80.00
1894	90	Levin	Dunlop	Margaret		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00

25th April 1894 School Committee Levin. — Messrs. J. Retter (Chairman), H. Mills (Secretary and Treasurer), J. Prouse, R. Prouse, J. Davison, W. Francis, O. Walton, and H. Mills.

5th May 1894 Inspector Lee or Fleming will inspect Levin School on the 21st and 22nd May

1st June 1894 Wellington Education Board The Levin Committee wrote stating that they wanted additional seating accommodation in the school. The matter was ordered to stand over for the present, as a number of seats have been sent up there.

17th October 1894 The opening of the new school at the State Farm has made a material difference to the State school here, and I learn that some 40 scholars are now regularly attending the new institution. Mr. Plunkett-Cole has been placed in charge. Our School Committee has been making great improvements in the ground— levelling it and sowing in grass seed— and is confident that by Christmas we shall possess a first-rate cricket pitch.

8th December 1894 We are sorry to learn that Dr. Harris, who visited Levin on Thursday with a view of settling there, left on Friday morning on account of being dissatisfied with the prospect.

17th December 1894 The State school children are going to have a picnic at a pretty spot on the banks of the lake on the 20th. It is to be hoped the day will be fine as all are looking forward to having a great day.

## 1895

1895	110	Levin	McIntyre	James		Head Master	£215.00
1895	110	Levin	McGowan	Mary		Assistant Female	£80.00
1895	110	Levin	Dunlop	Margaret		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1895	110	Levin	Staff	Charles A		Male Pupil teacher	£25.00

14th February 1895 Margaret Dunlop passed her third year pupil teacher examination

15th March 1895 All the witnesses at Otaki yesterday were agreed that Manakau was daily losing population, and that the Levin townships — old and new — were the rising townships of the Manawatu line, rapidly gaining population. Levin, however, is evidently not a peaceful community, as the local constable said that if there is as much disturbance there in the future as there has been of late, he will be quite unable to cope with it. He thinks that two hotels, by dividing the crowd, would prevent much of the disturbance, and says two hotels are always easier to manage

27th March 1895 Wellington Education Board The Levin.. Committee applied for the erection of an additional 'room, and for another pupil teacher, but consideration of the matters was deferred

14th May 1895 Inspector Lee to inspect Levin School on 21st May

26th June Mr Charles Staff appointed pupil teacher. Charles A Staff only taught for the Wellington Education Board as a pupil teacher at Levin

## 1896

1896	99	Levin	McIntyre	James		Head Master	£ 235.00
1896	99	Levin	Feist	Adolph		Relieving	£ 150.00
1896	99	Levin	Rennie	Isabella		On Leave	£ 80.00

1896	99	Levin	Dunlop	Margaret		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 33.00
1896	99	Levin	Staff	Charles A		Male Pupil teacher	£ 28.10

30th January 1896 Wellington Education Board Leave of Absence given to Miss McGowan[]

12th February 1896 C Staff passed year one Pupil Teacher examinations'

26th February 1896 The State School picnic last week, amid the lovely scenery at Horowhenua Lake was a huge success in every way. This annual affair is beginning to be looked upon as a general outing for the Levinites]

10th April 1896 The redoubtable "Joe" Ivess—the "rag planter," as' he is irreverently called by journalists —has just started a new paper at Levin. Levin was not exactly hungering for a paper, but "Joe" came along, and behold the thing is done. Mr Ivess has probably started more papers than any other half-dozen men in these colonies. Within the last two years he has brought into existence the Paraekaretu Express (Hunterville), Egmont Post (Hawera), Stratford Post, Eltham (Guardian, and Pahiatua Argus. Not a bad record for a couple of years. For some time Mr Ivess sat in the House as member for Wakanui, a Canterbury constituency. Later on he contested Napier and gave Mr Ormond somewhat of a start by running him within fifty votes. It was a big fight, and is still spoken of in Napier, but Ivess wasn't strong enough for the Hawke's Bay magnate. Mr W. C. Smith was the only man who could and did beat Ormond. Mr Ivess' new venture, I notice, opposes the Government. The Government will, perhaps, survive the blow. [A local newspaper carries more local news and is important for the researcher]

30th April 1896 School Committee Messrs Davidson, Prouse, Francis, Sylvester, Mills, J. Prouse and Walton were elected a School Committee for Levin.

15th May 1896 Mr T R Fleming will inspect Levin School on the 2nd and 3rd June

27th May 1896 Leave of absence until the end of the year was granted to Miss M. McGowan (Levin) Miss Mary McGowan didn't teach for the Wellington Education Board again until 1898

9th June 1896 Mr McIntyre, the master of the Levin School, told his committee that on Friday he had an attendance of 165 children, and the school had only seating capacity for 122.

24th June 1896 Wellington Education Board The appointment of teachers at Nikau and Levin was left in the hands of the Chairman. The Levin school is also to receive the addition of a room.

2nd July 1896 Wellington Education Board The chairman was deputed to appoint teachers for Nikau and Levin Schools.....A room is to be added to the Levin School

29th August 1896 The Wellington Education Board have decided to call for tenders for the addition to the Levin school.

30th September 1896 Wellington Education Board Leave was granted to Miss Dunlop

10th October 1896 tenders are called by Wellington Education Board for work at Levin

5th November 1896 The Levin School Committee have advertised their intention of prosecuting parents who do not send their children regularly to school

## 1897

1897	111	Levin	McIntyre	James	D1	Head Master	£235.00
1897	111	Levin	Rennie	Isabella		Assistant Female	£80.00
1897	111	Levin	Dunlop	Margaret		Female Pupil Teacher	£36.00

1897	111	Levin	Staff	Charles A		Male Pupil teacher	£32.00
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23rd February 1897 Margaret Dunlop is now classified as a fourth Year Pupil Teacher following examination

28th April 1897 School Committee Levin School. — Messrs. J. Retter (Chairman), H. Mills (Secretary, fourth term), J. Johnson, W. S. Allaway, W. Reidy, J. Prouse, and J. Woods.

30th June 1897 Wellington Education Board A tender at £20 12s 0d was accepted for additional offices at Levin. [The offices were the toilets where you did your business]

28th September 1897 The Truant Officer of the Education Board purposes visiting Levin and Manukau (Lo-morrow, in order to serve notice on parents whose children have been absenting themselves from school, preparatory to taking further proceedings if necessary.

24th November 1897 Isabella Rennie resigns

## 1898

1898	129	Levin	McIntyre	James	D1	Head Master	£ 235.00
1898	129	Levin	Richardson	Jessie	E2	Assistant Female	£ 80.00
1898	129	Levin	Dunlop	Margaret		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00
1898	129	Levin	Staff	Charles A		Male Pupil teacher	£ 32.00

26th January 1898 Wellington Education Board An appointment to Levin was made and the name to be forwarded to the School Committee. Jessie M Richardson taught at Thorndon from 1892 to 1897 as a Pupil Teacher. Then three years at Levin In 1901 at Rintoul Street in Wellington and 1902 at Mt Cook Infants.

903/3061	Jessie Mary	Richardson	Charles Guy	Powles
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1905/4300	Powles	Guy Richardson	Jessie Mary	Charles Guy	-
1909/3822	Powles	Charlotte Rachel	Jessie Mary	Charles Guy	-
1913/18019	Powles	Charles Plummer	Jessie Mary	Charles Guy	

The start of a long biography FROM Te Ara Guy Richardson Powles was born at Otaki, Horowhenua, on 5 April 1905, the son of Jessie Mary Richardson and her husband, Charles Guy Powles, a sawmillier. His father, who had fought in the South African War, was to serve with distinction in Palestine and France during the First World War and became chief of staff of the New Zealand army in 1923. Guy attended Island Bay and Thorndon schools, and then Wellington College, where he was an enthusiastic senior cadet and became platoon commander. He joined the Territorial Force Regiment of New Zealand Artillery in 1923 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant three years later.

16th May 1898 Wellington Education Board The Board decided not to take any action in reference to the alleged illegality of the School Committee elections at Levin and Newman. The elections were therefore confirmed

28th July 1898 Wellington Education Board was decided to defer consideration of certain proposals in regard to the State Farm School, Levin, pending reports from the committees in the adjoining districts

1st September 1898 Wellington Education Board The question of the removal of the Levin State Farm School to a more central site was discussed, and the removal agreed to, on the motion of Mr Bradey, seconded by Mr Young.

29th September 1898 Wellington Education Board to grant the Levin Committee £12 for fencing

## 1899

1899	125	Levin	McIntyre	James	D1	Head Master	£235.00
1899	125	Levin	Richardson	Jessie M	E2	Assistant Female	£80.00
1899	125	Levin	Dunlop	Margaret C		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1899	125	Levin	Staff	Charles A		Male Pupil teacher	£38.00

28th March 1899 At the Wirokino Road Board meeting it was reported that another case of scarlatina had appeared at Wereroa. It was considered advisable to take steps to prevent the disease from spreading, and the chairman of the Levin School Committee was consulted re fumigating the schoolhouse.

27th APRIL 1899 School Committee Levin. — Messrs. O. Walton (Chairman), J. Davison, B. R. Gardiner, T. Walton, M. Fosella, E. Tantrum, and Plummer

3rd May 1899 In a long letter to the Editor was this description of Levin. Levin is a Government township about 60 miles from Wellington, on the Manawatu line, and consists now of between 30 and '40 business places, 2 banks, Road Board, and County Council offices, Courthouse, and many private houses, all clustered around four cross roads, which form the acknowledged centre of the township. On one of the corners attached to a store there is the post-office, the business of which has of late increased to such an extent that the people thought it warranted the Government building a post office and appointing a post-master and have approached them to that effect. Last week they- were informed by the local press, which supports the Government, that the Government had decided to build a post-office. But where? In the middle of the town, on one of the Government reserves- available for the purpose, and which would-not have cost them a penny? Oh, no, they must reward their supporters, and punish the foolish misguided people who were not alive to their own interests enough to support them last election, and they have bought two sections of land nearly half a mile from the town

18th May 1899 Mr Bakewell to inspect Levin School on the 22nd and 23rd May

31st May 1899 Wellington Education Board A deputation from Wereroa praying that a separate school district should be established there, dividing it from the Levin School District, waited on the Education Board this afternoon. After it had retired, the Board resolved, on Mr. Hogg's motion, that the request be granted, and the suggested school district be defined. [Presumably, the State Farm School District]

8th June 1899 Wellington Education Board A deputation from Wereroa asking that that district should be separated from Levin was informed that the board was favourable to the idea, but that no election of a new committee could take place till next January.

29th June 1899 Wellington Education Board It was decided to get an inspector to report on the educational requirements of Levin.

27th September 1899 A deputation from Keruru interviewed the Education Board to-day, pointing out that there were 89 children on their school roll, with an average attendance of 75,

and increased accommodation was required . In discussing the position, the site for a, proposed central school 'came into question, also as to how far Levin was affected by the school)! at Kereru and Ohau. The Board informed the deputation that the whole matter, including the definition of boundaries, would be gone into.

## 1900

1900	125	Levin	McIntyre	James	D1	Head Master	£235.00
1900	125	Levin	Richardson	Jessie M	E2	Assistant Female	£80.00
1900	125	Levin	Dunlop	Margaret C		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1900	125	Levin	Thompson	Frederick		Male Pupil teacher	£38.00

1st March 1900 Wellington Education Board C A Staff resigned Married 1908

31st October 1900 Wellington Education Board Applications for erection of schools at Levin, Hutt, and Makomako were held over until the Board has received its grant from the Government. [May or May not refer to Levin School]

Frederick Thompson Pupil teacher had a long career with the Wellington Education Board 1899 Horowhenua School. 1900-1901 Levin 1902-1903 Greytown Did not teach 1904-1907 for an Education Board and may have attended training college during this time. 1907 Assistant Master Newtown. 1908-to at least 1915 Ballance School headmaster in the bush Area. By 1917 at Mangatainoka school North of Pahiatua and still there when my records end in 1923

## 1902

1901	137	Levin	McIntyre	James	D1	Head Master	£235.00	
1901	137	Levin	Scott	Elizabeth A	E1	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1901	137	Levin	Thompson	Frederick		Male Pupil teacher	£50.00	£10.00
1901	137	Levin	Dynan	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00	

Frederick Thompson got the £10 as a housing allowance

30th January 1901 In a paper on raising the salaries of teachers was J Richardson current salary £80 Proposed increase £9 2 shillings F Thompson £38 £2

31st January Margaret Dunlop resigned after 10 years of being a pupil teacher .

18th February 1901 The children of the Levin and Horowhenua Schools were taken to Paikakariki yesterday to spend- 'a day on the beach, and all had a good time. One little fellow tried to climb up the steep hill opposite the railway station. He got half way up when he lost his balance and came heels overhead downwards. Fortunately he struck a bush, which he grasped for all he was worth, and saved himself from being dashed to the bottom.

28th March 1901 Another new salary scale proposed by the Wellington Education Board included Levin —Attendance 127, female assistant, proposed salary £90, increase £10; pupil teacher, proposed salary £50, increase £8; do., proposed salary £50, increase £5; do.,\* proposed salary £37, increase £5

1902	139	Levin	McIntyre	James	D1	Head Master	£ 235.00	House
1902	139	Levin	Scott	Elizabeth A	E1	Assistant Female	£ 105.00	
1902	139	Levin	Dynan	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00	
1902	139	Levin	Stuckey	Dorothy		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 20.00	

30th January 1902 Wellington Education Board Teachers' salaries Elizabeth Scott present salary £80 Colonial salary £105

7th February 1902 The district of Levin, the largest and most progressive settlement between here and Wellington, has marked an important step in its advancement by the celebration of the completion of a system of water supply. For a township that has only been in existence little more than eight years this is a noteworthy achievement, and the occasion was fittingly observed. There seems to be a disposition on the part of some Persons to discountenance the part that Mr John Davies, county chairman, has taken in the carrying out of this enterprising work, but Mr James Prouse of Levin, effectively deals with this attempted injustice in a letter which appears in another part of this issue.

3rd April 1902 At the Wanganui College sports. held on Tuesday, Lionel Hitchings of Levin, won the junior championship.

1st May 1902 Wellington Education Board Annual Report included 'The most urgent of the many works required comprise a new school at the Hutt, a new central school at Levin, considerable additions to the Petone School, and additional classrooms at Brooklyn and Shannon. The annual vote for buildings is quite inadequate to enable the Board to keep pace with the requirements of this district

21st May 1902 Two members of the Education Board are in Levin to-day inspecting a school site at Heatherlea. As the Board is now calling tenders for a large central school, the opinion here is that to erect a school at Heatherlea, within three miles, would be a great mistake. Building is brisk in the township. Twelve new houses are in course of erection, and two new shops are being built in Austin street.

29th May 1902 Wellington Education Board An application for a new school at Porotowhao, three miles from Levin, was agreed to, and it was decided to apply to the Government for a grant for the work. [I cannot find reference to a school operating called Heatherlea or Porotowhao]

25th June 1902 Boer War: The Peace Celebration Committee entertained the school children from Kereru, Ohau and Levin at Levin today. Four hundred children marched in procession through the streets to the Century Hall. After having lunch, a fancy costume football match was played by the boys. Prizes are given for the best-dressed dolls for the girls of the combined schools. Patriotic flags and cards are being given to each child, and a magic lantern entertainment will be held in the hall this evening. The day's enjoyment was somewhat marred by rain.

26th June 1902 Mr. Kebbell moved that the reserve on which the Levin School now stands be subdivided into sections and leased by public auction or public tender. Land at Levin was, he urged, increasing in value, and advantage should be taken of the rise. The motion was carried

22nd July 1902 The Wellington Education Board and Mr Stuckey. of Levin, are at variance over the site of the Levin State school. Mr Stuckey holds a lease of the land upon which it is proposed to build the school and has, it is alleged, threatened to burn any timber placed upon it for building purposes. The Board has decided to take legal action against Mr Stuckey for the possession of the site.

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 included Levin 25 all ranks.

29th August 1902 The cadet corps attached to the Karori, Levin, Newtown, Otaki, and Roseneath Schools have been officially recognised.

30th October 1902 Wellington Education Board That, on the completion of the new school at Levin, the cookery classes be resumed, and that provision be made in the new buildings for suitable rooms for cookery and science.

5th November 1902 Wellington Education Board The Horowhenua Committee applied that the present school building should be used as an infant school when the new schoolhouse at Levin is erected. It was decided to ask the inspectors for a report..... An application for a new schoolhouse at - Heatherley, near Levin, was discussed ; but a definite decision on the subject was postponed, the secretary to inquire into the cost of taking the site under the Public Works Act..... The Levin Committee wrote regretting that the schoolhouse, as added to, would accommodate only 325 children. The consideration of this matter was deferred.

## 1903

1903	259	Levin	McIntyre	James	D1	Head Master	£267.16	House
1903	259	Levin	Burns	John C	C3	Assistant Master	£170.00	
1903	259	Levin	Scott	Elizabeth A	E1	Mistress	£120.00	
1903	259	Levin	Sage	Agnes	E2	Assistant Female	£85.00	
1903	259	Levin	Dynan	Mary		FP4	£50.00	
1903	259	Levin	Silvester	Eveline		FP2	£30.00	
1903	259	Levin	Stuckey	Dorothy		FP2	£30.00	

4th February 1903 Pass list of Pupil teachers included M Dynan 4th year and Dorothy Stuckey 1st year

Mary Dynan was a pupil teacher at Ohau 1897 to 1899. Then at Manakau in 1900 and Levin from 1901 to 1903. In 1904 to 1906 she was at Marima School under the Tararua south West of Pahiatua [Where the researcher was the last teacher in the 1960's]

28th April 1903 School Committee Levin Messrs. W. C. Nation, J. Malcolm, H. D\* Mackenzie, C. Palmer, O. Walton, J. Prouse, and R. Butt. Mr. Nation was elected chairman of the new committee, and Mr. Walton secretary.. There were twenty candidates for positions in the committee

30th April 1903 The protest against the choice of a site for a school at Arepaepae, between Levin and Shannon, was held over until the result of the application of the natives to the Government for a school at Poroutawhao had been made known.[No school of these names was formed by the Wellington Education Board]

28th May 1903 Wellington Education Board Mr. Nation (Chairman of the Levin School Committee) brought several requirements for the school before the Board. A promise was given that the matter would be carefully considered. Subsequently, it was decided that a grant not exceeding £35 should be made to the Committee.

29th May 1903 Wellington Education Board states Levin School building cost £1550 [Equal to £273,832.70 in March 2020]

3rd June 1903 Wellington Education Board Applications were received from Levin for the following works: —Shifting a shelter shed to a spot near the teachers' residence and fitting up copper, £20, gravelling the new school ground, £12, and fencing, £20. Mr W. C. Nation,

chairman of the Levin School Committee, interviewed the Board on the subject. It was agreed to grant the money for gravelling and fencing, and to authorise the shifting of the shed, the total expense not to exceed £35.

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26th June 1903 Wellington Education Board The Board accepted the invitation of the Levin Committee to attend the opening of the new school at Levin next week.....The Chairman was directed to make enquiries regarding the purchase for £100 of the lease of about four acres of land adjoining the Levin School, which it was thought would be useful in future, and the freehold of which it was hoped the Board would ultimately acquire free of further cost. It was resolved to invite tenders for urgently required additions to the Shannon School, and for moving one of the buildings of the old Levin School to Kereru, to be placed there as an addition to the Kereru School.

4th July 1903 The new Levin State school is being opened this afternoon by the Hon. Jas. Carroll, in place of the Premier, who is unable to leave town.

6th July 1903 THE OPENING CEREMONY.

During the past few years the Levin district has given proofs of a solid prosperity and has put in a strong claim to be considered the intermediate centre between Palmerston and Wellington. Population has increased at a rate which can best be realised by a comparison of the school attendances for the last few years, and by the early necessity for such a capacious school one was opened on Saturday. There was formerly a school at Levin and another one a mile off, at Weraroa. Both became congested. On Saturday morning the children from each marched down and took possession of the new building, which has just been completed on a site half-way between the two townships.

After exchanging rounds of cheers, the youngsters mingled together- and lined up for the purpose of being welcomed to their new abode by the chairman of the committee (Mr W. C. Nation). Mr F. Bradey (chairman of the Education Board) and Mr A. W. Hogg, M H R (a member of the Board) gave short addresses to the children, who then entered into the abandon of sports in the grounds.

In the afternoon a Parliamentary party arrived by train. It consisted of the Hon. J. Carroll (representing the Government), the Hon. J. Rigg, Messrs W. H. Field and M R. Flatman M.H.R.'s., and also Mr W Allen (a member of the Education Board), Apologies were received from the Minister of Education and others.

Mr Carroll, at the invitation of Mr Nation, declared the school open. In doing so he referred to the almost phenomenal progress of the district, as shown by the school attendance figures. When only a few years ago they asked for a school there, there was only a handful of scholars. Now they had over 300 assembled. The school's progress was testimony to the attention and care bestowed on education in Levin. There were still improvements to be made in the system, especially in the way of allowing poor children to proceed from the primary to the secondary schools. It cost the colony considerable sums to educate the young, but the colony expected a return from the young after they had been educated. He was pleased to see among those present children of his own race, as it showed they were gradually removing the differences that existed

between the races. He would also remark, for the benefit of those who were responsible for ordering the lessons of the young, that he would like to see more native subjects introduced. We knew too little of the history of our own country; its flora and fauna and there was much that could be given to the young with advantage.

Mr Bradey said the school had cost £1550, ; towards which the Government gave a special grant of £500. The balance of £1050 had to come out of the ordinary building grant. The school had been built by Mr Williamson, the contractor, who had carried out his work in, a most faithful and satisfactory manner. He thought it would compare very favourably with most of the buildings in the Wellington district. (Hear, hear.) He congratulated the district on having such a school.

Mr Field referred to the excellent system of free and secular education in the country and expressed the opinion that the personality of Mr Seddon as Colonial Treasurer would extend to that of Mr Sodden as Minister of Education. There was also a bright outlook for technical education.'

Cheers were given for the contractor (Mr Williamson), the architect (Mr Turnbull) the teachers and- others.

Mr W. Allen addressed a few words to the children and the members of the committee. The gathering then entered the school and partook of refreshments, the children indulging in sports. 6th July 1903 Mr W. P. Cole, headmaster of the Levin school, who is leaving for Te Horo, was on Saturday presented by the committee with a clock, in acknowledgment of his faithful service at the school during the last nine years [Head of Horowhenua School in Levin]

7th July 1903 Start of a long article in Education Board financial woes. At the opening of the Levin School on Saturday Mr. P. Bradey, Chairman of the Wellington Education Board, had a sad tale to tell of the financial straits to which the Board has been reduced. Its building fund account is overdrawn to the amount of £10,422, and on Friday last the Bank notified the Chairman that no more cheques must be drawn against it.

8th July 1903 [3 feet = 0.9144 meters] The new State school at Levin is of a compact and useful design. The length of the building is 210 ft [64.008 metre] [20.1168 meters] and the width 66 ft. A corridor runs down the middle, and on each side are three rooms, two of them measuring 25 ft by 24 ft, and the third 37 ft by 24ft. There is every convenience for the pupils and teachers. The ventilation is on the best principle, the object being to keep the current of air from striking down on the children's heads. The school was erected by Mr L. Williamson, of Levin, at a cost of £1550.

21st August 1903 Mr J. C. Burns, formerly well known in football, cricket and tennis circles in Wellington, has been promoted from the Rikiorangi school to the first assistantship at the new Levin school. On Monday night Mr and Mrs Burns were accorded a very hearty and enthusiastic farewell by the residents of Rikiorangi, and were presented with some handsome silver plate, including a cake-dish, salad bowl and afternoon tea-kettle. Mr Burns also received a silver-mounted ebony walking-stick. Mr J. P. Dugdale, in making the presentation, referred to the very high esteem in which Mr and Mrs Burns were held by all the residents of the settlement.

2nd September 1903 At a meeting of the Levin School Committee a circular was received from the Wellington Education Board re the liability of school committees for compensation under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1890. It was decided to take out an accident policy for £30.

25th September 1903 and the question of the removal of Horowhenua Schoolroom to Levin was ordered to stand over for a month

30th September Wellington Education Board Decided to incorporate the Horowhenua School district into the Levin school district

15th October 1903 he committees of nearly fifty schools in the Wellington district have applied for recognition from the Government for manual and technical instruction. The subjects taught include modelling in clay, carving, brushwork, etc.; even swimming is taught in some schools. The applications have come from the following places;—Dalefield, Greytown, Kaiwarra, Levin.....

## 1904

1904	269	Levin	McIntyre	James	D1	Head Master	£265.14	House
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1904	269	Levin	Scott	Elizabeth A	E1	Mistress	£120.00	
1904	269	Levin	Sage	Agnes	E2	Assistant Female	£85.00	
1904	269	Levin	Silvester	Eveline		FP3	£45.00	
1904	269	Levin	Stuckey	Dorothy E		FP3	£40.00	
1904	269	Levin	Finlayson	John		MP1	£20.00	

27th January 1904 Credit List of Wellington Education Board Scholarships Class B Frank Pengelly 3rd in Class B with 371 marks

20th February 1904 The Levin School Committee is petitioning the Wellington Education Board for the establishment of a high school at Levin.

6th April 1904 Wellington Education Board Expenditure The demand for increased accommodation at Levin has been met by the erection of the new Central School at a cost for building alone of £1628, towards which the Government has contributed £500.

13th April 1904 Levin Report included: The prevailing epidemic "mumps", I regret to say, has found its way into our public school. All the children, each in their turn are suffering from the trouble.

26th April 1904 **Levin.** — Messrs. R. Prouse, G. Cameron, O. Walton, R. ,Butt, J, Malcolm, T. Hirst, F.. O Smith, I. James, Dr. Mackenzie. Nearly two hundred persons were present, including many ladies.

4th May 1906 Last week Mr W. C. Nation, who was then chairman of the Levin School Committee, wrote to the secretary of the Wellington Education Board, asking for a clearer definition of the Amendment Act, which provides that a wife may vote at the school committee election, owing to much disputing in several localities as to whether both the husband and wife can vote. The following reply was received: "By the Amending Act of last session a wife may vote by virtue of a qualification possessed by her husband, and the same applies equally to a husband, who may vote by virtue of a qualification possessed by his wife, and both have a vote if either has." The chairman on Monday received nominations for seats on the new school committee from the following gentlemen: Messrs G. Cameron, O. Walton, I. James, T. Hirst, Dr Mackenzie, C. H. Palmer and Rev. W. Finlayson. The election having taken place last Monday night, when close on 200 people were present. Mr James Prouse and Mr. W. C. Nation both signified their intention of retiring. The last-named has been three years on the Committee.

Mr W. C. Nation was voted to the chair, and the gentlemen already named were nominated: as candidates for the new committee, besides Messrs Goldsmith (senior), Mrs C. C. Nation, J. Bishop, T. L. Walker, Mrs Whitaker, and several others. Six scrutineers were appointed. The result of the voting went as follows:—R. Prouse, 76; G. Cameron, 74; O. Walton, 69; R. Butt .65; J. Malcolm, 58; T. Hirst 57-; F. G. Smith, 54; I. James, 52; Dr Mackenzie,. 46. Mr R. Prouse was appointed, chairman of the committee, and Mr O." Walton secretary.

Two ladies of Levin offered themselves as candidates for the- school committee. Are not the women .stepping out of their sphere in an advanced age., and the words of the great apostle- seem the Weraroa Hotel, is recovering from men "To be keepers at- home/' is regarded as an obsolete apothegm. [As written]

18th May 1904 The annual examination of the scholars attending the Levin public school was concluded on Wednesday, the 11th, by Mr Bakewell, school inspector. The percentage of passes was creditable.

27th May 1904 Wellington Education Board An application for a district Inch school at Levin was referred to the inspector, who will report on the matter at the next meeting of the Board.

1st June 1904 Owing to the inclemency of the weather on Empire Day the children of the local public school did not meet to hoist the flag.

22nd June 1904 It is with regret we have to chronicle the resignation of Miss Winder, who has for some time been conducting a young ladies school here, and who is relinquishing the work on account of bad health. During her residence among us this lady has been very popular, and as a token of the esteem in which she is held she was made the recipient of a purse of sovereigns from the parents of the various children. ' Mesdames J. Prouse and Malier made the presentation, expressing their deep appreciation .of Miss Winder's abilities, on behalf of her pupils. The school will now be conducted by Mrs Fitzherbert, late of Marton, sister to Dr Kennedy, of Levin.

3rd August 1904 Ever since the amalgamation of the Levin and Weraroa schools the residents have been agitating for a district high school. The Board is waiting to see if the requisite number of scholars for such an institution could be depended upon, and then the necessary steps will be taken to remove the .old Weraroa school to Levin for technical purposes and cookery classes for girls. [The school at Weraroa was never called the Weraroa school. It was first State Farm School and the Horowhenua School]

12th August 1904 Report on Native Schools included Poroutawhao (near Levin). —No progress made.

26th August 1904 Wellington Education Board Miss A Sage granted 3 Months Leave of Absence [After a long career started in 1886 and long periods at Masterton and Featherston she did not teach for the Wellington Education Board again]

26th August 1904 Wellington Education Board The consideration of an application for the establishment of a, high school at Levin was deferred, the committee of the district having failed to furnish certain statistics on the subject.

30th September 1904 Wellington Education Board Latrines of old school at Levin to be removed to Otaki and Waikanae.....Old school, Levin —That permission be not given to the Horowhenua Mounted Rifles to remove partition between two room.....TRUANCY. The action of the truant officer in prosecuting in the case of James Rose, of Levin, was approved. The secretary paid a compliment to the new truant officer/who, he said, was. doing his work

well. There had been a considerable improvement in the average attendances at the schools, and he had located twenty children that were not attending any school.

30th September 1904 Wellington Education Board Levin asked for a High School, there being 28 available pupils, and as there is a building which can be utilised, the Government is to be asked to grant £80, the estimated cost of removing it to the desired site

1st October 1904 Educational Finance article included It was stated at the same meeting that there is urgent need for the establishment of secondary schools in the city and at Levin, Hutt Valley, and other places. "Hundreds of boys" in Wellington, according to the chairman, have gained scholarships entitling them to free secondary education, but they cannot reap the fruits of their zeal and application because there is no secondary school accommodation.

5th October 1904 Last week the Inspector of Schools, Mr Bakewell, paid a surprise visit to the Levin School.

Mrs Jack Carson's tender has been accepted as caretaker by the Levin School Committee, at a sum amounting to £28 per annum.

26th October 1904 On Friday evening last an entertainment was given at the Weraroa Hall in aid of the school funds. The committee is in desperate straits to make ends meet. The amount provided by the Government is insufficient to allow the school to be kept clean and to provide for the necessary stationery. The committee has, at its own expense, planted between two to three hundred trees to provide future shelter. But during this exceptionally wet season it would be a great improvement if the whole school playground were asphalted. As the place is full of hollows these are frequently filled with water and give the children playing about damp feet and so much sickness, which is now the case I regret to say, becomes prevalent. The concert was well attended considering the inclemency of the weather. Many tickets were distributed by the school children. Mr Richard Prouse, chairman of the School Committee, presided during the concert. In making some remarks regarding the object of the entertainment he referred to the fact that the present Government allowance of £10 per annum was not sufficient to meet expenses, hence the committee was forced to adopt some means of increasing the School Committee's revenue. The programme was as follows Overture, Mrs C. Nation and Miss Prouse; song, Mr Lafferty; song, Mr R. Prouse; song, Mr J. Woodmass; song, Miss Hilda Finnis; song, Mr Jack Devine; duet, Messrs J. Woodmass and Lafferty; song, in character, Mr Chambers.. All performers were loudly applauded and nearly all were encored, in amusing farce by members of the Mohawk Minstrels concluded the entertainment. Accompaniments were played by Mrs C. Nation and Miss Prouse, Mr Woodcraft, and Mr Woodmass. At the close of the evening hearty cheers were given to minstrels and performers. It is the intention of the committee to give another entertainment during the coming month.

10th November 1904 Manawatu Standard The High School sent a football team to Levin yesterday to play the local school. The match did not come off but in the afternoon, the High School played a representative seven of Levin. They were, of course, defeated, but played a plucky game and won the plaudits of the public.

25th November 1904 Wellington Education Board granted leave of absence to Mr Finlayson

9th December 1904 Wellington Education Board it was decided "by the Education Board to raise the status of the Levin school to take in that of a high school after the midsummer holidays, providing, twenty pupils be forthcoming

9th December 1904 Wellington Education Board removal old school from Levin to Kereru. H. B. France, £227 16s

21st December 1904 The concert held on Wednesday evening in aid of the Levin School was a most enjoyable affair. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was not large, but what they lacked in numbers they made up in enthusiasm. The items contributed for the evening's entertainment were many and varied, and were without exception rendered in a, most efficient manner.....

## 1905

1905	325	Levin DHS	McIntyre	James	D1	Head Master	£268.14	House
1905	325	Levin DHS	Burns	John C	C2	Assistant Master	£170.00	
1905	325	Levin DHS	Scott	Elizabeth A	E1	Mistress	£120.00	
1905	325	Levin DHS	Young	James		Assistant Master	£90.00	
1905	325	Levin DHS	Baldey	Maria	E3	Assistant Female	£85.00	
1905	325	Levin DHS	Silvester	Eveline		FP4	£55.00	
1905	325	Levin DHS	Stuckey	Dorothy E		FP4	£50.00	
1905	325	Levin DHS	Finlayson	J H M		MP3	£40.00	
1905	325	Levin DHS	McKinnon	Jessie H		Secondary		

6th January 1905 The Levin School Cadet Corps, which, with a score of 710, came second in the firing for the North Island shield, gained sixteen marksmen's badges, the average score being about 69.2 points. At present a Levin boy heads the list for the district, but there are still some returns to come in.

21st January 1905 The Education Board calls for tenders for the conveyance of school children between Poroutawhao and Levin,

27th January 1905 Wellington Education Board In regard to Levin, although only the names of fourteen eligible pupils have been handed in, it was agreed that the establishment of a district high school be proceeded with.

6th February 1905 Miss Baldey, of the Balfour School, Southland, has been appointed assistant teacher at the Levin School by the Wellington Education Board.'

2nd January 1907 The marriage of Miss Maria Baldey, daughter of the Hon. Alfred Baldey, M.L.C., of Wellington, to Mr. J Colley McPherson, of Balfour, took place at the residence of the bride's parents to-day. The Rev. Dr. Tudor Jones, Unitarian minister, officiated. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. Ian W. McPherson, and the bride was given away by her father, and attended by her two sisters (Miss Lily Baldey and Miss Sadie Baldey). Mr. and Mrs. McPherson left for Napier, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

27th April 1905 School Committee . O- Walton, R. Prouse, C. Palmer, R. Butt, I. James, F. O. Smith, M. Fosella, A. Strawbridge and Jas. Malcolm (chairman).

29th April 1905 The Wellington Education Board has acceded to the request of the Levin Committee that two assistants should be appointed to the primary department of the school, thus freeing for purposes of secondary work another assistant at present on the staff.

6th May 1905 At a meeting of the Manawatu Chamber of Commerce was this comment: That the Pahiatua district schools should be administered from Wellington, and the Woodville district schools from Napier, and the Shannon and Levin schools from the same place

[Wellington] is ridiculous. Unless there is community of interest there cannot be adequate representation or effective control.

28th July 1905 Wellington Education Board Miss E A Scott leave of absence granted from 13th July.

14th September 1905 Miss J. McKinnon, to Levin. Jessie McKinnon only worked for the Wellington Education Board at Levin from 1905 to 1910 In 1903 and 1904 Jessie McKinnon was Sole Charge teacher for the Canterbury Education Board at Homebush [Didn't check further back]

29th September 1905 Miss Stuckey given 3 weeks leave of absence

4th October 1905 At Poroutawhao. which is about four and a half miles from Levin, on the Foxton road, there are forty native children of school age. - Some of them are carried to Levin by buggy, but the balance have to go without the benefits of education. There are a few European families in the same condition. Mr W. H. Field, M.H.R., mentioned the matter to the Education Board on Thursday, and it was decided to take the necessary steps to have a school opened. The local chief says a meeting-house is available for the purpose, if a teacher can be sent to the district.

27th October 1905 The Education Board has decided to make alternative proposals to the Government regarding the education of the children at Poroutawhao: (1) To erect a native school there, or (2) to arrange for the children being convoyed to Levin.

## 1906

1906	345	Levin DHS	McIntyre	James	D1	Head Master	£290.00	House
1906	345	Levin DHS	Burns	John C	C2	Assistant Master	£190.00	
1906	345	Levin DHS	Scott	Elizabeth A	E1	Assistant Female	£130.00	
1906	345	Levin DHS	Baldehy	Maria	E3	Assistant Female	£125.00	
1906	345	Levin DHS	McKinnon	Jessie H	D4	Assistant Female	£100.00	
1906	345	Levin DHS	Hurley	Margaret L		FP4	£60.00	
1906	345	Levin DHS	Stansell	Florence		FP1	£45.00	
1906	345	Levin DHS	Arcus	Elizabeth		FP2	£35.00	
1906	345	Levin DHS	Harding	Albert J	C3	Secondary		
1906	345	Levin DHS	Tasker BA	A H	B4	Secondary		

8th February 1906 Foxton School Committee The secretary was instructed to write to the headmaster at Levin and ascertain what steps had been taken to get his school converted into a district high school. [Foxton was in the Wanganui Education Board Area]

1st March 1906 Agricultural Education Levin has sufficient room for out-door practical work on the school section. The committee has agreed to plough the ground and remove the gravel. Laboratory accommodation will be available as soon as the old Government building is removed from Weraroa to Levin, no funds are available here towards defraying the cost of fencing or apparatus.

17th March 1906 Nine parents of children attending the Levin public school were fined in sums aggregating 88 shillings [There were 20 shillings in a pound] for failing to send children to school in accordance with the Act.

26th April 1906 LEVIN. Out of 17 nominations the following were elected:—Messrs O. Walton, C. Palmer, J. Malcolm, R. Prouce, J. Ryder, R. Butt, F. O. Smith, J. Johnson, J. Wood

22nd May 1906 Census return Levin 1901 Nil 1906 1265 Foxton 1211 and 1321  
 6th June 1906 Wellington Education Board James Young resigns  
 26th July 1906 Levin Borough had 1265 Persons 652 males and 613 females  
 18th August 1906 Secondary assistant at Levin District High School Mr A J Harding'  
 14th November 1906 Attendance figures for the September Quarter of Wellington Education Board schools Included Levin 349 Hutt 376, Pahiatua 278.  
 4th December 1906 Wellington Education Board are calling for fresh tenders for Levin School  
 6th December 1906 The Wellington Education Board invites tenders for erecting cookery and science rooms, etc, at the Levin District High School.  
 13th December Miss J McKinnon given leave  
 20th December 1906 Learn to Shoot School Cadets report included this: North Island competition was won by the Terrace school (Wellington city) with a total of 730 points, with Pahiatua, Onehunga, and Levin school teams tie for second, with 719 points.

## 1907

1907	360	Levin DHS	McIntyre	James	D1	Head Master	£300.00	House
1907	360	Levin DHS	Burns	John C	C2	Assistant Master	£205.00	
1907	360	Levin DHS	Scott	Elizabeth A	E1	Assistant Female	£135.00	
1907	360	Levin DHS	Jennings	Edward I	E2	Assistant Master	£135.00	
1907	360	Levin DHS	McKinnon	Jessie H	D3	Assistant Female	£110.00	
1907	360	Levin DHS	Graves	Clara	D4	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1907	360	Levin DHS	Hurley	Margaret		FP5	£60.00	
1907	360	Levin DHS	Stansell	Florence E		FP2	£50.00	
1907	360	Levin DHS	Arcus	Elizabeth		FP3	£40.00	
1907	360	Levin DHS	Harding	Albert J	C3	Secondary		

31st January 1907 Miss M Baldey resigns

12th February 1907 Mr E Jennings appointed From 1904 to 1907 Edward Ivory Jennings taught at Pahiatua and after his one year at Levin Didn't teach for the Wellington Education Board again. On the electoral Rolls he was registered in a number of different electorates often with a registration in at least two in any one election cycle.

2nd March 1907 [Just because] Another oil-launch, with accommodation for forty passengers, has been purchased by Levin and Co. for use on the upper reaches of the Manawatu river.

6th March 1907 Minister of education In reference to your letter regarding free railway passes for children travelling from Shannon to attend secondary classes, I have to say that no \_ new regulation affecting these children has recently been made. The passes obtained last year to enable them to attend the Palmerston North High School were given under a misapprehension, and as the Levin District High School is the nearest school to Shannon, at which secondary classes are held, free tickets in accordance with the' regulations can be issued only to enable children to attend that school. The loss of time, brought forward as a reason for continuing the present arrangement, has little force when it is seen that pupils going to Palmerston cannot reach school until about 11 a.m." Mr Wood promised to make further enquiries and to let the Board know ii he was successful. Mr Vernon said that he thought some slight alteration had

been made about the middle of last year, and he did not think they would get the free passes for the Shannon children now.'

16th April 1907 Two ladies were nominated for the Levin school committee but got very poor support.

30th September 1907 Wellington Education Board Levin, residence, remove front fence to street line, erection. Close Board. Fencing .....referring to Levin, it was decided to move the teacher's residence on to the now school-ground, as being more convenient. The present site comprised five acres of the Board's reserve in the centre of the town and by subdividing and leasing the block a satisfactory and profitable settlement of the residence difficulty would thus be effected. The recommendations: amended" accordingly were' adopted]

19th October 1907 Mr G. L. Stewart, secretary of the Wellington Education Board, and Mr T. R. Fleming, chief inspector, who have been on a visit to Pahiatua and Levin in connection with school matters, returned to Wellington by the Manawatu express last evening

19th October 1907 At Levin, next Monday, the Third Battalion Public School Cadets are to parade (under Major Burlinson), to receive a shield that has been presented to the battalion by Mr. J. Kebbell, of Ohau. The Minister of Education (Hon. G. Fowlds) will be present, and it is arranged that the Petone, Hutt, Johnsonville, and Otaki divisions of the battalion will be entertained by the Levin sections

25th October 1907 Horowhenua County Council: From headmaster of Levin High School, asking if Council would contribute 'a £10 donation On account of agricultural classes.

25th October 1907 Wellington Education Board Tender accepted Levin Science 20 stools at 5 shillings 9d Max Kreisig

5th November 1907 Miss K Goldsmith appointed now of Clyde Quay [Started 1908]

7th November 1907 A record land sale was made at Levin yesterday. The 20 sections submitted by the Wellington Education Board within the borough were sold by Swainson and Bevan. Ltd., under the Glasgow lease principle. All the sections were disposed of under the hammer and realised £800 per acre on a basis of 5 per cent on the capital value.

7th December 1907 Mrs Worsley, of Lake View, Levin, notifies in this issue her intention of opening a preparatory school at Levin after the Christmas holidays. The educational course is to include French, German, Latin, music, drawing, needlework, etc. There is to be a resident German lady principal, who holds high certificates from the Oxford and Cambridge Universities, and music certificates from Germany. Special attention is to be given to physical culture. There will doubtless be a ready call for the limited number of vacancies for pupils, as the school has much to recommend it. The house is situated in an unrivalled position, with a fine view of lake and mountains, and contains spacious and lofty rooms.

7th December 1907 The examinations for junior free places in secondary schools, district, high schools, and technical schools will 'also take place next week. The dates fixed are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10th and 11th December, arithmetic, geography, and freehand drawing being fixed for the first day, with spelling, English, a general paper, and instrumental drawing for the second. Four centres have been fixed in the Wellington Education District ; namely, Levin, Masterton, Pahiatua, and Wellington. Mr. A. G. Melville will be chief supervisor at Levin, the Rev. A. M. Johnson at Masterton, the "Rev. W. Wollass at Pahiatua, and : Mr. R. H.. Bakewell at Wellington.

13th December 1907 Wellington Education Board held a discussion on the employment of underage boys by the Postal Department. The Truant Officer (Mr. J. Dineen) said:—"In the monthly report from Levin, the headmaster states that a boy of twelve years, who has passed only Standard III is still employed in the Levin Post Office, although he has written to the parents and to the Levin Postmaster. Some months ago I dealt with two similar cases—one in Wellington and the other in Martinborough. I waited on the officers in charge, who at once dismissed the boys and they returned to school.....

18th December 1908 Some children at Levin came in for a good thing for Christmas in money which they received from the Horowhenua County Council' for small birds' eggs. The gross number of eggs paid for was 6700, comprised of 1159 blackbirds. 5212 thrushes and 329 sparrows, for which they received £5 9s 2d.

23rd December 1907 Tenders will close at noon, 30th inst., at Education Board office, Wellington, for removal, re-erection and addition of teacher's residence at Levin.

24th December 1907 The. Government has approved of the following grants to the Wellington Education Board: —Infants' School, Johnsonville; £550; enlargements for Levin District High School, £430

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1908	417	Levin DHS	Trainer	John J		Assistant M	£126.00	
1908	417	Levin DHS	McKinnon	Jessie H	D3	Assistant Female	£110.00	
1908	417	Levin DHS	Goldsmith	Kath M	D3	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1908	417	Levin DHS	Stansell	Florence E		FP3	£55.00	
1908	417	Levin DHS	Wood	Horace		MP3	£45.00	
1908	417	Levin DHS	Weitzel	Maria H		FP2	£35.00	
1908	417	Levin DHS	Harding	Albert J	C2	Secondary		

10th January 1908 The Education Board has removed a very old building from the original site in Bath-street to the grounds of the public school and with additions this is to serve as a residence for the headmaster. The cost of removal would seem to be out of all proportion to the value of the building.

21st January 1908 We are advised by the Education Department of a correction in the results of 'the Public School Cadets' shooting competitions: for the Colonial Ammunition Company's. Cup. According to the results previously announced, Sergeant John Cuthbert, Stratford District High School (with the' score of; 73 points), won the cup allotted to the combined districts of Taranaki, Wanganui, and Wellington. It is now stated that the: winner is Private Walton, Levin , District High School, whose score totalled 78 points

23rd January 1908 The councillors of Levin do not view with approval the action of the Education Board in re-erecting the headmasters house, which is stated to be in a bad state of repair, in the centre of the town, and at a recent meeting, discussion took place as to whether something could not be done to put a stop to the building. As the draining arrangements are not

being carried out in accordance with the Borough By-laws, the contractor will receive notice to stop work

28th January 1908 Master John Hooper, of Levin, is one of the candidates recommended by the Education Board for a scholarship.

31st January 1908 Miss E Arcus resigned

1908/6478	Elizabeth	Arcus	Richard	Street
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31st January 1908 Wellington Education Board: that a plan of drainage at the residence at Levin should be approved

8th February Florence Stansell passed the first year pupil teacher examination {Florence is above listed as a year four pupil teacher. She started teaching at Shannon in 1905 In 1906 came to Levin. In 1910 she was assistant at Hutt. In 1909 Florence was sole teacher at Maunganui, Then from 1912 to at least 1915 was assistant at Tokomaru. In 1917 she was assistant at Johnsonville. This ended her work for Wellington Education Board }

1922/9091	Florence Edith	Stansell	Thomas Covel	Lomas
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Florence Lomas was always registered as living in a Wellington Electorate

15th February 1908 Major Burlinson, OC , will be in charge, and there will be in camp the following company ; units —Petone, Lower Hutt, Otaki, Levin, Wereroa Training farm and Johnsonville - School Cadets. Should the present spell of. fine weather ' camp should be a' great success.

16th March 1908 Wellington Education Board Wellington Education Board invite tenders for erection of infant schools, at Levin and Johnsonville. Tenders, will close 23rd inst.

31st March 1908 contract has been let for the erection of a new infant school at Levin, and the work will be commenced at once.

1st April 1908 The contract for the erection of the new infant school at the Levin Public School has been let to Mr L Arcus who will commence operations at once.

29th April 1908 School Committee LEVIN, This Day. At the annual meeting of householders last evening the following committee was elected : Chairman, 1 . Mr. J; Malcolm: secretary,; Mr. O. Walton; committee, Messrs. J. Davison, Poni :Hakaraia. C. Kelliher, J Hooper, C Palmer. C Palmer, J. Robertson and T. Woods

1st May 1908 Wellington Education Board t; was deckled to arrange .for the conveyance of children, from Kingstone Road' to the Levin School. [I Can't Find a Kingstone Road near Levin. There is a Kinston Road East of Shannon]

1st May 1908 Wellington Education Board It was decided that steps be taken to arrange' for the conveyance of children from Kingston-road to Levin.

1st May 1908 he outward and visible signs of prosperity in a community are many, and one .of ' the most satisfactory of these indications is the steady increase in the- local school roll. : This is the case at Levin, where, within quite' a recent period,; the attendance Ins increased' by about-40: To provide for the accommodation of these the Education Board has now decided to apply to the Department - for a grant towards the erection of two additional class-rooms.

1st May 1908 Wellington Education Board An application by the Levin School Committee for additional accommodation was reported on by the chairman, who said he had visited the school with the Inspector. They recommended that application be made for an addition of two rooms to the building now being erected.

22nd May 1908 Cabinet Decisions The Levin school received a vote of £700

26th May 1908 The Levin School Committee has decided that coaches will run to outlying portions of the district during the winter months to bring the children to school.

26th May 1908 At a recent meeting of the Levin School Committee it was decided that coaches should be run during winter months to several outlying parts of the district, so that children could be conveyed to school thus avoiding their sometimes having to walk through the pouring rain.

30th May 1908 Evening Post Wellington: Miss Alexander, of this city, cookery instructress for the Education Board at Levin, is at present laid up with a mild attack of scarlet fever.

6th June 1908 An enthusiastic meeting of ladies. held in Levin yesterday afternoon decided to hold a bazaar early in September, the proceeds of 'which will be devoted to assisting in beautifying the local school grounds.

13th June 1908 A tender by Messrs Williams and Wright, Levin, for the addition of two rooms to the elementary school at Levin has been accepted by the Wellington Education Board

25th August 1908 The new infant schoolroom in 'connection with the local State School, has now been completed, and is being tenanted by the children. At Friday's meeting of the local school committee, the Chairman moved that the committee record a vote of sympathy with Mr. C. Palmer, who met with a serious accident that day. Mr. Palmer was 'loading strainer posts at Prouse Bros.' mill,- when one of them slipped back on the pile crushing two of his fingers so severely that the doctor cannot tell yet whether he will be able to save them.

28th August 1908 Wellington Education Board that the following be deferred:—Newtown, modern desks to replace old ones; Levin, picket fence, ten chains [1 chain = 20.1168 meters]. Tenders accepted Levin Latrines Williams and Wright £28.

28th August 1908 Wellington Education Board [Not necessarily Levin School] After all that has been said regarding the low salaries of our school teachers, it is not surprising to hear that at least one of the unfortunates, a teacher in the Levin district, has sought to earn an extra shilling or so by teaching music after school hours. This would have been all very well had not a member of the musical profession who was established in regular practice there brought the question before the Education Board, which considered the matter at its meeting yesterday, and almost unanimously decided that the teacher had a perfect right to employ his spare hours as he chose, so long as anything he might undertake in these hours did not affect his school work. Mr. W. H. Field, M.P., was not so sure about the matter. There was, he thought, two sides to the question. However, the board agreed to support the teacher.

26th September 1908 A long article re Dominion Day Celebrations in Wellington included The Weraroa, Levin, and Otaki cadets arrived in the city at 5 p.m. yesterday. As they came up Lambton quay, with smart bearing, headed by their bands—brass and bag-pipes—en route to the Garrison Hall, they created a very favourable impression amongst the sight-seers.

In another report Dated 28th September it was mentioned that Levin had 70 Boys present with Captain Burns in charge. {There were over 1200 boys Marching}

28th September 1908 The Wellington Education Board, according to the wish of the Prime minister, has decided to close the Otaki Levin, Petone, Hutt, and city and suburban schools today, in order to give the children a whole holiday, to mark Sir Joseph Ward's appreciation of the conduct and bearing of the scholars on Dominion Day.

19th October 1908 On Friday and Saturday the school bazaar was bn in the Century Hall. The stalls were well filled and. presided over by a number of energetic ladies bent on making the affair a thorough success. The bazaar was officially opened by his Worship the Mayor (Mr Gardner), Mr Field, M.P., being unable to attend until later in the afternoon. The hall was nicely decorated, and the beautifully arranged stalls gave the hall a very gay appearance, the' flower stall being particularly attractive. Next I must mention the children's stall, with its stock of such dainty little' articles of every description manufactured entirely by the young school children. The old girls' stall was also very good. On the fancy stall were to be seen some beautiful and useful articles, and lastly the lolly stall was particularly busy all the while, for the sweets were chiefly; home-made and were very dainty. Following are the stall-holders: — Flower stall, Mayoress (Mrs Gardener) and Mrs Marriott; fancy stall, Mesdames McIntyre, Robertson, Widdop, and Miss Devonshire; old girls stall, Mrs Ransom, Misses Malcolm (2), Andrews, Salmon, Strawbridge, and Smith; sweet stall. Misses Craig and Stuckey; jumble and produce stall. School Committee. The tea rooms were under Mrs Anstice's capable management, assisted by Mesdames Craig, Reading, Jones, and Fraser bran tub. Misses Jones and Parsons; fish pond. Miss Mearson; quoits. Masters McIntyre and Pringle, The maypole was danced very beautifully by twelve little girls, who were all prettily attired in white dresses with blue sashes. Great credit is due to the instructors:;, Mrs Jones, who spared no pains to make the dance a success. During the evening music was supplied by the Levin String Band, also by the Boys' Training Farm Brass Band, these lads deserve special mention

20th October 1908 The school children's bazaar, in aid of the school grounds improvements, which closed on Saturday night, was an undoubted success. Although the actual figures are not to hand, -it is estimated that the takings amounted to very close on £70, [Equivalent to \$13896.32 in March 2020] which should give the Improvement Committee something substantial to commence operations on

26th October 1908 Mr McIntyre, schoolmaster, informs us about £50 net was cleared at the children's bazaar, and that he is well pleased with the result.

30th October 1908 Wellington Education Board Miss E A Scott given eleven weeks leave of absence from October 5th

10th December 1908 Yesterday the 3rd Wellington Battalion Public School Cadets, comprising Weraroa, Levin District High School, Johnsonville, Petone District High School I. and 11., 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, Adjutant, and Mr. A. L Bennet, quartermaster. The officers of the Weraroa corps are Captain Eggelton and Lieutenant Watt ; Levin corps, Captain Burns, Lieutenant Wood [Both Teachers at Levin]

21st December 1908 Miss Michell's private school in Bath street had a jolly breaking-up ceremony on Thursday. Afternoon tea was provided for the guests, and every dainty imaginable was to hand. After tea had been partaken of the examination work was reviewed, and it reflects

great credit on the principal, Miss Michell. Games were indulged in by the junior scholars and an enjoyable afternoon was spent. The prizes were gained;—Scripture, Lillian Bartholomew; English, Clare Nicholson; literature, Lillian Bartholomew ; diligence, Hinemoa McDonald; arithmetic, Constance Blackburn; writing, Muriel Belfit; elocution, Jean Broome; calisthenics, Lillian Bartholomew; deportment, Hinemoa McDonald; general knowledge, Clare Nicholson English composition (special), Clare Nichol

Mrs Fitzherbert's Collegiate School broke up on Thursday afternoon, but owing to her ill-health the annual festival had to be postponed until later. Mrs Fitzherbert has gone to 'Wellington for a holiday.

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1909	446	Levin DHS	McIntyre	James	D1	Head Master	£325.00	House
1909	446	Levin DHS	Burns	John C	C1	Assistant Master	£220.00	
1909	446	Levin DHS	Scott	Elizabeth A	E1	Assistant Female	£155.00	
1909	446	Levin DHS	Williams	John F	E3	Assistant Master	£135.00	
1909	446	Levin DHS	McKinnon	Jessie H	D3	Assistant Female	£125.00	
1909	446	Levin DHS	Grant	John M		Assistant Master	£110.00	
1909	446	Levin DHS	Stansell	Florence E		FP4	£60.00	
1909	446	Levin DHS	Wood	Horace		MP4	£55.00	
1909	446	Levin DHS	Weitzel	Maria H		FP3	£55.00	
1909	446	Levin DHS	Morrison	Margaret		FP1	£45.00	
1909	446	Levin DHS	Harding	Albert J	C2	Secondary		
1909	446	Levin DHS	Livingstone	F R		Secondary		

6th January 1909 Word has been received from Major Burlinson to the effect that the Levin High School cadets have won the Kebbell Shield. We congratulate Captain Burns upon the success of the team coached by him.

25th January 1909 Miss Mitchell reopens her private school on February 3rd

30th January 1909 The Levin School Committee were to have met the other evening, but the key was not forthcoming. After a short consultation it was agreed to adjourn the meeting. ,

30th January 1909 Mr W. Pringle, builder, of Levin, is the successful tenderer for the new fencing in connection with the Levin District High School

13th February 1909 Assistant mistress Secondary Department Levin Miss F Livingstone appointed.

10th March 1909 Mr G Overton was appointed to Levin. At the end of 1909 Mr G Overton was teaching for the Wanganui Education Board at Tokorangi East of Marton

22nd March 1909 Levin School Committee met on Friday evening, when it was intimated that the £ for £ subsidy had been granted by the department. It was decided that the chairman draw up specifications for levelling the playgrounds, forming paths, etc, in the school grounds, and tenders will be called shortly for the work.

19th March 1909 The Levin School Committee let a tender for fencing 'the front of school grounds to Mr R, Williams at £5 15s. A tender was also accepted for levelling the school playground at 2s 8d per yard [0.9144 Meters].

30th March 1909 Mr J. McIntyre, headmaster of the Levin School, has been unable to attend school for a few days due to ill health but he is now quite recovered.

3rd April 1909 The Kebbel Shield, won by the Levin school cadets, is to be presented in the Century Hall, Levin, on Tuesday next, also gold medal won by Arnold Rhodes, champion shot among Wellington District School cadets.

7th April 1909 Levin has not yet got over "the Devil " controversy. The agitation is still proceeding, but Mr Braddock has found plenty of defenders. Our correspondent writes that another address was given in Levin school by the Rev. Mr Braddock, after school hours. There was a great clamour by the children for admission many being turned away. These addresses bid fair to be very popular, as the rev. gentleman has a very simple way of explaining his subject to the children. So far as I can learn, the majority of parents cordially approve of the lessons taught in this way, and the objections seem to come from a small but very noisy, and not very good-mannered, portion of the community. No complaint has been made to the School Committee, several members of which condemn severely the manner in which the outcry has been raised

14th April 1909 The presentation of the Kebbel shield, which was to have taken place on April 6 at the Century Hall, has now finally been postponed until the opening of the new post office at Weraroa, which is fixed for the 15th of April or as soon after as possible. Sir Joseph Ward will be present and some other Ministers are expected

15th April 1909 The Rev. Mr Braddock to address the school children in the Levin school, and the youngsters are very much interested. It is generally conceded that the Rev. gentleman is supplying a felt want

20th April 1909 The Levin School Committee met on Friday evening;\* and passed a vote of condolence with the widow and family of the late Mr. Oliver Walton, who for sixteen years - was a member of the committee, and held the offices of chairman; and secretary - for the greater part of that time.

24th April 1909 The election of a school committee for Levin takes place next Monday evening. The present committee is composed as follows:—Messrs J. Malcolm (chairman), J. Wood, J. Davison, J. Hooper, J. Robertson, C. Kelliher, C. Palmer and Poni Hakaraia.

26th April 1909 During the hurricane on Friday afternoon, one of the windows in the Levin High School was blown in. None of the children were hurt by the broken glass

27th April 1909 Levin. —Our correspondent at Levin telegraphs : —The annual meeting of householders was held last night in the Schoolroom. Mr P. W. Goldsmith, Town Clerk, was voted to the chair. Mr J. Robertson read the annual report and balance-sheet, the latter showing a credit balance of over £70, this being due mainly to the proceeds of the bazaar held in October last. Mr C. Palmer moved, and Mr Cameron seconded, the adoption of the report, and this was carried. Mr James Malcolm, chairman of last year's committee, moved a vote of condolence with the family of the late Mr Oliver Walton on their recent bereavement. Mr J. Davison seconded, and the motion was carried by all standing. Nominations were then received for next year's committee, and Messrs J. Amuia and A. J. Harding were appointed scrutineers. The result of the voting for the successful candidates was as follows: —G. Cameron 39, J. Malcolm 33, C. Palmer 32, S. Hall 24, J. Davison 21, J. Hook 21, J. Wood 20, J. Robertson 19, J. Hooper 18. Votes of thanks were passed to the late committee and the teaching staff. The new committee afterwards met, when Mr J. Malcolm was re-elected chairman and Mr J. Robertson secretary. [In another report 19 candidates stood for election]

30th April 1908 Wellington Education Board approves building cycle sheds at Pahiatua and Levin.

6th May 1909 The Levin School Committee: held a special meeting on Tuesday, evening, when Mr. J. F. Williams, of Masterton, was appointed to the vacant assistant-master's position. The committee decided to meet at the school grounds, on Saturday, May 15, to consider the planting of trees, etc., thereon. John F Williams had not taught for the Wellington Education Board in a permanent role until his appointment to Levin. In 1913 he left Levin to be Head Teacher at Kaiwairua School between Featherston and Martinborough. In 1919 he was head of Clareville School and by 1923 was assistant at Petone DHS on an increased salary. My records end in 1923.

7th May 1923 6. Mr Williams, of the W.F.C.A. staff, Masterton, has been appointed assistant teacher to the Levin school. The public school 'is looking remarkably neat in its new coat of paint, and the grounds are very clean and tidy. , [WFCA was a Farmers cooperative selling a wide range of goods, also had a shops from Pahiatua to Featherston]

17th May 1909 The Levin School Committee was to meet at the school on Saturday to consider the laying out of the grounds with trees, shrubs, etc., but only the chairman and the secretary with the headmaster and Messrs Tomlinson and Newport, local nurserymen, turned up. A plan which had been previously drawn up was submitted but was considered too expensive to go on with. Another meeting is to be held to consider the matter.

The Keble Shield, which was won this year by the Levin High School cadets, is now on view in the window of Mr F. J. Glackin, jeweller.

24th May 1909 The Levin School Committee held a meeting on Friday night; . All members were present and Mr Malcolm' (chairman) presided. A letter was received, from the Education Department suggesting improvements to the school grounds. The chairman was authorised to put in pegs, "take levels, prepare specifications and call tenders for levelling the grounds : Accounts amounting to £6 7s were passed" for settlement. Resolved, That the caretaker be asked to give a price, for digging and levelling the lawn- in front of the schoolroom.

24th May 1909 As above plus The secretary was instructed to write to the Education Board asking what steps they were taking towards installing gas in the headmaster's house.

31st May 1909 Miss Livingstone M A of Levin is spending her winter vacation at the Hutt

9th June 1909 A special meeting of the School Committee was held to-night when a deputation waited on the committee to discuss the religious teaching in the day schools. Mr Robertson moved, and Mr . Cameron' seconded, that a half-hour' weekly be devoted to religious training. A short discussion followed, and the' motion was lost by 6 to' 3. A deputation consisting of representatives from the Presbyterian Methodist and Anglican Churches and the-Salvation Army, waited on the School Committee on Tuesday to ask permission to form a Bible-reading class in the district school on one morning per week. . All the members of the Committee were present, and the Rev. J. White (Presbyterian), introduced the subject, and stated that it was not a deputation from one, particular church, but representative of all the Christian organisations of the town..... The School Committee turned down the application 6-3

21st June 1909 The Levin School Committee met on Friday evening, when there were present—Messrs J. Dawson acting chairman), G. Cameron, O. Palmer, S. Hall, J. Hooper, and J. Robertson (secretary). A letter was read from the chairman (Mr J. Malcolm), apologising

for absence owing to illness, The caretaker was instructed to dig up the semi-circular plot, in front of the school building. Accounts amounting to £15 were passed for payment.

22nd June 1909 [Among a number of references to Bible reading at Levin School was this typical piece] The Rev. Joseph White, in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday night, in a sermon on "Bible Reading' in State Schools," strongly, urged upon a large congregation to work hard for Biblical instruction, believing that it would tend imminently to raise the moral tone all over the country. The preacher also pointed out that the parents had the remedy in their own hands, and when the time came for a new school committee they should see to it that only those in favour of the Bible were elected.

29th June 1909 . Levin School junior football team journeyed to Ohau on Saturday and defeated the school boys of that place by 13 points to 9.

15th July 1909 Mr Davies, Agricultural Instructor under the Wellington Education Board, was in Levin on Tuesday, and met several members of the School Committee with reference to beautifying the school grounds. In his opinion, Levin possesses school grounds which might, for the expenditure of a few pounds, be made to compare favourably with any other school in the country. Mr Davies' scheme is a simple one, and the children themselves could take a hand in some of the improvement.-'. It is to be hoped that the committee will not be hampered by lack of funds in their endeavour to lay out the grounds to the best advantage.

16th July 1909 The Levin District. High School Cadets were inspected on Wednesday by Major T ' W. McDonald. The boys were under Captain Burns and Lieutenant Wood. The inspecting officer complimented the company on their appearance

26th July 1909 At a. meeting of Levin School Committee last night it was proposed to ask the Borough Council to place a culvert from the road to the footpath in front of the horse, paddock. It was decided to nominate the Rev. A. Thomson, of Petone, for the vacant seat on the Education Board. The ploughing of school ground was left for the chairman and Mr Hook to attend to. The sum of £6 from the bazaar fund has been received and the Education Board will be applied to to subsidise the amount. The football match played at Otaki between the local High School, boys and Otaki School resulted in a win for Levin by nine points to nil.

26th July 1909 Levin School Committee met on Friday evening when there were present:- Messrs J. Malcolm, J. W Wood, C. Palmer, G. Cameron, S. Hall, J. Hooper, ; I, Hook, J. Davison, and J. Robertson (secretary). It was decided to ask the Borough Council to put a crossing from the road to the footpath leading to the horse paddock. On the motion of Mr Cameron, seconded by Mr Robertson, the Rev. A. Thomson, of Petone, was nominated for the vacant seat on the Wellington Education Board. The committee decided to have the playground ploughed, and the matter was left with the chairman and Mr Hook. Accounts amounting to over £19 were pus for tor payment.

4th August 1909 The Borough Council on Monday acceded to the request of the Levin School Committee to construct a crossing from the main county road to the entrance to the horse paddock at the District High School at the Council's expense.

17th August 1909 Miss Olive Clifford, Miss M. Morrison, and Miss A. Earp have been, appointed pupil teachers at Tokomaru, Levin, and Johnsonville respectively.

18th August 1909 A .special meeting of the Levin School Committee was held at the school last evening. Present Messrs / Malcolm (chairman), Davidson, Hooper, Cameron, Woods, Hook and Hall. The business was, to vote for a member of the Education Board, and the

following names were submitted to the committee - Messrs Simcox (Otaki), Elder (Waikanae), and London and Rev.. Thompson (Petone). The voting is by ballot.

23rd August 1909 Levin School Committee met on Friday night. Present: Messrs. Malcolm (chairman), Davison, Hook, Palmer, Cameron; : Hooper, Wood, and Robertson (secretary)-. Correspondence was read from the Education Board, stating that the question of installing gas in the headmaster's residence would be considered at its meeting Some discussion took place on the salary paid to the caretaker, and, on the motion of Mr. Hook, seconded by Mr. Wood, it was agreed to raise the salary to £1 per week

24th August 1909 The annual inspection is taking place this week at Levin school

28th August 1909 Messrs Tennent and Bakewell, Inspectors of Schools, have been making their annual inspection of the Levin District High School. They finish today and will continue their tour of inspection of other schools in the district.

30th August 1909 The Levin School Committee are making arrangements to erect 'a monument over the grave of the late 'Mr. Oliver Walton,' who; for seventeen years, was connected with the committee. • During the major portion of that time he was chairman and secretary. —

30th August 1909 The members of the Levin School Committee and the friends of the deceased secretary, Mr O. Walton, have subscribed £14, and at the desire of Mrs Walton it is intended to erect a stone to his memory in the Levin Cemetery with the money. The amount subscribed is really insufficient to raise a good headstone, and anyone desiring to assist can send subscriptions to Mr ! J. Malcolm, chairman of School Committee.

30th August 1909 HIGH SCHOOL GAME AT FEILDING. FEILDING (26) LEVIN (6). The Levin High School team, in charge of Mr Harding, on Saturday arrived by the mail train, and were escorted by 'Mr Ritchie and several of the Feilding boys to the Arcadia Hotel and entertained at dinner. The Levin team returned by the south mail train and expressed themselves well pleased with their outing. The game was very open and the ball went up and down in succession. The Levin boys were superior in scrummage work and honours were about even on the line-out. Feilding showed their superiority to the tune of 26 points to 6. Dougall Thompson scored four tries and Matthews {whose kicking was n feature of the game) converted on each occasion. Burnett and Donald Thompson also got over the line for Feilding Desmond and Thompson in the forwards, and Thompson, Downer, McDowell and Matthews in the backs, were the pick of the Feilding team. Burnett played a zealous game but spoilt many good openings by repeated off-side play.

2nd September 1909 The Wellington Education Board has declined to Install gas in the schoolmaster's residence at Levin, which was desired by the School Committee

4th September 1909 Levin The public School; .was' closed 'on Thursday, for a week, for term holidays.

16th September 1909 Some amusement was caused in the town to-day among the school children, several of them being reluctant to attend school owing to the anticipation that the world would come to an end at 11,30 Rather forceful persuasion was required in some cases to compel attendance.

27th September 1909 On Friday, evening the Levin School Committee met,, there being present:—Messrs.' J. Malcolm (chairman),' J. Davison, G. Cameron, J. Wood, J. Hooper, C." Palmer, I. Hook, and J, Robertson (secretary)'. Correspondence was read from the Wellington

Education Board," regretting that it could-not. See its way to install gas in the headmaster's residence 'owing to lack of funds. The secretary was instructed to' reply to the effect that the committee' hoped that the board • would see its way to grant the request at the close of the financial. year. A letter was read from Mr. T. S. Lambert, Wellington, inviting 'the committee to send a delegate to attend a meeting in. Wellington for the purpose of considering -the advisability of forming a' school committees' association. The chairman promised to.do his, best to attend the meeting., Accounts amounting to £40. 09. 6d. were, passed for payment, including over .£35: for work, done in improving the school grounds.

25th October 1909 A handsome monumental stone has been erected in Levin Cemetery by the School Committee and' friends in memory of the late Mr. Oliver Walton, who for some seventeen years : was intimately connected-with the work of the School Committee and held at various times .the posts of chairman and secretary..... The Levin School: Committee met on Friday, evening, when there were present: Messrs. C. Palmer (acting-chairman), J. Davison, J. Hooper, S. Hall, G. Cameron, and J. Robertson (secretary). 'A letter. was read from the Education Board stating that it would be sometime ore the .£ for £ subsidy on the' balance of bazaar proceeds, could, be forwarded.' The : infant: playground has been 'in a. very' bad state lately, and the committee decided to lay down a .few loads' of gravel. It was agreed to organise a' concert for the, breaking-up of the school for holidays in-December, and the secretary was .instructed to make the preliminary .arrangements

29th October 1909 Wellington Education Board Approved Leave to Miss M Morrison (two days and Miss Goldsmith (4 Weeks)

29th October 1909. Wellington Education Board in a long article on Rural education there was this piece The schools at which a woodwork room would be needed would be Levin, Carterton, Pahiatua, and, perhaps, Greytown. . Mr Fleming, explaining the scheme to the board, said the teacher appointed would have to visit the distinct high schools at Levin, Palmerston. Carterton, Masterton, and Greytown. It had been decided not to include the schools in the Hutt Valley.

22nd November 1909 Levin School Committee met on Friday evening, :when there were, present—Messrs. Malcolm (chairman), Palmer, Ball, Wood;- Hook, ; and Robertson (secretary). A letter was read from Dr. Wallace Mackenzie,. Wellington, on behalf of a committee, asking- the Levin Committee to join with others in presenting a petition to the Wellington Education Board for the purpose of getting the school hours altered so as to allow a 30-minutes' Bible lesson once a week. It was. decided,' on the casting vote of the chairman, to take no action.

26th November 1909 ITINERANT INSTRUCTORS APPOINTED, In order to carry out the extended programme of instruction in agricultural science in the rural district high schools of .Levin,' Carterton, Greytown, Masterton, and Pahiatua, outlined by the Education Department some time ago, the Wellington Education Board yesterday decided to appoint three itinerant instructors, as follow —

Instructor in agriculture, to teach elementary agriculture, physiology and anatomy of farm animals, and dairying, at a salary of ,£300, with a free railway ticket and an allowance of £50 for travelling expenses—Mr. Wm. C. Davies, at present instructor in Agriculture at the Greytown Instructional centre

Instructor to teach woodwork, building construction, and drawing, at a salary of .£250, with a free railway ticket and an allowance of £50 for travelling expenses Mr. Edwin Powell at present woodwork instructor at the Training College and South Wellington Centre

Instructor for cookery, dressmaking, household economy, etc, at a salary of ,£150, with a free railway ticket and an allowance of ,£50 for travelling expenses—Miss Clara Talbot, at present cookery instructress at the Masterton and Pahiatua Centre's .....

From Evening Post It was further decided that the itinerant instructors be considered as assistants under the direction of the headmaster and that primary pupils of the district high schools be taught by them if- necessary. The average attendance of pupils at the various classes for 1909 has been: — Levin, 18 boys, 16 girls ; Pahiatua, 9 boys, 19 girls ; Masterton, 46 boys, 32 girls ; Carterton, 14 boys, 12 girls ; Greytown, 17 boys, 14- girls ; total, 104 boys, 93 girls. 26th November 1909 Miss McIntyre, sister of the head schoolmaster at Levin, is to be married early in the New Year.

17th December 1909 On Wednesday evening the Century Hall was packed by a very large audience, the occasion being a concert promoted by the Levin School Committee. A splendid programme was submitted, and encores were frequent. The Mayor (Mr B. R. Gardener) presided, and songs were sung by Misses Lydia Carmont and Netta Smith, Masters Frank Wooding, Vic Carruthers, and Geo. Gardener, Messrs Caton, McBeth, H. Musso, W. H. Gallichan. and P. J. Dunne, s. duet by Mrs T. Devine and Mr McBeth, recitations by Miss Marjory Malcolm and Mr S. Pole, Misses Ruby Jones and Ida Procter gave a "feather dance," and a company of schoolgirls, led by Miss Ruby Jones, gave a dumb-bell display to music supplied by Miss Eileen Shaw. An orchestra, composed of Messrs Moon, Kearsley, and Sloan (violins), Lollys (cello), Woodmas (cornet), and Arthur James (piano), played several selections with acceptance. Mrs O. O. Nation and Mr J.. Kearsley supplied the pianoforte accompaniments. On the motion of Mr J. Robertson, secretary to the School Committee, the performers were heartily thanked, The stage was beautifully decorated by Mesdames J. McIntyre , R. J. Jones, and O. E. Shaw.

20th December 1910 The monthly meeting of Levin School Committee won held on Friday evening, when there were present: Messrs I. Hook (acting chairman), O. Palmer, G. Cameron, S. Ball and J Robertson (secretary), A letter was read from Mr Jas. Malcolm., chairman of the committee, apologising for absence on account of illness. The secretary read a letter from Mr J. W. Wood, resigning his seat as a member of the committee on account of his having left the district. The resignation was received with regret, and the secretary was instructed to write to Mr Wood, conveying the best wishes of the committee for his success in his now sphere at Bunnythorpe. Mr C. E Shaw was elected to fill the vacant seat. It was stated that the recent concert promoted by the committee had proved a great success, and the net profit, it is expected will reach £11,

21st December 1909 Proficiency certificates have been granted to the following scholars in Standard VI, Levin District High School —Reginald Butt, Harry Butler, John Bartholomew, Lee Bennett, Enoch Coppin, Jas Cameron, Geo France, Clarence Holdaway, Leslie Martin, Jas. Muir, Philip Pearse, Wm Rose, Neville Shute, Jos Scott, Wm Walker, Jas Wyllie, Leslie Wilson, Wm. Herd, Reginald Blackburn, Jessie Campbell, Marj Campbell, Eva Gray, Eliza Hanson, Kate Middleton, Annie McLennan, Alice Prouse, Ida Procter, Violet Ryder, Beryl

Commented [RC1]:

Remington, Arlette Scott Competency certificates.—Allan Prouse, Colm Craig, Alexis Cameron, Dolly Allaway, Charles Parsons

23rd December 1909 The concert promoted by Che school committee last week, resulted in a surplus of £11 15s. Tills is very gratifying to the committee, who are applying to the Wellington Education Board for a subsidy on that amount.

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1910	428	Levin DHS	McIntyre	James	D1	Head Master	£330.00	
1910	428	Levin DHS	Harding	Albert J	C2	Assistant Master	£210.00	
1910	428	Levin DHS	Scott	Elizabeth A		Assistant Female	£160.00	
1910	428	Levin DHS	Williams	John F	D3	Assistant Master	£140.00	
1910	428	Levin DHS	McKinnon	Jessie H	D3	Assistant Female	£130.00	
1910	428	Levin DHS	Stuckey	Dorothy E	D3	Assistant Female	£95.00	
1910	428	Levin DHS	Tonkinson	Lizzie G	D4	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1910	428	Levin DHS	Von Keisenberg	Ern	Lic	FP4	£90.00	
1910	428	Levin DHS	Weitzel	Maria H		FP2	£60.00	
1910	428	Levin DHS	Stephens	Flora		FP2	£50.00	
1910	428	Levin DHS	Rockel	Cecil Ferdinand	Lic	Secondary		
1910	428	Levin DHS	Livingstone MA	F R		Secondary		

24th January 1910 It is hoped that an additional teacher will be available for Levin District High School when the holidays are over. The school has been raised in grade, and it is stated that the number of scholars in attendance is close on 500. The teaching staff has been inadequate for some time past. On Friday evening the monthly meeting of Levin School Committee was held. Present -Messrs O. Palmer (acting-chairman), J. Davison, C. E. Shaw,. G. . Cameron, S. Hall, I. Hook, J. Hooper, and J. Robertson (secretary). Mr Shaw took his seat for the first time, having recently been elected in place of Mr J. W. Wood, resigned, and the chairman welcomed him to the committee. Mr Shaw thanked them for electing him, and promised to do his best for the school, it was agreed to make arrangements for holding a school picnic some time during February, and a star! is to be made at once in collecting subscriptions), Mr Hook was deputed to see to the spreading of a few loads of gravel near the infant school, the spot being very unpleasant for the little ones in wet weather, The school piano being in want of tuning, Mr J. Kearsley's offer to put it in order was accepted.

25th January 1910 The monthly meeting of Levin School Committee was held. Mr. Hook was .asked - to. arrange for a few loads of gravel to be placed on the south side of the infant school, which Is something of a quagmire in wet weather. It was decided to arrange for a picnic for the school children towards the end of February, and members undertook to collect subscriptions to meet expenses connected therewith.'

The attendance at Levin District High •School has increased so-much during the past year that the school has been put on a higher grade, and-it is hoped that an additional teacher! will be available when the school resumes after the holidays. The present number of .scholars on the roll-is stated to be .somewhere near 500

29th January 1910 One of Levin's most promising young men, Mr James Cameron, son of Mr George Cameron, J.P., leaves to-day for Wellington College, to enter upon his studies preparing him for the dental profession. His many friends on this coast wish him every success.

3rd February 1910 Levin District High School having been raised in grade, an extra teacher commenced duty on Monday morning

12th February 1910 MISS I Tonkinson appointed assistant

14th February 1910 The Education Board has decided to adopt in the Wairarapa towns, Pahiatua, and Levin District High Schools a new programme of work on the lines of the "rural course" laid down by the Education Department. The question was discussed by the Masterton School Committee at its monthly meeting. The following resolution was carried :—: — "That this committee enters a very strong protest in regard to the compulsory nature of the new syllabus and the taking away of the matriculation standard, and that. the committee communicate with other District High Schools with a view to taking concerted action

21st February 1910 At a meeting of Levin School Committee correspondence was read from ,the Wellington Education Board and from Masterton School Committee relative to the new rural course approved of by the Department. The Masterton Committee asked Levin to join them in protesting against -the coarse -being made compulsory, It was decided, after full discussion, that the chairman reply to the effect that some time ago the Levin Committee sounded "" the parents of pupils and prospective pupils of the High School, and met with an almost unanimous response in favour of compulsion. , While sympathising with Masterton, it was felt that they could scarcely, see their way to join any protest. The school picnic was fixed to be held at the Lake on Good Friday and the secretary intimated that contributions in cash and kind were coming in-satisfactorily.

24th February 1910 Levin Cadets, under Captain J. C. Burns and Lieut. H. Wood., and Wereroa Boys' Training Farm Cadets, under Captain Eagleton, left by. this morning's train for the Kitchener camp at .Johnsonville They are expected back; on' Saturday at midday

25th February 1910 Wellington Education Board Levin and Carterton woodwork rooms to be built. £428

[Please note NZ Archives have the Horowhenua Chronicle on their webpage from March 1910. This has meant a lot more material on the Horowhenua Schools]

7th March 1910 The annual District School picnic will take place on March 16th and will be held at the Horowhenua lake. Miss Dot, Stuckey's appointment aa assistant 1 teacher at the Levin District School has given much satisfaction. Miss Stuckey spent 1901 at Horowhenua School and from 1902 until 1905 at Levin as a pupil teacher. In 1906 she was at Kilbirnie, and then went to Wellington Training College in 1907 1908. In 1909 was at Koputaroa. From 191 to 1912 was at Levin. Then finished teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Kaiparoro School South of Eketahuna.

1915/1786	Dorothy Ellen	Stuckey	George William	Higgin
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1917/10958	Higgin	Margaret Saxton	Dorothy Ellen	George William
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1918/53	Higgin Patricia	Dorothy Ellen	George William
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In her married life always lived in a Wellington City Electorate

16th March 1910 The boys and girls attending Levin District High School and a number of .those "under age" were to-day, by the kindness of the School Committee and the liberality of the townspeople, provided with an excellent outing at the Horowhenua Lake. Not long ago the children arranged a very successful concert for the residents, and the committee felt it right to show in some way their appreciation of the youngsters' thoughtfulness, and to mark their sense of pleasure at the creditable work they have performed. They accordingly arranged to-day's outing, and the townspeople willingly enabled them to give trophies for races and other interesting events. The children to the number of 600 mustered outside the Post Office, in charge of their teachers, And were conveyed to the Lake in coaches. As the weather was fine, the guests at once entered with zest into the sports, which were witnessed by many of the residents of the district who, together with the teachers and committee, did everything in their power to make the affair an unqualified success. Boating was also indulged in. On the previous evening a number of ladies were present at the school, and together with the committee prepared an abundant quantity of sandwiches and fancy cakes so that the guests were well supplied with provisions. Altogether the outing passed off most successfully. Mr J. Robertson is the secretary of the School Committee.

17th March 1910 Among the many interesting items at the school children's outing yesterday was a race for married ladies, which was won by Mrs Fry, a committee race won by Mr Shaw, and a teachers' race, the winner in this instance being Miss Tavendale. Prizes were given for children's races by Messrs A. T. Fenton and Co., ' Miss Campbell, Mrs Wheatley, Mrs Byron Brown and Mr J. Robertson. Mr Geo. Milnes provided the crockery, while Messrs Gibson, Haswell and Stevens gave several tins of lollies for scrambling. Mrs A. S. Wilson sent cakes, and Messrs Scott, Smith and Wilson, the bakers, donated ten 41 lb [Lb sounds for pound weight] loaves each. Amongst the monetary subscribers, including the committee, were Mr W. H. Field, M.P., Major Burlinson, Messrs Pink, Procter, Clark, and the Mayor (Mr B. R. Gardener): Mr McKain, the caretaker, supervised the tea. The committee are much indebted to the ladies who volunteered their services in cutting up sandwiches and generally looking to the wants of the youngsters- Mr H. C. Jones donated the tea used at the picnic. Messrs Dean and Ransom contributed a barrel of hop beer

17th March 1910 LEVIN SCHOOL PICNIC INCIDENT. Yesterday's 'picnic of the Levin school children, at Horowhenua Lake, was almost marred, hut fortunately the imminent fatality was averted Freda McTaggart, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. McTaggart, of this town, put off in a boat with some others, but when stepping into it on < the wharf side of the lake she slipped and fell into deep water. She could not swim, and her case was precarious, but fortunately she was rescued by the Misses Wooding and Whitaker and, Mrs Middlemiss, who came up on hearing the children's outcries, and with commendable presence of mind took remedial measures. The girl was hysterical last night, but to-day she is on a fair way towards recovery.

23rd March 1910 THE "WATER TANKS.

The monthly meeting of the Levin School Committee was held at the school last evening, Mr Malcolm presiding, and the following members being present: Messrs I. Hook, Davison, M. Hall and Robertson (secretary).

It was reported that Miss Tonkinson and Miss Stuckey, the newly appointed teachers, would commence their duties on April 1.

Some discussion arose on the question of the condition of the water tanks, and it was unanimously decided that they should be cleaned out.

The decision of the Education Department to stop the grant of 9d for scholars was mentioned, and it was pointed out that this would be a serious thing for Levin.

The secretary pointed out that but for the proceeds from the concert organised in December, with the subsidy secured thereon, the committee would have been faced with a debit balance. A cheque for £11 11s 6d had been received as subsidy on the concert.

It was decided to hold the matter over till the annual meeting of householders. Accounts amounting to £11 4s 9d were passed for payment.

23rd March 1910 Wellington Education Board The contractor for the conveyance of pupils from Poroutawhao to Levin having complained that the remuneration of 6d. [sixpence] a head was inadequate, the board resolved to write to the Education Department pointing this out. The board also resolved that it could not see its way to supplement the Government allowance. It was stated that the carriage could not be effected for less than 10s [10 shillings. There were 12 pence in a shilling]., and that there were 17 children. It was decided to instruct the board's solicitors to take the necessary steps to protect the rights of the board in regard to the Levin leases.

4th April 1910 Miss Stuckey, late of Kereru, and formerly a pupil teacher at Levin, and Miss Tonkinson, who recently arrived from the Old Country, commenced their duties to-day at the Levin

12th April 1910 Sweets of all sorts, but one duality only, are to be bought at Mrs Coppin's, opposite the State school. A new advertisement on the matter appears to-day.

15th April 1910 Miss Von Keisenberg, of Masterton, who has been appointed a teacher at the Levin State School, has resigned the position of secretary of the local Trinity College of Music committee

16th April 1910. Horowhenua Rugby Union The meeting decided to receive and endorse the report on school football received from Mr. Harding (Levin School) but recommended that for the future the secondary department of Levin District High School be excluded from such competitions.

22nd April 1910 After the ceremony of opening the Post Office yesterday at Weraroa by the Prime Minister, Major Burlinson addressed the two brigades of cadets—the Levin High School, under the command of Capt. Burns, and the Weraroa Training Farm, under the command of Capt. Eagleton. Major Burlinson said he was sorry they were about to lose Capt. Burns, who had been an efficient officer and had brought his company to a high state of proficiency. Levin company was a most successful one, and he knew everyone would be sorry when Mr Burns left. He called for three cheers for him, and these the lads gave with great heartiness.

26th April 1910 Part of a long piece on the School Committee elections The only other event ripe for comment in connection with Inst night's elections is the result of the contest - at Levin

between the Bible in Schools and the Bible at Home parties. There was a well contested newspaper campaign on the point during the last two weeks, and the good spirit which characterised the preliminary arguments of the two parties was maintained to the close of the elections. A decisive victory was achieved by those who stood for the maintenance of the existing secular system.

26th April 1910 At a special meeting of the Levin School Committee last evening, Mr J. Malcolm was unanimously appointed chairman for the ensuing year.

26th April 1910 The annual meeting of householders for the election of a new committee for the Levin High School took place last evening at the High School, Oxford street. There was a large attendance, and the Mayor (Mr B. R. Gardener) was unanimously voted to the chair. The chairman, in opening the proceedings, explained the purposes of the meeting, and pointed out that the balance sheet and reports of the late committee and headmaster would have to be considered. There would, if the necessity arose, be opportunity for criticising the reports and balance sheet.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The secretary of the committee (Mr J. Malcolm) read the annual report, which stated that at the beginning of its term of office the committee had a busy time looking after the expenditure of the bazaar money, and subsidy on the school grounds. "This," the committee added, "we have done to the best of our ability with the money at our disposal. We regret very much that the Government have seen fit to discontinue the nine pence per head extra capitation, which has been paid to the committee for the past few years. In fact, without it we are confident that no committee you can elect will be able to make ends meet without outside assistance. Although rather late in the season the committee decided to give the children a picnic, and on appeal being made to the public they responded very readily and liberally. We were able to provide everything requisite and leave a small credit balance. We would recommend the incoming committee that the picnic be held much earlier in the year.

"The headmaster (Mr J. McIntyre) reported "The average attendance and the average roll for 1909 showed an increase on that of 1908 of 28 and 32 respectively. Unfortunately, this increase fell short by five of raising the school a grade so that the grade remains the same—'VIII. C. ~ The figures are:— Average attendance, 417; average roll, 467; percentage of attendance, 89; year 1908. For the year 1909 Average attendance" 445; average roll, 499; percentage of attendance, 89. Eighty-nine per cent, is not all that could be desired and there is no valid reason why it should not be well over ninety per cent. Owing to the apathy displayed by some parents, and of others taking full advantage of the Act, eighty-nine per cent may be considered only as satisfactory. With a roll averaging practically 500, it is unreasonable that over fifty should be absent daily, and the only remedy seems to be to make attendance compulsory for every day in the week, instead of permitting the latitude of one day's absence in each week before legal proceedings can be taken.

THE RURAL COURSE. The beginning of this year—1910—saw the adoption by the Wellington Education Board of the rural programme drawn up by the Education Department. Though the introduction (if the rural course has inflicted a certain amount of hardship in a solitary case or two yet the course is eminently one that is fitted for a school such as this. The County District High School should not make examinations such as the Junior Civil Service and Matriculation the aim of the work, though the rural course allows of these examinations

not being lost sight of, for those who wish to take" them. But when it is considered that, so very few of the pupils who enter our district high schools stay long enough to reach matriculation standard, and of those few who do reach that standard, so very few enter a university, it must be admitted that a course drawn up entirely on matriculation lines must inevitably result in failure. Noted modern educationists agree that a course which provided a due proportion of manual and literary employment for the pupil is the ideal one. This is now being recognised by most of the great, public schools in England, and in some of the older and most conservative institutions, such as Eton, manual work is made to alternate with literary study. The department's rural programme is an effort in this direction. It is too soon, as the working of the scheme is yet in its Initial stage, to predict how far it is going to prove a success in our district high schools, but that it will be a success, from an educational point of view, is beyond a doubt. In conclusion I would like to thank the staff for the earnest and thorough work that has been accomplished during the past year: and hope that the cordial relations hitherto existing will continue."

On the motion of Mr Hannan, the reports and balance sheet were adopted.

A vote of thanks was passed, on the motion of the Rev. J. White, seconded by Mr Wallace, to the outgoing committee for their past services.

Nominations were then handed in for a new school committee, and the Mayor was nominated, but he declared that he had his hands full already, and he would not take up public duties unless he could give proper attention to them. (Applause).

A question arose as to the school boundaries, and it was alleged that persons were being nominated who were outside the school area.

The Rev. J. White considered the full particulars should have been placed before the meeting. This observation led to some comment, and laughter, during the course of which the Mayor had to remind the audience that the meeting was not a "play house."

There were no further speeches, and the following were nominated as a committee:—Messrs W. J. Arnold. S. Holdaway, T. F. Jones, Jas. Prouse, Jos. White, H. Walker, S. Hall, E. Lancaster. Malcolm, C. Palmer. D. Hannan, Hook, J. Howell, E. Shaw, Kearsley, C. Williams, T. Johnson, Francis. T. Williams. A. Newman, C. Kelliher.

A ballot was then taken for the election of a school committee, and at a late hour in the evening, the Mayor declared the results as Follows :—

ELECTED.

Malcolm ... 138

Hook ... 135

Hannan ... 131

Palmer ... 129

Lancaster ... 129

Shaw ... 112

C. Williams... 93

Williams... 84

Francis ... 82.

NOT ELECTED.

Newman ... 70

Rev. Jones ... 76

J. Prouse ...76  
Walker ... '74  
Rev. White ... 72  
Holdaway ... 69  
Kearsley ... 58  
Arnold ... 53  
Howell ... 49  
Kelliher ... 40  
Johnston ... 33 1 ,

The nine gentlemen elected are opposed to any alteration in the present educational system, the Bible in Schools with a vote of thanks to the Mayor for the business like way in which he conducted the meeting.

28th April 1910 A very pleasing function took place yesterday afternoon, at the Levin District High School, when the teacher's and senior .scholars met to say farewell to Mr J. C. Burns, the first assistant, who has been transferred to Mt. Cook. Wellington.

The headmaster, Mr McIntyre, in addressing those present, said that .Mr Burns had been his right-hand man for seven years. His work during that time had always been excellent, and exceptionally so in .special subjects such as singing, drill, and agriculture. The cadets, under his command, had gained renown far and wide, and he had upheld. the prestige of the school both inside and outside. he felt very sorry indeed to part with Mr- Burns, and sincerely hoped that the only reason he had for leaving Levin would be justified—that he would improve his status as a teacher by completing his University degree. He called for three cheers for Mr Burns, which were heartily given.

A presentation, in the form of books, was to have been made, but Mr McIntyre explained that they all thought it would be better to hand Mr Burns a cheque with which he could chose the books he preferred. (Applause).

Mr Burns feelingly replied. He had spent seven happy years with the teachers and pupils,' and had had practically no unpleasantness with anyone during the whole period. Occasions had arisen when he had had, to bring boys up to the mark in a way that they " felt," but to those few he offered his sympathy, and he hoped there was no grudge. He could not close without expressing his sincere gratitude for the help, consideration and encouragement that had always been extended to him by his headmaster; his long and happy stay in Levin was entirely due to the cordial relations that had always existed between them.

The teachers then adjourned to afternoon tea, at which the final leave-taking took place.

At the annual gathering of the congregation of St. Clary's. Levin, last evening, a presentation of a purse of sovereigns was made by the vicar (the Rev. S. G. Compton, M.A.), on behalf of the congregation to Mr J. C. Burns, as a slight token of recognition of his 'assiduous services as lay-reader and Sunday School Superintendent during .the past seven years. The name of Mrs Burns was also coupled with that of Mr Burns, and her influence amongst some of the grown-up scholars and her assistance in the late bazaar cordially referred to. Mr Burns, who replied with considerable emotion, alluded to the many happy years lie had spent in Levin, and said that he should never forget the kindness he had received at the hands of everybody.

30th April 1910 It is the. intention of the Wellington Education Board, to advertise for applications from teachers desirous of filling the vacancy on the Levin High School staff

occasioned by the transfer to Wellington of Mr J. C. Burns. There were some local impressions that instead of advertising the position the Board would have filled it by making immediate promotions amongst the present staff.

3rd May 1910 There have been many changes in the Levin school lately. Miss Tavendale, who has for the last three months been doing relieving work in the school, has gone to Wellington, and Miss Von Keisenberg (of Masterton) has taken her place, while the vacancy caused by Mr J. C. Burns having been transferred to Wellington has been filled by Mr Morgan, B. Sc., Liverpool. [Mr Morgan was not teaching at Levin at the end of 1910]

4th May 1910 Masterton At the Masterton District High School on Monday, the headmaster, Mr. W H. Jackson made a presentation from the staff and scholars to Miss E. von Keisenberg, who has been appointed assistant at the Levin School. In making the presentation Mr. Jackson referred to the fact that Miss Keisenberg had been associated with the school from the time when, as a pupil, she was in the infant classes.

9th June 1910 LEVIN HIGH SCHOOL (1) v. LEVIN LADIES. Yesterday on the Levin Reserve the Levin High School played the Levin ladies, and a most enjoyable game took place. The High School got the better of the bully, and had the better of the opening exchanges. Some good play was shown by Miss Francis for Levin ladies, and smart work was given at back by Miss Hurley. A capital rush by the High School resulted in Miss Gardener notching a goal. In the second half play ruled fast and even, but there was no more scoring. Miss Parsons, Miss Gardener and Miss Cork (forwards) played well for the High School, and at back Miss Dot Stuckey and Miss Gibbs showed good form. Mr J. B. Shankland held the whistle. [A bully started hockey games when the 2 centre forwards held a bully where they tapped each other's stick three times then hit the ball to start a game or after a goal had been scored]

13th June 1910 A new school is to be erected at Makerua for the Wellington Education Board.

15th June 1910 LEVIN SCHOOL. APPLICATIONS for the position of caretaker of the Levin School will be received up to June 23rd. Specification can be seen at School House. Applications to be addressed — SECRETARY, 702-2 School Committee, Levin.

15th June 1910 FOR all kinds of up-to-date Confectionery, the Shop opposite the School is right for old and young. Quality suits all. Quantity suits all; and Prices suit all.

16th June 1910 Mr A. J. Harding, who was in charge of the secondary department of the Levin High School, has now been promoted to the position of first assistant on the primary staff, a position held by Mr J. C. Burns up to the time of his translation to Wellington. Applications are now being called for a first assistant in the secondary department.

29th June 1910 Wellington Education Board Miss Stansell of Levin given leave [Miss Stansell was actually at Tokomaru, she had a number of years previously taught at Levin]

Levin School Ventilation of science room £1 10s

Applications from Levin for a gas installation in the residence declined.....The inspectors were asked to report upon applications from Levin for gas in the head-master's and science room,

2nd July 1910 A team of the boys attending the Levin High School played a team from Foxton school this morning, on the Levin reserve. The Foxton boys were the heavier of the two, but in the first half the local lads had by far the better of the game and played up with much dash and combination. Gardener scored- two tries. Rose I, and Hall 1 and: at half time Levin was leading by 12 points to nil. In the second half play was more even, though Levin had

the better of matters, and Gardener scored from a pot at goal. Levin ran out winners by 16 points to nil. Mr Eggelton refereed.

7th July 1910 Mr W. Dineen, truant inspector of the Wellington Education Board, who conducted cases against some Levin parents, to-day, for failure to send their children regularly to school, informed the magistrate (Mr A D. Thomson) that unless certain parents showed more desire to send their children regularly to school he would have to summon them for separate offences, week by week. Some Maori parents were particularly 'bad. Two cases were dealt with by the magistrate -.his morning. John Smith was fined 5s and costs (7s). and John Broughton 2s and costs (12s).

19th July 1910 To-morrow will be Arbor Day, and in many towns and villages of "New Zealand tree planting will be observed on a considerable scale. But at Levin this year apparently nothing is to be done. The School Committee appear to be short of funds, and so this year Arbor Day will pass off without any tree planting. Some hushes require setting around the school, and this, we understand from official sources, will be proceeded with at a later date. [Note the Horowhenua Schools were under control of the Wellington Education Board ]The Wanganui Education Board has drawn up an excellent programme for the guidance of schools within its jurisdiction. Addresses will be given by chairmen of committees and other gentlemen, songs will be sung by pupils, and lessons will be given on methods of tree planting by teachers and friends.....

23rd July 1910 The Levin School Committee held its usual monthly meeting in the District School last evening, the chairman (Mr J. Malcolm) presiding. All the members were present with the exception of Messrs Hannan and C. Williams. After dealing with minor matters brought up by correspondence, it was resolved to approach the Education Department about getting the high pressure water supply installed into the schools. It was the opinion of the committee that more money would be realised by the sale of tanks than would be required to install the water, and as the borough offers to supply the water free it will cost the Department nothing and will do away with the complaints about insanitary tanks.

29th July 1910 The annual visit of the Education Board's Inspectors to the Levin High : School is expected to take place within the next fortnight. Although Arbor Day was not observed this year in Levin, a number of trees were planted in the grounds of the Levin High School on Wednesday. Two half-circles were planted with shrubs of various kinds, and twenty-five pinus muricata were set in other portions of the grounds. Another twenty-live trees are to be planted next Wednesday. The gaps in the front hedge, are also to be filled up at an early date with macrocarpa. Previous to the planting on Wednesday, lessons were given as to the best methods of tree planting

5th August 1910 SOME FACTS THE RURAL COURSE. A MODEL INSTITUTION.

The importance attaching to the educational advantages of a practical erudition in agricultural and domestic, science, has long been appreciated in European countries, and the oversea parts of the Empire. Its utility became so manifest to those responsible for education in New Zealand that in July 1909 the Education Department, circularised the Education Boards of the dominion on the subject. At first sight there seemed many difficulties in the way of carrying out such a programme, but with the capitation fee. of £5 10s, the Wellington Board was able to appoint itinerant instructors in such subjects as woodwork, agricultural science, dairying and domestic science (cooking, hygiene, dressmaking and physiology). The instruction thus put into the-

hands of specially qualified teachers at once place! the new of education on a high pedestal, made it not only possible, but assured for it a popularity among the pupils that was most gratifying and demonstrated the wisdom and sagacity of its authors. The Rural Course was initiated at the Levin High School some six months ago, and the very satisfactory results that have, already been achieved manifestly indicate the accomplishments of the teachers and the patient and intelligent application of the pupils. For those who may not be conversant with the principal features of the Rural Course, it should be stated that its strong points in regard to boys are English, commercial geography. and agriculture, which embraces elementary physics and chemistry botany, physiology, and practical outdoor work, while that same features apply to the

#### GIRLS' CURRICULUM

except that " first aid " is bracketed with physiology, and hygiene, domestic economy, and. dressmaking are also included. The syllabus 'in addition, comprises civics, arithmetic and book-keeping, physical drill, elementary geometry and surveying, woodwork. scale drawing and building construction and cookery. It will thus be noticed that, although the Rural Course may appear to be a somewhat ambitious one. it is pre-eminently a practical one, and the results that are being achieved- at the Levin .school are not of that transitory character that action often associated with certain branches of education in Great Britain and other countries but conveyed to the mind of a reporter of The Chronicle who paid a visit to the school yesterday and perambulated its spacious grounds. The interior of the building is a credit to any scholastic institution. The various rooms are fitted up with every conceivable kind of apparatus; and there was manifested that consideration for the pupils and practical erudition on the part of the teachers, and that lively interest on the part of the taught that are essential factors to success. A class in elementary geometry was being taken yesterday in one of the laboratories by Mr A. J. Harding, who, as is well-known, is first assistant of the primary department. Mr Harding was. in epigrammatic language, explaining various problems with incidity, and the pupils were not only busy with pencils and papers--as all good school boys are supposed to be during school hours-but they manifested intelligent application, and in their answers to questions showed much perspicacity. The work which they were engaged on yesterday corelated to building construction and woodwork. Mr Harding also takes physiology of farm animals with the boys, and elementary agriculture and outdoor .work with both boys and girls. The last named consists of the study of various grasses of which there are twenty-four varieties in (he school gardens including paspalum and the growing of field and garden crops under various conditions of manuring.

Miss McIntosh, one of the itinerary teachers is in charge of the hygiene

DOMESTIC ECONOMY cooking, dressmaking classes, physiology and first aid. The room is really a kitchen and fitted up with all sorts of culinary utensils. In every department 'Miss McIntosh gives a thorough demonstration of her subjects before the girls up the practical work. They exhibit the deepest interest in every detail, and in the matter of cookery are taught the management and cleaning of a stove and scullery work, which leads up to lessons on making soups, boiling vegetables, making stews, cooking various kinds of meats, pies, puddings, cakes, pastry, and a multitude of dishes. Miss McIntosh has a class also in human physiology, with which is co-related to the laws of health and first aid. A very busy scene presents itself in the

department over which Mr Howe, an old Londoner, and who for some years at Auckland. presides. This is

#### AN AIRY BUILDING

and is, strictly speaking, the woodwork room. But in Mr Howe's words, the object of the wood work classes is not carpentry: it is 'hand and eye', training.' The object is not so much primary as technical education. The essential lessons conveyed by a visit here is that the boys are taught "learning by doing." Formerly the idea was to make a drawing and there the matter ended. But here the reporter was shown many tangible instances where the pupil is taught to produce figures in wood from drawings made and it was explained that when he has completed his task the article is taken home as a specimen of his industry. So that by means of his hands, his brain is taught to develop. Another important feature in this connection is that such a process is found most engrossing and imparts a liveliness to schooling. Mr Howe says it is essential to insist on three or four points. The first is: the boy must have a keen sense of observation. He must be patient, possess reliance and be accurate.. He also aims at formation of character and says that it is "the doing." not "the thing done" that is required. A boy, he points out, who has become an accountant learns more than arithmetic, and the same consequently applies to other professions and trades. Some of the work the boys are turning out .such as joints, brackets and stools, and small articles of utility such as a match stand or pot stand, is excellently done, and later they will be taught to make rake handles, pig troughs and dog kennels. During the morning they had been given lessons on seasoning timber, and sound principles underlying the construction of houses and buildings had been

LUCIDLY AND INTERESTINGLY explained. Throughout this, as in every other department, method is a dominating feature, and one could not but be impressed with the the admirable system of institution. The boys. possess a stock - of 'apparatus that would be envied by larger scholastic foundations in other countries, and one was struck with the admirable system of filing drawers which is observed, the stock of tools to hand and the commodious lockers that are erected for storing the apparatus. In each department Levin High School is supplied with every accessory of a high grade school in the most advanced European or American countries, and under the talented and matured administration of Mr McIntyre, -its headmaster, and his coadjutors, it is likely not only to develop its resources and increase its utility, but to enhance its already incontestably 'high reputation.

9th August 1910 THE LEVTN SCHOOL

To the Editor

Sir,--Your article in. last Friday's Chronicle re the Levin High School may be true, but those that go away with the idea that the same applies to the lower classes of the Levin District School will be sadly misled.

The want of system that prevails in the selection of junior teachers is terrible, and there have been occasions upon which teachers were selected who not only had no special training for the work but had not even had a good training in the ordinary subjects that go to make up the requirements of a general education. Add. to this an absence of the knowledge of school discipline an unlimited use of corporal punishment, and you can imagine what school life is to the poor wretches of children that come under their rod!

It is impossible for the headmaster to constantly keep touch with all classes in a school scattered as this one is, so he is not so much to blame; it is the system that allows the

appointment of the unfit to such very responsible positions as the educating of young children. I am told that pupil teachers are not permitted to use corporal punishment in dealing with the children under their care; but if this is so, this regulation is ignored here. —I am, etc., PARENT

9th August 1910 Mr C Rockel has been appointed second assistant master at Levin District High School; This was the first appointment to Wellington Education Board School. Mr Rockel stayed at Levin to until at least 1921 as secondary school teacher before going to teach at Blenheim/Redwood school by 1923. In 1909 he was teaching at Bull's District High School as their secondary school teacher

12th August 1910 Next Friday Night the members of the Levin D. H. School Girls' Hockey Club and the boys of the football club are holding a. euchre Party at the Druids' Hall. They are all working most enthusiastically for the one end, so it promises to be a huge success.

31st August 1910 Wellington Education Board The, Government's- proposal regarding the conveyance of 'children from the Kimberley Road to Levin' was approved

31st August 1910 Miss F Stansell Pupil Teacher at Levin resigns

31st August 1910 Wellington Education Board approves introduction of H P service [H P High Pressure water rather than tank water]

24th September 1910 A meeting of the School Committees 'of the Levin District High School was fixed for last evening at the High School at 7.30. Mr McIntyre was in attendance, but as no one had arrived by 8.15, the meeting did not take place.

28th September 1910 Wellington Education Board the board take, possession, of sections 3, 4, and 11 to 20 at Levin, and,, unless the rent is immediately paid of 1 and 2 also.

30th November 1910 Wellington Education Board It was agreed that application be made to the Education Department for a-grant for gas equipment for the cookery and science rooms, if required in 'connection with class-work at Levin, and. also for an additional grant of £100 for the completion of rooms for the rural course.

15th December 1910 On Tuesday afternoon Dr. Kennedy, of Levin, conducted an examination in first aid at the local school. Instruction on this subject has been given for some time past by Dr. Mandl, who has also promised prizes to the best boy and girl In the class. The examination on Tuesday was held for the purpose of awarding these prizes with the following results : — Girls : Hope Mackie , Mary Collins 2 ; boys : Fred Pearce , George Walsh 2.

## 1911

1911	440	Levin DHS	McIntyre	James	D1	Head Master	£335.00	House
1911	440	Levin DHS	Harding	Albert J	C2	Assistant Master	£215.00	
1911	440	Levin DHS	Williams	John F	D2	Assistant Master	£150.00	
1911	440	Levin DHS	Hurley	Irene N	C3	Assistant Female	£135.00	
1911	440	Levin DHS	Stuckey	Dorothy E	D3	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1911	440	Levin DHS	Tonkinson	Lizzie G	D4	Assistant Female	£95.00	
1911	440	Levin DHS	Von Keisenberg	E M		Assistant Female	£90.00	
1911	440	Levin DHS	O'Meara	Elsie J		FP3	£55.00	
1911	440	Levin DHS	Gibbs	Catherine		FP1	£50.00	
1911	440	Levin DHS	Cork	Gladys		FP1	£20.00	
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30th January 1911 The Levin District High School opened to-day with a good attendance! Thirty new pupils were entered on the books. Miss Scott, who has been connected with the school for a number of years has resigned her position as infant mistress. Parents are again reminded that under the new-regulation children are required to attend every day.

1st February 1911 Probationer Appointment Levin Gladys Cork and Catherine Gibbs. Gladys Cork taught 1911 and 1912 at Levin. Then went to Training College for two years and then spent one more year at Levin. Catherine Gibbs taught for two Years at Levin. And a Catherine Gibbs was teaching at Whareama School in 1917

6th February 1911 A private school for the training of voting children is to be opened in the Oddfellows' Hall, Levin, on Thursday next, by Miss Lesbia Wilson. Such an institution is sure to be appreciated by parents, and -Miss "Wilson's venture ought to "prove eminently successful.

1st March 1911 In 1909 the local Rugby Union received money from the Now Zealand Rugby Union for the encouragement of school football. The money was handed over to Mr J. McIntyre, headmaster of Levin school, to spend at his discretion. Mr Harding, of the school teaching staff, \_ arranged matches with the various schools along the coast and , finally selected representative teams which travelled, to Feilding and Palmerston North. Last year some of the schoolmasters seemed dissatisfied at the inclusion of the secondary department boys of the Levin school, and they either failed, to turn up at meetings or they threw cold water on the scheme. The\* consequence was no money was spent. This year there is a -balance in hand, and probably a further sum will be received from the 'Now Zealand Rugby Union. Under these circumstances, Mr Harding intends to apply to the local Union for a ruling on the matter of utilisation. Messrs McIntyre and Harding will endeavour to arrange another meeting of the teachers so that the whole subject may be gone into. If the teachers fail to turn up this time, the Union will be asked to give permission for the spending of the money as Mr McIntyre and Mr Harding may deem best

2nd March 1911 A much-needed bicycle shed has been erected by .Mr G. K. Douglas at the Levin District High School abutting on the, carpentering and woodwork room. It is proving a great convenience to teachers and pupils and will accommodate about sixty cycles.

3rd March 1911 Library Subsidies granted by Parliament Levin £13 5s 2d [£13 is = to \$2261.20 in March 2020 terms]

11th March 1911 An interesting shooting match took place at the. Levin butts on Friday, 10th March, when a team of boys from the Levin District High School Junior Cadets, in charge "of Captain Harding, competed against a team from the Weraroa Training Farm Junior Cadets, in charge of Captain Eggleton, for the possession of the Kebbells Shield. The match was lived in pleasant weather—dull, but nearly windless—and resulted in a win for Levin.....

13th March 1911 At a meeting of the Levin School Committee on' Saturday evening it was decided to hold the annual outing on Wednesday March 23rd on the Levin racecourse. If the racecourse is not available the outing will be held on the Horowhenua- lake side. It was found that the funds would not permit of the picnic being held at Plimmerton. Considerably over £20 would be required for railway expenses alone

21st March 1911 After many postponements it has finally been decided to hold the Levin school picnic on Wednesday, March 29. The date originally fixed was Wednesday,

March '2-2, which was found unsuitable as the Flower Show was being held on that day. Friday, next fixed on, was unsuitable for various reasons; and .Monday, the next date arranged, was found unsuitable as the ladies' committee could not cut sandwiches on the preceding night.

29th March 1911 The annual picnic in connection with the Levin District High School is taking place to-day on the- racecourse. Through the financial aid of friends the scholars will be regaled with soft drinks and' buns and sandwiches. An interesting programme of sports has been arranged. The N.Z. Farmers' Distributing Company has given a box of tea as a prize for the married women's race.

30th March 1911 LEVIN DISTINCT HIGH SCHOOL.

ANNUAL The annual picnic in connection with the Levin District High School took place yesterday on the racecourse, at Weraroa, and proved a very gratifying success. The weather was splendid, and the boys and girls passed a most enjoyable day. Some 650 persons were present, including 540 children, who greatly appreciated the kindness of those who, by financial aid, had enabled them to enjoy such a pleasant afternoon. The committee desire to thank Major Burlinson, the manager of the Boys' Training Farm, for the hire of bread cutters, and his kind offer of six boys to assist in serving refreshments. Everyone connected." with the picnic worked indefatigably to make the affair a success .and thanks are due to .Mrs Hansen for her active assistance. The programme of sports was enthusiastically carried out," and the following are the results as officially supplied:—.

Girls' race, 8 and 9 years—O. Carmont 1, D. Anderson 2. D. Jones 3.

Boys' race, 8 and 9 years—E. Yuile 1. A. Williams 2.

Girls' race. '10 and 11 years.— M Ofsoski 1, L Hansen 2. C. Middleton 3.

Boys' race, 10 and 11 years — D. McDonald 1, E. Knight 2. E. Clark 3. ' Wheelbarrow race— G. McDonald and G. Arcus 1. R. Bartholomew and R Collier 2. Gills' race. 12 and 13 years - E. Laing 1, E. Middleton 2. 'L. Carlson 3

Boys race, 12 and 13 years—H. Palmer ], J. Snell 2, A. Cork 3.

Boys' three-legged race — Smith and T. Reidy 1 G.. Gardener J McIntyre 2. W. Clark and C. Arcus 3.

Girls' three-legged race. o — K. Middleton and E. Fox 1. M. Welby and W Ferris 2, C. Middleton and N Ofsoski 3.

Girls II years and over—L. Butt 1, R. Axup 2, E. Fox 3.

Boys' race. 11 years and over— G. Gardener I. J. McIntyre 2, Staples 3.

Mile Race - B. Berryman 1. S. Mudgway 2, H. Palmer 3.

4th April 1911 The final meeting of the Wellington Commissioners was held on Friday, and some important matters relating to Levin district were dealt with. Mr Field, M.P. for this electorate, has 'been a member of the Commissioners for some years past, and has always kept a vigilant eye upon the requirements of this locality. One of the last note of the Commissioners, on the motion of Mr Field, was the passing of a resolution to give the whole of the education reserve at Levin, section 28 containing 8 acres 1 rood and 16 perches to the Education Board for school purposes. Up till a few days ago only five acres had been allotted, and Mr Field urgently impressed upon the Board the wisdom of giving the additional three acres odd, as he maintained that the total area would not be by any means too much for the educational needs of Levin in the very near future.

6th April 1911 The question of forming a branch of the Navy league at the Levin District High School is likely to be considered at an early date, but nothing will be done until a definite statement is made by Mr J. McIntyre, the headmaster. Mr Palmer, of the Wellington branch, was in Levin yesterday, and called: at The Chronicle Office, He said that he had seen Mr McIntyre on the matter and had suggested to him that a branch of the League, might be formed at the school. A trip could, he thought, be arranged to Wellington, at a nominal fee, about 3d "each boy return, and they would be able to see the Exhibition after visiting the warship.

11th April 1911 Mr Harding, of the staff of the Levin District High School, is calling a meeting of the teachers in charge of schools in the district to arrange how the money donated by the New Zealand Rugby Union for the encouragement of school football is to be spent. The meeting will be held at the High School on Saturday next week

19th April 1911 A meeting of the Levin School Committee was held last evening in the District High School, when various subscriptions in connection with the recent picnic on the racecourse were handed in. Mr W. Francis, the secretary, was requested to pay certain accounts from the money paid in, and a further meeting of the committee was fixed for Friday evening, after which date all accounts will be settled. The meeting passed a vote of thanks to the ladies who kindly cut sandwiches for the and also to Messrs T Broome, Bulliman Bros, Scott, Williams and Smith (Bakers) and The manager of the dairy factory for donations in kind The meeting was presided over by Mr J. Malcolm, and those present were: Messrs Lancaster, Shaw, Hannan, McIntyre, C. Palmy' and Francis. The question of what steps to be taken in connection with the coming election of a school committee for Levin was informally mentioned at last evening's meeting of the Levin School Committee." It was stated by several members that it was quite probable they would not take any active measures whatever. Mr Malcolm :We must not let them steal a march on us! it was decided to discuss the matter at Friday's meeting.

25th APRIL 1911 The annual meeting of the Levin District School committee was held last evening at the High School, Oxford street. There was a fairly large attendance present. Mr P. W. Goldsmith was on the motion of Mr T. Malcolm, appointed chairman of the meeting. Mr Francis (the secretary) then read the following reports :—

COMMITTEE'S REPORT. The retiring committee in presenting to you the Headmaster's report and balance sheet, have pleasure in stating that everything in connection with the school has been most successful for the year, from all points of view. The committee met 13 times during the year (ordinary and special meetings) which were attended as follows:— J Malcolm (chairman) 11 times; W. Francis (secretary) 13 times; E. Lancaster 10 times; C Shaw 10 times; C. Palmer 9 times; T Hook 9 times ; C. Williams 8 times ; D Hannan 7 times; T. Williams 5 times. Two of the members of the committee left the district during the year, viz., Messrs Thomas and Chas. Williams; the committee did not deem it necessary to fill their places as there was seldom any difficulty in getting a quorum as you will see from the record of attendances. We are pleased to say we have not to repeat the old cry that we are unable to make ends meet, the new scale of capitation just enables us to pay our way but allows for no extravagances. The principal improvements carried out during the year is the following, viz., a complete system of drainage, the installation of the high pressure water supply, and the erection of a bicycle shelter. The installation of the water was carried out by the committee, but the Board handed over the tanks to us, and by the sale of them we have just been able to pay for the work and leave a little over. The Board carried out the drainage and the erection of the

shelter shed themselves, on our recommendation. We venture to say that from a sanitary point of view our schools are equal to any and far ahead of many in the Education Board District. The bicycle shelter is much appreciated by those that use the bicycle. There- is, however, one thing that we wish to impress on the new committee. And that is to keep on at the Education Board to install the gas in the headmaster's residence and in the office of the main school. We think this may be got if the committee are persistent, as there is not likely to be much of anything else wanted. The committee wish to return thanks to secretary for the way in which he has carried out his work, for on the secretary devolves the lion's share of the work of the committee.

**SCHOOL PICNIC.** The committee decided to give the children a picnic, and it came off on the 29th of last month on the "Racecourse, a most suitable place for it. It was the intention of the committee in the first place to hold the function at Plimmerton, but it was found impossible to raise the funds; it requires about £20 to run it successfully at home, and it would have cost £25 for railway fares alone to convey them to Plimmerton. We think it is the duty of this meeting to pass a most hearty vote of thanks to the directors of the Horowhenua Park Company for the use of the courses and conveniences. The accounts in connection with the function are hardly squared up yet, but the receipts and expenditure, about £20, will just about balance.

**HEADMASTER'S REPORT.** The headmaster reported as follows :— There was at the beginning of the year a staff of 12 but as there was a large fall in the roll, owing to an exodus of whole families from the district, and a fall in the average attendance caused by an epidemic of fever, the school was reduced a grade and this lost the services of two teachers. Two probationers (Misses Cork and Gibbs) were, however, appointed and the staffing now may be considered satisfactory, consisting as it does of head teacher, eight assistants, one pupil teacher, and two probationers. Misses Stuckey, Tonkinson, Von. Keisenberg, Stevens and Mr Rockel were appointed during the year; Miss Morrison was removed to Lansdown, Mr Burns to Mount Cook Boys, and Miss Weitzel entered as a student of the Teachers Training College; Miss Stansell, owing to protracted illness, was obliged to resign and Miss Scott retired on superannuation on account of ill health. Miss Scott's connection with the school extended over a period of nine years, during which, time she was in charge of the infant department, and there was not wanting evidence in the upper standards of the strong foundation she had paid in the lower part of the school. Mr Burns' appointment to Mt Cook was a distinct loss to the school. His work was markedly good, and the success of the school sports and more especially in shooting was undoubtedly owing to the great interest manifested by Mr Burns. Inspectors, visits were made as follow :— May 5th, Mr Gill, Inspector of Secondary Schools; May 13th, Messrs Bakewell and Tennant, Education Board Inspectors; March 1st, Mr Isaacs, Inspector under the Manual and Technical Education. Act. The whole of these reported the organisation and general work of the school as eminently satisfactory. The annual promotion examination was held at the end of the year. Several candidates sat for Junior Civil, of whom four were successful and one candidate matriculated. The rural course has proved a generally popular one, and the pupils have entered on the work with great enthusiasm. The Wellington Board offered three senior scholarships open to pupils of the six district high schools in the Wellington District, and who had been taking the rural course. Two of these were won by pupils of the Levin School—Fred Hansen and Olive Milnes, they being placed first and second respectively. The inspectors expressed the opinion that had Margery Adkin attended the

practical part of the examination she would have beaten these two and so have brought the whole three rural scholarships to Levin. The average and roll was as follows: March quarter, average roll 509, average attendance 445; June quarter, average roll 493, average attendance 432; September quarter, average roll 473, average attendance 408; December quarter, average roll 467, average attendance 423; average for the year on roll 486, average attendance 427. This shows a gradual decrease in the roll from 509 to 467. The per cent, of average attendance was 88. Last session an amendment in the Education Act was passed which compels the attendance of all pupils on every school day instead of as heretofore allowing an absence of one day. This has had a marked effect on the attendance for the March quarter of this year. With a roll number of 482, 463 has been the average attendance or a percentage of 96. In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation of the cordial relations existing between the School Committee, myself and the staff,' and express the desire that these relations will continue. The chairman pointed! out that there was a balance of £11 to the good—a rather unusual thing for a school committee.

Mr Malcolm stated that if all the debts had been paid the committee would still have a small balance (applause)

Mr Mathieson proposed the adoption of the report

Mr R Prouse considered the outgoing committee deserved the thanks of the community for the work it had done A task that any man or woman man who sat on the committee had to consider was could make both ends meet. He seconded the motion, for the adoption of the report. , , The motion was agreed to

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the headmaster (Mr J. McIntyre) and the teaching staff for their services during the past year.,

Mr R. Prouse moved a cordial rote of thanks to the committee for its services.

This was seconded and agreed to amid applause.

A similar compliment was passed to the Horowhenua Park Co" for its kindness in lending the racecourse for the picnic.

The following school committee was elected ,

. C. Palmer 54

E. S. Lancaster 53

W. Francis 49

T. Broome 48

J. Malcolm 46

B. Shaw 45

L Hook 43

D. Hannan 48

T. A. B. Hudson 36

Not elected: Messrs Sidney, Hall, Kelliher, H. H. Cork and F. W. Jones. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to .the chairman for presiding.

10th May 1911 In a long piece on who could play schoolboy rugby and whether the Levin High School boys could play for the school was this piece on weight : There is no boy in this school who weighs 9 stone, let alone 10 stone, yet we have several who are practically 17 years of age. From this it. appears' that the .average boy of 17 years does not exceed 9 stone in

weight. Taking the three oldest boys in the **school**, I find their average age is 16 yrs 11 m, and' their average weight 8 stone 6 lbs. Which is only 53.52 Kilograms

1st May 1911 The Census returns for Levin Borough show an increase- of 343, the total being 1608, against 1265. The returns for Horowhenua County are incomplete, but a marked increase of population is already ascertained

30th May 1911 Miss Winder, who formerly conducted a private school in Levin has returned to this town and intends to resume her post as a scholastic instructor. Particulars will be advertised in a later issue.

31st May 1911 To the Editor, Sir, —Kindly allow me a. small space in your widely-read news to state a grievance with reference to the care of the infants at the Levin school. I am informed that there is a lot of children attending the school who are unlucky enough to live at some distance, and therefore are compelled to take their dinners with them. These youngsters, on wet days, are bundled into an open, cold shed, where they have to remain for an hour and a- half, while the teachers (who ought to be more able to stand the damp) have their lunch by the fireside in the school. If the children cannot be allowed 'in the classroom they ought at least have the comfort of the corridors, where there is a door to protect them from the rain. Another matter is the system of "line up" before going into school. On wet days, instead of the children being hurried into school and out of the wet as soon as .possible, they are. compelled to "line-up," and consequently have wet clothes for the remaining school hours. Open air treatment is said to be a cure for consumption, but I think the above is courting the disease.— Yours, etc.,  
**HEALTH. Weraroa.**

1st June 1911 To the Editor. Sir,—I was agreeably gratified to see the letter in yesterday's .paper re the grievance at the Levin school, and I think "Health" deserves the gratitude of all parents who have infants attending the school. F have 'heard enough coughing at night.by. my own children to convince me that the life of the infant on wet days is not pleasant. f would have ventilated this grievance before this, but for the knowledge that I will be able shortly to send my boy to the Catholic Convent, where T know 'he will be well cared for. When I was at school the teacher, on wet days, came round and felt our coats, and any boy whose coat was wet got the strap and was sent home, where, in. my case, it meant another hiding.— Yours, etc..  
**OXFORD STREET.**

1st July 1911 There were five applications for the position of junior mistress of the New Plymouth High School, and the High School Board decided to offer the appointment to Miss F. E. Livingston, M.A., at present on the staff of the Levin District High School

28th June 1911 Miss F Livingstone second assistant Levin and Miss V Stevens Pupil Teacher resigned. Neither taught for the Wellington Education Board again.

4th July 1911 In a long article on supplying baths for Levin included Mr. Palmer said that all alone the line the school committee had battled hard for baths on account of the children, and if that council threw out the resolution—if it ignored the will of the ratepayers—then the school committee would go round with the hat and form baths. Eighty or ninety per cent, of the ratepayers were in favour of the resolution.

8th July 1911**CORONATION MEDALS.**

**FOR LEVIN BOYS AND GIRLS**

Yesterday afternoon a very interesting ceremony took place in connection with the Coronation, when five hundred Coronation medals were distributed by the Mayoress to the boys and girls

attending the Levin District High School. The function took place in the school grounds, and the scholars were marshalled by the headmaster (Mr J. McIntyre).

Mr J. Malcolm, Chairman of the School Committee, stated that owing to the medals arriving too late for distribution before the school broke up, it had been decided that a public function should take place and the medals should then be given away. The Mayor (Mr B. R. Gardener) said that he trusted the matter of the Coronation of King George would be borne in mind by the boys and girls present.....

12th July 1911 The vacancy in the Levin School Committee, occasioned by the departure from Levin of Mr W. Francis, senior, is to be filled, we understand by the appointment of Mr H. Cork who stands next in order on the list of the non-elected candidates who stood at the householders' meeting in April last.

18th July 1911. Levin Borough Council applies for funding for baths included Cr. Mackenzie replied to the remarks of Cr. Hannan and said that the headmaster of the District High School had assured him that the baths would be a perfect boon to the children of poor people. Barely 5 per cent, of the scholars could swim [Note that as at the 31st July baths were not going to be built at Levin. Even though the Government were paying half the cost]

1st August 1911 An interesting little function took place the other day at the Levin District High School, when a presentation was made to Miss Livingstone, M.A., from the staff and scholars of the secondary classes. Mr McIntyre, the headmaster, made the presentation on behalf of the staff, and remarked upon Miss Livingstone's abilities as a teacher and the good work she had performed in the secondary classes. Mr McIntyre pointed out that she showed she had ability to adapt herself to the special circumstances of the institution. She had previously been employed under the old grammar school lines, and since the inauguration of the rural course she had made herself perfectly familiar with every detail of the work. The presentation from the staff consisted of a nice travelling cloak, and from scholars of a handsome hand mirror. Miss Olive Milnes, the senior scholar, made the presentation on behalf of secondary classes and expressed their regret at her departure and wished her success in her new sphere. Miss Landress, M.A., Miss Livingstone's successor, begins duties to-day

7th August 1911 Other schools didn't want the College pupils playing in the Horowhenua competition. Sir, —I would like to endorse what " KICK Him" says in his letter on the subject of football—or rather, no football—at the Levin High School. When I was a scholar there and Mr Burns was in charge of the school sport, we had lots of football, and Mr Burns proved a good sport. Now-a-days, as my brother says, the lads cannot get 'one match arranged. If the boys were like they were when I was at school there would be a fair rumpus. I think it is as necessary for boys to learn football as it is to plant pumpkins, and from what I hear football is really being discouraged. When the present Levin senior team is played out where are we going to get new blood from? That's what I want to know.—Yours, etc. WAKE HIM UP.

7th August 1911 Measles is prevalent in Levin just now and over thirty children are absent from the District High school. Parents are advised as soon as they notice the eruption of red spots on the faces and necks of their children to promptly remove them to warm surroundings.

7th August 1911 Levin DHS secondary assistant Miss I McLandress M A appointed

August Other schools Isabella McLandress taught at Masterton from 1906 to 1909. In 1910 she was at Greytown DHs From 1911 to 1914 at Levin DHS. Then by 1915 she was sole teacher at Makuri School East of Pahiatua on the Pongaroa Road. By 1917 she was assistant at

Berhampore until at least 1919. I can find no further mention of her past 1919. Possibly went overseas

30th August 1911 Miss McKinnon resigned as assistant

12th September 1911 Mr Bakewell M A is inspecting the Levin District High School today

23rd September 1911 Part of a long article. At this time of the year when gardening operations are in full swing, it may be of interest to parents and to others to know what has been done and is being done in the High School gardens. The experimental garden contains some quarter acre or so, fenced off in one corner of the playground and sheltered on the south and west by pines. The water race runs through the garden; indeed, it may be made to run right round the garden. The oblong is divided down the middle by a wide path, and then each "half" is subdivided into twelve beds, the boys taking charge of one half and the girls of the other. At the inner end of each bed a piece 5 foot x 11 foot, has been cut off to provide 24 glass plots. There were originally 24 varieties of grasses grown, but that number has been reduced to 12. Some being killed out by the dry hot weather and some never having grown satisfactorily.....

28th September 1911 Several of the boys attending the Levin District High School were to be seen practising at cricket - on the recreation ground, Queen street, yesterday, and it was apparent that there was some good material awaiting development. Mr A. J. Harding a few days ago called a meeting of the scholars when it was decided to form a club. T. McIntyre was elected captain. W. Clark vice-captain, with Mr Harding as Hon. secretary and treasurer. It is hoped to open the season on Wednesday next.

13th October 1911 Disappearance of the measles trouble in Levin has been followed by marked improvement in the public school attendance average, and it is likely that next month's figures will show a highly satisfactory total.

A letter from the secretary of the Wellington Education Board, received by Mr Shaw Hon. secretary to the Levin public school committee, notifies the appointment of Miss I. N. Hurley, of Wellington, as an assistant in Levin public school. The work of excavating in connection with the new baths is in hand, and it is hoped to have this part of the work finished by the end of this week. Irene N Hurley worked at Levin until 1914 and then taught at Berhampore school until at least 1923 when my records end. In 1910 Irene Hurley was teaching at the Musselburgh School in Dunedin

11th November 1911 A meeting of the committee of the Levin District High School was held last evening when the following members attended:—Messrs Malcolm (chairman). Hannan, Palmer, Lancaster, Broome. and Shaw. A good deal of business of a routine character was transacted. The chairman reported that the capitation for the quarter ending September had come to hand, and instead of showing a big reduction as expected on account of the measles epidemic, it showed a good increase — about £7 better than ever or a jump from £22 to £29. It seems the board decided to give an extra grant of 5 1/2d per child, to enable committees to clean the slate at the end of the year. The committee will now be in the happy position to say it owes no man anything. The school breaks up for the midsummer holidays on the 15th December.

14th December 1911 ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES. The following pupils of the Levin District High School obtained first class attendance certificates, i.e., were present every day during the year:—Gladys Cotter, Bert Ledger, Ernest Dudding, May Johnson, Raymond.,

Dudding, Claude Leger, Doris Thompson, Rona "William!", Dan O'Connell, John O'Donoghue, Nita Cotter, John Laing, Edith Heasman, Wilfred Hall, Harry Rippon, Lionel Hannan, Emily Laing, Gilbert Arcus, Thomas Clark, Doris Devonshire, Dorothy Heasman, Ella Thompson, Albert Hanson, Donald Laing, John Sharman, Nina Anstice, Agnes Williamson, Allan Prouse, Olive Milnes, Maurice Sutherland and Vera Richards.

The following having been absent not more than five half-days, received 2nd class certificates Wallace Thorburn, Connie Cotter, Eunice Marsh, Ethel Francis, Nina Procter, Eileen Sigglekow, John Parsons, Ernest Pink, Cyrus Mason, Ida Palmer, George Taylor, Clanibel Butler, Lily Frechtling, Lily Hansen, Marion McTaggart. John Herd, Douglas Wallace, Evelyn Smith, Doris Palmer, Dorothy Shute, Gertrude Herd, Havand Barham, George Johnson, Marjory Malcolm. Ivy Pink, Horace Johnson, John Parsons, Arthur Mundon, Clarence Holdaway.

20th December 1911 Wellington Education Board A petition from residents between Levin and Shannon for . a half-way school was held over for more complete information

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1912	428	Levin DHS	McIntyre	James	D1	Head Master	£340.00	House
1912	428	Levin DHS	Harding	Albert J	C1	Assistant Master	£220.00	
1912	428	Levin DHS	Williams	John F	D2	Assistant Master	£155.00	
1912	428	Levin DHS	Hurley	Irene N	C3	Assistant Female	£135.00	
1912	428	Levin DHS	Stuckey	Dorothy E	D2	Assistant Female	£125.00	
1912	428	Levin DHS	Tonkinson	Lizzie G	D4	Assistant Female	£100.00	
1912	428	Levin DHS	Von Keisenberg	Ernestine M	D4	Assistant Female	£100.00	
1912	428	Levin DHS	Burbush	Nellie M	D5	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1912	428	Levin DHS	O'Meara	Elsie J		FP4	£60.00	
1912	428	Levin DHS	Gibbs	Catherine		FP2	£55.00	
1912	428	Levin DHS	Gray	Harold A W		MP2	£35.00	
1912	428	Levin DHS	Cork	Gladys		FP2	£25.00	
1912	428	Levin DHS	Rockel	Cecil Ferdinand	B3	Secondary		
1912	428	Levin DHS	McLandress MA	Isabella	B2	Secondary		

13th January 1912 The Levin swimming baths are to be officially opened by the Mayor (Mr B. It. Gardener) on Wednesday, and yesterday a largely attended mocking in. connection with the function was held at .Mr S. Brewster's offices, . Oxford street. It was decided -to ask Major Burlinson, the manager of the boys training farm, to ' allow the band of that institution to be present at the opening ceremony. A was arranged, and Mr Brewster promised to write to Wellington and ascertain particulars in regard to affiliating with the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association

22nd January 1912 Scholarships Rural Course Olive Milnes was 1st and Robert Greig was 3rd. Both from Levin DHS

2nd March 1912 Part of a long article: Weather records taken by the pupils of the Levin District High School, under direction of Mr A. J. Harding, ' show that February was one of the wettest Februaries experienced here. The total rainfall for the month was close upon four inches. Below

we : give a summary of the observations taken in respect of the various meteorological conditions. [Four Inches = 101 Millimetres]

12th March 1912 There is a splendid plot of maize at the gardens connected with the Levin. District High School. Farmers who have inspected it say that it is the best crop they have ever seen. A Queen street farmer was very much struck with it. The gardens throughout are in excellent condition, a fact which reflects much credit on Mr Rockell, who is in charge.

13th March 1912 Mr Bignall, caretaker of the Levin public school was found hanging from a beam in the woodwork room of the Technical school, Levin, this morning. The woodwork instructor (Mr Grant) found the body at 9 o'clock this morning, and he immediately sent for Dr. Kennedy, who on arrival pronounced life extinct. An inquest will be held tomorrow.

28th March 1912 Necessary Works recommended by the respective school committee\* at Levin, Ohau, and Manakau are to be undertaken forthwith. This decision was come to by the Wellington Education Board at its meeting this week.

22nd April 1912 To the Editor). Sir,—Although the matter its being kept secret, the Bible-in-Schools party intend to try on Monday evening to upset the present secular syllabus, which has worked so 'well and so smoothly hitherto. It is, therefore, the duty of every man and woman who values the educational welfare of their children to attend the school! Committee election at eight o'clock on Monday evening in District High School, and frustrate the endeavour-, of those who would impair the educational efficiency of the children. —Yours, etc., BIRETTA.

23rd April 1912 ELECTION AT LEVIN.

HEADMASTER MAKES A GRATIFYING REPORT.

SOMETHING ABOUT A "TICKET."

A meeting of the householders of Levin to elect a School Committee for the ensuing year was held last evening in the District High School. Mr P W. Goldsmith was voted to the chair. ANNUAL REPORT The chairman of the School Committee (Mr J. Malcolm) presented the following report:— During the year the committee held eight meetings which were well attended by the members, and shortcomings on the part of any of them were due in most cases to insufficient notice; the chairman and secretary, however, attended all of them. The last year was a very easy one for the Committee, as there was nothing of any importance going on. The school grounds are now attended to by the boys, and we are sure you will all admit there is great improvement. We think the teachers are entitled to great credit, and a vote of thanks from the householders. We are pleased to say that the capitation now received from the "Education Board just enables the Committee to keep out of debt. We started the year with a CREDIT BALANCE.

and we finish up with one, not very much different. The only work the Committee have done for the year is metalling round the infant school and cutting the hedges. We regret to say the Committee lost the services of a most efficient caretaker when Mr Bignall died. We have appointed a successor to him to-night, and we hope he will prove as efficient. and give the Committee as little trouble as Mr Bignall did. Attached is the balance sheet, showing the financial transactions for the year. It has been duly audited by the Education Board and found correct.

MR J. MCINTYRE'S HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

School roll. —At the close of the year ending March, 1911, the roll was : Boys, 225; girls, 173. During the year the withdrawals just about equalled the admissions, and the roll now is: Boys,

242; girls, 233; total, 475. The regulation which provides for the compulsory attendance of every child on every school day, instead of as heretofore allowing an absence of one day a week, has had a very marked effect on the percentage of attendance. In previous years a percentage of 87 or 83 was all that could be attained, while since the regulation came into force, and notwithstanding that during the September quarter was an epidemic of measles, which materially affected the attendance, the percentage has been 93. Omitting the September quarter the average attendance was 451. but the average for September quarter (397) brought the yearly average down to 437. .

Staffing.—During the year ending December, 1911, the school, owing to a fall in grade, which led to the loss of two teachers, was understaffed, but, the attendance having increased, the school is now fully staffed, consisting as it does of headmaster, nine assistants, two pupil teachers, and two probationers, 14 in all. Miss Burbush (assistant), who does not commence duty till , May, and Alf Gray (pupil teacher), have been appointed owing to the rise in grade. During the year Misses Livingstone. M.A., McKinnon and .Stevens resigned, and Misses McLandress, M.A., Hurley and O'Meara were appointed respectively to the vacant positions. Examination and inspection.- Messrs Fleming and Tennant. Education Board Inspectors paid a visit of inspection on April 17: Mr McGill, Departmental Inspector of secondary work, paid a visit on May 22nd, and Mr Bakewell. Education Board Inspector. made the annual visit on September 11th. 12th. 13th, 14th, and 15th. The reports received from all were of a very satisfactory character. .Notwithstanding the school being understaffed for a portion of the year, and that the attendance .suffered for over two months from a measles epidemic, a very satisfactory year's work has been accomplished, and the teachers have shown that they are earnest in their efforts in discharging their duty to pupils committed to their care.

The chairman considered that it was very encouraging to Levin that the attendance had increased under the new legislation, despite an epidemic.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The following were nominated as a school committee :—Messrs D. Hannan. J. Malcolm, E. Lancaster. A. Shaw, F. J. Glaskin, F. C. Rout. A. .Sims. E. Henderson. S. Hall. J Procter. T. Broome, A. Dempsey. F. O. Smith, C. Kelliher, J. Mason, J. Whittaker.

Messrs France, Richter, Harding and Roe were elected scrutineers.

At this stage Mr H. Gilmore proposed, and Mr Peter Arcus seconded a cordial vote of thanks to the outgoing committee for their past services.

This was heartily agreed to.

Mr Malcolm briefly acknowledged the resolution, stating that the past term had been a very pleasant one, and he hoped that the new committee's experience would be as pleasant as that the retiring committee.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the teaching staff for their excellent services during the past year.

A BREEZE. In connection with the election of a new committee, Mr F. E. Parker said that there had been handed round a "ticket" containing names. He thought that was a very unwise proceeding. He would like to ask those present not to be influenced by a " ticket," but to use their own discretion. There were other

names on the blackboard, than the nine handed round on the paper!

The chairman: Wo don't know anything about tickets! We can vote as we like.

Mr Malcolm declared that he believed the householders present had sufficient intelligence to know how to vote without the directions of Mr Parker or a party "ticket." (Loud applause).

Mr Shaw remarked that he was secretary last season, and he did a fair amount of work, and "never bugged to anything." But his name was not on the ticket this time.

The chairman said that so far as that went they knew no ticket there. (Loud applause). He would never be pledged by a ticket.

The following was the result of the voting:—

D. Hannan ... 68

J. Malcolm ... 80

E. Lancaster ... 86

A. Shaw ... 45

F. J. Glackin ... 53

F. C. Rout ... 53

A. Sims ... 31

E. Henderson ... 74

S. Hall ... 56

J. Procter ... 50

T. Broome ... 61

A. Dempsey ... 41

F. O. Smith ... 42

C. Kelleher ... 57

J. Mason ... 24

The following were accordingly declared elected:—E. Lancaster, J. Malcolm, E. Henderson. D. Hannan, T. Broome, C. Kelleher. S. Hall, K. J. Glackin and F. C. Rout.

Subsequently a meeting of the newly elected committee was held at which Mr J. Malcolm was reelected chairman and Mr F. C. Rout (secretary.)

8th May 1912 At the Levin School Committee Meeting last evening various tradesmen's accounts were passed for payment. The question of a wood supply for fires during the winter at the Levin District High School has been left in the hands of the chairman of the committee. ....

It was reported to the Levin School Committee last evening that the Levin Literary and Debating Society had made inquiries as to the cost of the school hall for debates for one evening a week during the winter. After discussion, it was decided to offer the use of the hall for 2s 6d per night—to cover the cost of gas, etc.

Levin District School Committee yesterday decided to authorise the headmaster to purchase one dozen pairs of Indian clubs.

8th May 1912 A meeting of the Levin School Committee was held in District High School last night. Mr. J. Malcolm presided, and the following members were present: Messrs. Henderson, Kelleher, Sidney Hall, Lancaster, Glackin and Rout (secretary).

FINANCIAL. The chairman remarked that they had not yet got the capitation fee for the last quarter. It was certainly overdue. The year had started with a credit balance of £9.

THE LATE SECRETARY'S CLAIM It was stated that at the last meeting of the committee a verbal claim was put in by Mr. C. E. Shaw, late secretary, for 10s 6d for auditing the books. The chairman observed that he did not see how they could pay it. Mr. Shaw never asked any

member of the Committee to give him a hand in auditing the books. He thought they should write to Mr. Shaw and inform him that the Committee could not pay the fee. If they did pay it they would be " called over the coals " for so doing.

Mr. E. S. Lancaster: We have no legal right to pay it.

The chairman: I think the best thing to do is to instruct the secretary to communicate with Mr. Shaw and tell him that we cannot see our way to pay the fee.

Mr' S. Hall: As we have no legal right to pay it, we cannot of course do so !

Mr; Henderson: You are quite right, Mr. Chairman !

The meeting then unanimously concurred with the chairman's suggestion.

THE NEW HOTEL. Mr. Henderson asked if that meeting had anything to do with the petition that was being circulated against erecting an hotel at the corner of Durham street.

Mr. Hall asked whether a petition was being circulated.

The chairman : Yes, I think, too, it is being very largely signed. I believe it will be sent in to us and that will be the time to consider the question.

Mr. Lancaster did not think the Committee had anything to do with the matter.

The Chairman: Oh, yes! The Licensing Act provides for that! You will see that school committees have a say in the objections to an hotel being erected near a school.

Mr. Lancaster: Is it too near a school'?

The chairman : I am going to sign the petition against its erection in this particular locality. I think that an hotel is needed in Weraroa.

Mr. Hall: I think so, too !

The chairman : I am sure Mr. Hannan would say so if he were present. (Loud laughter). He added he could not see why the brewers were erecting the hotel at the corner of Durham-street. They were putting a lot of money into it, too.

The secretary: I think it would be a very good thing to put the hotel up there! It would make all the children prohibitionists (loud laughter)! The subject then dropped.

25th May 1912 Mr F. G. Stuckey, headmaster of Island Bay school, who has been promoted to the position of inspector under the "Wellington Education Board, was last night entertained at a "social" by ex-pupils of the school. Mr Stuckey is a son of Mrs Stuckey of Levin.

29th May 1912 A special meeting of the Levin School Committee has been called for next Friday evening, to meet Mr Quinnell, veterinary surgeon, who is desirous of forming an instruction class in veterinary science at Levin District High School.

At the "Wellington Education Board meeting yesterday Mr Kebbell moved: "That this board protests against the proposed re-erection of the- licensed house at Weraroa (lately burnt down) on a site near Levin and adjacent to the board's school : and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Otaki Licensing Bench

5th June 1912 Levin School Committee AND THE WERAROA HOTEL. Levin School Committee met last evening at the District High School. Mr. J Malcolm presided, and those present were .Messrs Glackin. Henderson, Broome, Kelleher, Lancaster, Harman. S. Hall and Rout (secretary).

KIMBERLEY ROAD .SCHOOL CHILDREN The following letter was received from the Education Board "The Board has received an application from Mr W. Vile. the contractor for the conveyance of children from Kimberley Road, that he allowed eightpence per child per day instead of six[pence. The maximum allowance per child is sixpence per child per day actually

carried, with certain condition as to age and distance, namely, that a child under ten years may be carried if its home

is more than three miles from the school, whereas a child over ten years of age is paid for only if its home is over four miles from the school. Correspondence does not show that the parents have contributed anything, or that your committee has endeavoured to make any arrangement with them for contributing anything in supplement to the allowance paid by the Board. After consideration of the matter at its meeting this week the Board decided that in order to enable a proper arrangement to be made with the parents who have benefited by the service, it would pay the contractor at the rate of eightpence for the current quarter [1st April to 30th June), after which date the maximum allowance will be sixpence per child, as provided by regulation. The contractor has been informed of this decision. You will admit. I am sure that this is a very fair sum to be contributed from the public funds, and that these parents who directly benefit by the service, if the allowance mentioned is insufficient. should combine to supplement the grant in order that a suitable service maybe continued. [3 Miles is 4.8 kilometres]

The Chairman : A lot of people will in my opinion, rather let their children stop at home than contribute to such a thing. He considered the Committee should put a strong protest against Board's report.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the .Department and ask it to continue the present rate of 8d.

ACCOUNTS. Various accounts were passed for payment.

THE HOTEL,. The chairman asked whether anyone had anything to say about the new hotel. Was the Committee going to say anything in the matter. as the case was to be determined on Friday

Mr Henderson: They say that it is to be erected right against the school! That is what the Education Board allege!

Mr Lancaster: They don't know the facts of the case! He ridiculed many of the statements appearing in The Chronicle's correspondence columns.

The Chairman .Now. what have you to say. .Mr Kelleher! (Laughter)

The Chairman I heard a man .say that he would bet a .six guinea suit of clothes they would not get the public house erected on the Durham street site. (A Voice: "Well, I want a suit !") (Loud laughter).

The .Secretary (Mr Rout) pointed out. that no official request had been placed before the Committee in regard to the hotel, and he. Suggested that the Committee could take no action in the matter. The secretary's suggestion was agreed to

5th June 1912 LEVIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL. Cadet matters in Levin after languishing for some two years, are on the upgrade. .During the holidays a large case of material, containing model rifles, jerseys, and sundries, arrived at the Levin .-District High .School, and yesterday there arrived from Hazard, Auckland, a complete Hazard air rifle range, comprising two B S.A. air rifles and a convertible single or double Fletcher target. The rifles differ greatly from the ordinary toy air rifle. being exceedingly heavily built and powerful weapons capable of doing destructive work at a range of fifty yards. The target is composed of strong sheet steel, and is built on a .scale which, at ten yards distance, will make shooting equal in- difficulty to a 500 yards range at ordinary service targets. It is also equipped with figures of men, head and shoulders, which, as they are knocked down, may be brought into upright positions by means

of strings working levers on the targets. With this outfit, Captain Harding intends to get the cadets into shooting form again and hopes soon to place the school in the position of winning prizes which it did some years ago. It may be mentioned in this connection that eighteen months ago a team under Captain Harding won the Keibell shield. This has not yet been presented, but Captain Harding has now written to Major Burlinson, who commands the battalion, asking that orders be issued for the shield to be handed over to the headmaster of the Levin District High School in whose custody it should rightly repose.

14th June 1912 Mumps disease is prevalent in Levin and is affecting the attendance at the District High School. Another thing that is also affecting the attendance is the fact that a considerable number of youngsters are staying out at the Hokio beach, and as this is against the law it is quite certain (a Chronicle reporter was informed yesterday) that the Truant Inspector, when he pays the town a visit, will not consider this to be a sufficient excuse for absence — the more so as it is only a short time ago the school had nine days holiday. The law says distinctly that every child between a specified age must attend every time school is open.

19th June 1912 Arrangements have been made by the Levin School Committee to have a course of twelve lectures, on Veterinary Science, delivered in Levin by Mr Quinell, M.R.C.V.S. The great importance to all stock owners of a proper knowledge of veterinary matters is widely recognised, and we have no doubt that a stock owning community such as that of Levin and district will show a proper appreciation of the thoughtfulness of the school committee in arranging this series of free lectures

5th July 1912 The question of the removal of the District High School from its present commanding position in Oxford street is being considered by the school committee, who met last evening. Mr Arthur W. Stuckey wrote with reference to the proposal to remove the school to Mrs Stuckey's property adjoining.—It was decided to inform Mrs Stuckey that the committee could do nothing on the matter until it obtained a price from Mrs Stuckey

17th July 1912 In celebration of Arbor Day, the children of the Levin District School were assembled in the lobby this morning and addressed by the Mayor, the head master, Mr Lancaster, (chairman of the Chamber of Commerce), Mr Neill (chairman of the Fruitgrowers' Association) and the Mayoress, all of whom touched upon the importance of tree planting. The Mayor outlined the purpose, of Arbor Day, and spoke of the benefits conferred upon any district which properly planted its bare spaces. It was necessary to plant trees for shelter for stock, and to ensure a maintenance of normal rainfall. He hoped that after the children grow up they would carry on the good work of planting in which they were taking part today.

Mrs Gardener spoke of the artistic appearance which a district derived from plantations and suggested that scholars should join together and form the nucleus of a beautifying society. She hoped the children would have a holiday to commemorate the day.

Mr Lancaster felt honoured to be able to address the scholars. He spoke of the necessity to have shelter trees put in as a preliminary to other cultivation. He asked the scholars to celebrate Arbor Day every year.

Mr Neill spoke of the desirableness of protecting trees from damage and asked the scholars to do their best to prevent any mischievous person from damaging any shrub or tree.

The proceedings in the school ended with hearty cheers for the speakers, and the children then went into the school grounds to plant trees, and a goodly number were put in.

The infant classes were addressed by the teachers and given an insight into the true spirit of Arbor Day.

During to-day plantations are being made at Weraroa, the triangle. And the Baths

6th August 1912 Levin Borough Council. It. was decided that the Mayor wait on the members of the School Committee with a view to endeavouring to make some satisfactory arrangement regarding the payment for the removal of the night soil at the school. [Night soil is what's in the toilets after school]

9th August 1912 Levin Literary and debating society report included. The Society will meet in Williams's tea rooms, where the atmosphere is less frigid than in the classic But cold walls of the District High School, where formerly the Society met.

9th August 1912 Newspaper correspondence I notice in The Chronicle to-day that the School Committee has received a further letter with regard to the suggestion of removing the school from its present site on to some other property. IT is safe to say if the proposal were put to the ratepayers, 90 out of every hundred would be against it. Really, sir. it is time the School Committee looked to the business they were sent to transact and ceased from wasting time over "mare's nests."—Yours, etc., A PARENT. Oxford street, Levin.

21st August 1912 Mr J. McIntyre, the headmaster of the District High School, has received the Kebbell Challenge Shield from Petone. It was 'brought to Levin by Captain Lynskey on Friday. The shield was presented by Captain Kebbell, of the New Zealand militia, a member of the Education Board for the Hutt-Horowhenua ward, in 1907, and was won that year by Petone, the following year by Levin, and in 1909 by Petone again. In 1910 there was no competition as the cadets had then been deprived of their miniature rifles- In 1911 special arrangements were made by Major Burlinson, which enabled the contest to be carried out, and this year (1912) it was won by Levin. The Wellington 3rd Battalion is now organised on a basis which cuts Petone "out, so that the- Shield is now for competition- practically among the schools of the Horowhenua County alone

28th August 1912 Wellington Education Board Arrangements are to be made for the conveyance of children from Kimberley. road to Levin.- approximately three miles, for. the. regulation allowance

12th September 1912 The cricket club of the Levin District High School held its annual meeting in the schoolroom on Monday afternoon, September 9th, ..Mr A. J. Harding presiding. Accounts showed a very satisfactory state of affairs, there being a credit balance of £2 11s to begin the new season, and a good stock of material on hand. Officers were elected as. follows Captain, M Sutherland vice-captain. H. Pringle; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Harding. The Annual subscription was fixed at 2s. Enquiries were made with a view to entering the Horowhenua Cricket Association's contest for the Hugh Hall Shield, the matter being finally left in the hands of Mr Harding, who will call another meeting when the Cricket Association has met. The meeting then adjourned

25th September 1912 The Inspectors who recently made their annual visit to the Levin District High School report that the work is very satisfactory. Mumps is very prevalent in Levin. A number of children are unable to attend the District High School through the epidemic, which has now attacked two of the teachers.

At a meeting of the Levin School Committee last evening Mr Henderson expressed his pleasure and that of his colleagues at seeing Mr Malcolm back after his serious illness. Mr Henderson's remarks were cordially applauded

A meeting of the Levin School Committee was held last evening in the District High School, Mr J. Malcolm presiding, With the following members present Messrs Kelleher, Glackin, Henderson, Procter, T. Broome. The chairman explained that the business before the meeting was the election of a secretary in the place of Mr Rout, who was now in Napier. It was a recommendation that Mr Procter be appointed, but Mr Procter had intimated 'that owing to many calls upon his time he was unable to accept office. Mr Glackin was then -pressed by members to accept the office., and after some informal discussion, he consented to do so. Various accounts were passed for payment

25th September 1912 Wellington Education Board A petition from the residents in the neighbourhood of Arepaepae Road, Levin, asking for the establishment of a school, was adversely reported upon by the board's inspector. It was decided "to reply to the petitioners in terms of the inspector's report.

3rd October 1912 The weather, records taken at the District High School, Levin, during the months of August and September have been somewhat broken and disjointed, owing to the holidays and other reasons. Consequently the only record of any positive value to the district is the rainfall record, which, though incomplete in detail, yet gives the total amount quite correctly.....

7th October 1912 The pupils of Levin District High School, accompanied by their teachers, paid a visit of inspection to the Levin Gasworks on Friday evening. They were keenly interested in the processes of manufacture and followed with appreciation the explanations given by the gasworks manager, Mr Hurrell.

4th December 1912 It was stated at the meeting of the Levin School Committee yesterday that the District High School would break up for the Christmas holidays on the 19th inst.

4th December 1912 WO CURIOUS LETTERS. A meeting of the Levin School Committee was held in the District High School last evening. Mr J. Malcom presided, and those present were Messrs Lancaster, S. Hall, Hannan, Procter, Henderson, Kelleher and Glackin (secretary).

The secretary said that he had received the following rather remarkable letter "Gentlemen,— As a parent I would like to know why your committee allows the children to hold boating carnivals in the pit near Bath street. One of these next days we shall have a lot of the kids getting drowned. and what was the good of electing you to the committee unless you look after the children? My point is someone will get drowned like a rat, and then there, will be a nice blarney.—Parent," Queen-street East.

The reading of the letter caused some merriment.

Cr Lancaster: Put it in the waste paper basket!

The chairman: It is an anonymous letter and we can't take any notice of it. It was not worth consideration.

At a later stage Mr Henderson asked whether anything could be done in the matter of children playing in the pit. It was a dangerous practice.

The chairman : The committee cannot exercise any authority over them. We have nothing to do with them.

Mr Procter: Elect Mr Henderson to watch the pit (Loud laughter).

No action was taken in the matter

The secretary also read the following communication: Mr Charman.- I will be obliged if you can find me a job as caretaker. I am honest, quite sober, and trustworthy. Wages no consideration. Mr Peter .Jones. Levin.

The chairman observed that the letter was signed "Mr Peter .Jones."

Mr Lancaster moved that. the letter be received.

The chairman did not- think the committee need consider the letter. They did not want a caretaker, unless it was to take care of themselves.{ Laughter).

No action was taken in the matter.

ABOUT A PICNIC.

Mr Hannan suggested that the scholars should be given a picnic during the Christmas holidays. The chairman remarked that in his opinion they could never raise £20 for such a purpose in Levin to-day, and a picnic could not be run for less. Did they really think £20 could be raised in Levin to-day? .

Mr Hannan : I really do!

The chairman: Well. Mr Hannan. you are looked upon as being the richest man in the town, and you had better head the list. (Loud laughter).

Mr Hannan replied that he thought the children should really be. given a treat. The money could be raised in Levin. ("No! No!")

The general opinion, however, was that such a thing was not possible at the present time.

19th December 1912 YEAR-END CERTIFICATES.

At the Levin District High School the year end certificates have been issued. The following gained attendance certificates:

1st Class (present every day throughout the year): Molly Campbell, Vera Richards, Nessie Williamson, Doris Palmer, William Hoskins, Leslie Allen, .Richard Kingdon, .Bernard Parsons Harry Rippon, John Ryder, Lionel Sharman, Lily Frechtling, Marion McTaggart, Cecil Sims, Ales Hearle, Eni Joll, Doris Dempsey, Hilda Palmer, Ida Palmer, Emma Parsons, John Parsons, John Laing, John O'Donohue , James Johnson, Wilfred Poad, Laurence Mudgway, Herbert Keys, Ruby McTaggart , Norman Joll, Samuel Parsons, Harold Joll. Rita Hearle.

2nd class (absent not more than 5 half days) Marjorie Malcolm. Ernest Taylor, Howard Barham, Eva Garard, Mary Welby, Jean Smellie , Jane Roe, John Gibson, .Ronald Banks, Ernest Pink, Frank Chiles, George Taylor, Rachael Joll, Elma Sims. Alfred Anstis, Ruku Hanita, Miriam Herrick, Doris Thompson, James Taylor, Howard Dumford, Lionel Cloake, Ronald Corson, Donald Thorburn. Charles Palmer, Allen Atkins, Fred Chambers Rangi Broughton, Leonard Chambers.

Standard VI. proficiency certificates were gained by: -Thomas Clark, Charles Chapman, Reginald Collier, Arnold Cork, Eric Hall, John Herd. Hugh Herd, William Hoskins, Prank Joll, Morris McIntyre, Leslie Muir, Harold Palmer, Ronald Ryder, Leslie Smith, John Stansell, Clarence Walker, Douglas Wallace, Nellie Bell, Dorothy Cooper, Eva Garard, Gladys Hall. Gertrude Herd, Elma Middleton, Eileen Marryatt, Elsie M. Leavey. Phyllis Prouse, Doris Palmer, Dorothy Shute. Winifred Walker.

Competency-Reginald Teal, Ethel Archibald, Mabel Cray, Winifred Kilsby.

19th December 1912 The Inspector's annual report on the local State School, while of a very satisfactory nature generally, points out that the weakness among the pupils this year is in arithmetic and spelling. The report states that a pleasing feature and one which must tend to

good progress was the responsive attitude of the pupils at oral work—" they were eager, interested and mentally alert."

20th December 1912 Mr J. E. Williams who has been a member of the staff of the Levin District High School for the last three and a half years has received intimation of his appointment to the head teachership of the Kaiwairangi school (.South Wairarapa between Featherston and Martinborough). Mr Williams commences the duties of his new appointment after the Christmas vacation.{ Mr Williams taught at Kaiwairangi until at least 1917 and then was Head of Clareville School, North of Carterton to at least 1921]

20th December 1912 On the occasion of five teachers leaving Levin District High School on Thursday, the staff assembled at the invitation of the head teacher (.Mr McIntyre) to bid good-bye to those departing. They are: Mr J. Williams second assistant, who has been appointed to the headteachership at Kaiwairangi; Miss Von Keisenberg, lady assistant; Miss O'Meara, pupil teacher; and the Misses Cork and Gibbs, probationers. Miss Von Keisenberg has been transferred to .Mount Wellington School, and the other three ladies are about to enter the Normal School, Wellington [This is the Wellington Training College for a 2 year course]. On behalf of the staff, Mr McIntyre presented Mr Williams with a set of books and Miss Von Keisenberg with a manicure set and departing probationers and pupil teachers each with a framed photograph. Mr McIntyre also took the opportunity to thank the departing teachers in particular, and the staff generally, for their loyal support. .Mr Williams responded on behalf of his colleagues and Miss Von Keisenberg, thanking the teachers and certain of the children who also had subscribed to the presentations. Hearty cheers were given for .Mr. Williams and the other departing teachers, and some extra hearty ones for Mr McIntyre. At the conclusion, Mr Harding, as senior teacher, testified to the exceedingly pleasant and helpful relations that always had existed between the head and the staff, the results of which were manifest in the excellent examination report. He emphasised the vast amount of work Mr .McIntyre had to do and maintained that these results were very largely owing to his capable leadership, he regretted that during the ensuing year the staff must necessarily be reduced, and called upon the teachers--both those who were staying and those who were going— to use their utmost endeavours to secure a condition such that no head teacher of a .school of more than 300 in average attendance should ever be called upon to teach a class. From his own experience in such close relationship to Mr McIntyre he had found that there was a vast amount of administrative work, which of itself was sufficient to keep a headteacher fully employed. He also called upon his fellow teachers whenever employed as assistants to remember that the chief duty of an assistant was loyal support to his headmaster. In his opinion it was for the head teacher to work out for himself the ideal to be aimed at. and for the others to assist him in reaching that ideal. The proceedings terminated with three more hearty cheers

24th December 1912 Miss M. Campbell has been appointed a probationer in Levin Public School and Mr James Cooper has received a like appointment.

December Others

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1913	407	Levin DHS	McIntyre	James	D1	Head Master	£340.00	House
1913	407	Levin DHS	Harding	Albert J	C1	Assistant Master	£225.00	
1913	407	Levin DHS	Mills BA	John E	B4	Assistant Master	£142.10	
1913	407	Levin DHS	Hurley	Irene N	C3	Assistant Female	£140.00	
1913	407	Levin DHS	Brown	Maxwell S	C4	Assistant Female	£95.00	
1913	407	Levin DHS	Burbush	Nellie M	D4	Assistant Female	£95.00	
1913	407	Levin DHS	Gray	Harold A W		MP3	£45.00	
1913	407	Levin DHS	Cooper	James P		MP1	£20.00	
1913	407	Levin DHS	Campbell	Mary L		FP1	£20.00	
1913	407	Levin DHS	Rockel	Cecil Ferdinand	B3	Secondary		
1913	407	Levin DHS	McLandress MA	Isabella	B2	Secondary		

6th January 1913 Advertisement in Levin Chronicle Paper The .School re-opens on TUESDAY, February 4th. Classical, Commercial and Agricultural courses. BOARDING-HOUSE (College House) under the personal supervision of the Rector. Prospectus on application to the Secretary or the Rector.

17th January 1913 Applications from teachers are called for by the Wellington Education Board to fill the post of assistant master at Levin public school. The salary runs from £150 to £180 per annum

29th January 1913 The Education Board yesterday granted the Levin school committee the sum of eightpence per head for the conveyance of children to school from Kimberley road. Representations are to be made to the Education Department pointing out the inadequate amount now allowed for the conveyance of children to school and impressing upon the authorities the necessity of making a larger allowance.

6th February 1913 The monthly meeting of the Levin School Committee was held in the schoolroom on Tuesday, February 4th. 1913. Present: Messrs .J. Malcolm (chairman). .J. Proctor. S Hall. T. Broome. E. Lancaster. C. Kelleher' and F J. Glackin (Hon, secretary). Correspondent was received from the Education Board re applications for the vacant teachership. Only three applications came to hand, and on the motion of Mr Malcolm, seconded by Mr Hall, the appointment of Mr .J. E. Mills was approved of. The Board also wrote agreeing to the sum of eightpence per head being paid for a time to the Kimberley road coach.

5th March 1913 At a meeting of the Levin school committee, held in the schoolroom last night, it was decided to try to get another carrier to undertake to carry the school children between Levin and Porotawhau. One man had been approached by the committee, but had asked for £3 per week, and the committee had not been able to give this as the Education Board only allowed sixpence per head, and the committee had had to make up the balance of the ten shillings per day practically out of their own funds. It was suggested that the committee approach the parents of the children and see if they would give anything towards running a coach out there, but it was pointed out that the parents of the Kimberley road children had been approached in the same way, and they would not give anything, and now the children had to ride or come in per boot It was finally decided to offer the work to some suitable man at 10s per day for all days that school is held. No doubt some philanthropist will be found to do the work, But it is a pity that the parents could not see their way clear to help the committee and their own children, seeing that the children must get to school in some way. If there is a coach

running it saves the trouble of getting them a horse to ride, and in a coach the children are protected from the weather

7th March 1913 A coach .service for school children will be run between Porotawhau and Levin on and after Monday morning. 10th March. It will leave the Maori village at 8 a.m. and leave Levin on the return journey at 3 p.m.

7th March 1913 Three Levin parents who failed to send their children to school as often as required by statute were fined 2s and costs, by Mr Poynton, S.M., on Thursday. They were Messrs Henry Robinson, Ernest E. Smith and Isaac Hook. A like case against Edward H. Higgs was adjourned.

25th March 1913 WANTED. (To the Editor). .Sir, -Wanted, a School Committee for Levin. One that will take sufficient interest in the children to give them an annual outing preferred Apply RIP VAN WINKLE. Dodo Street, Levin.

2nd April 1913 Discussing the question of getting firewood for the school, it was mentioned at Last night's meeting of Levin School Committee that firewood was getting very scarce in this district; in fact, it was being carted from away up the Ohau river. And yet there is a good amount of firewood quite close to the township; but people do not care to sell, they are waiting till the price goes up. These speculative holders might take warning by what happened to a Queen street fanner who had a very large rata tree standing quite close to the road. This farmer was often approached by wood dealers and asked to sell this tree, but .he constantly refused. Then one night misfortune in the form of lightning , came along and struck his beautiful tree, and what of it that was not splintered was burned. Therefore matai stump holders should beware. Besides, in a few years' time, we may be doing everything by electricity.

2nd April 1913 At a meeting of the Levin School Committee, held last night, the matter of the .school children's visit to the Dreadnought New Zealand during her approaching stay at Wellington was discussed, and it was decided to ask the secretary to call a special meeting of the committee to arrange some time next week for the trip.

4th April 1913 For the coming visit of the school children to HMS New Zealand, the railway fares will be nominal. Children not exceeding 16 years of age will be charged Is Id. senior scholars and teachers 2s 6d. members of the School Committee 3s 3d. It was the intention of the Government at first to charge excursion fares for the public, but this instruction was cancelled., Many parents would have liked to do down to Wellington to look- after their children but will be prevented from doing so if full fares are charged for adults.

9th April 1913 WANTED.— At once, a girl to assist with light housework, from 9 to 3. Apply at School to Miss Stuckey. Miss Dorothy Stuckey was at Levin from 1910 to 1912. In 1913 to 1914 she was sole teacher at Kaipororo just South of Eketahuna in the Bush Area. So I am not sure where this Teacher is placed.

11th April 1913 Probably there will be 300 children going from Levin next Saturday week. We are specially requested by Mr Malcolm, the chairman of the school committee) to repeat that the day for the trip is the 19th April; there has been no alteration made in the day, as erroneously announced by a Wellington newspaper.

14th April 1913 HMS New Zealand troops visiting Levin: he proposed arrangements for the reception of the contingent from H.M.S. New Zealand at the Levin railway station on Tuesday, the 15th April, 1913, are as follows, subject, of course, to alterations:--

Mr James McIntyre , the head master of the Levin District High School, has very kindly undertaken to see that as many children as possible of the Levin District High School will be present. The school boys, who will wear the uniforms of the junior cadets, and will form two deep, extending from the left of the steps of the railway station towards Weraroa ; the girls will have a position in the rear.

18th April 1913 Finding that there was a large amount of cakes and pastry over from supper last night the Levin Wanderers Football Club's management committee got together and decided to give the surplus to be given to the Levin school children to be eaten during their trip to Wellington on Saturday to visit H.M.S. Now Zealand. The ladies who worked so indefatigably in helping to prepare supper have consented to supply more sandwiches.

19th April 1913 About 150 school children went to Wellington from Levin to-day, to visit the warship Now Zealand. They have been jubilant during the week over the fact that they were getting a trip to see the vessel. They have been well supplied with refreshments for the journey, and doubtless the trip will linger long in their memories as an enjoyable one in all its bearings.

29th April 1913 The annual general meeting of householders of Levin was held last night, in the District High School, there being a muster of about one hundred and fifty householders. Mr P. Goldsmith took the chair, on the proposition of Mr James Malcolm, chairman of the committee, who has been indisposed of late. The report of the retiring committee was read by the secretary (Mr F. J. Glackin) which stated that the school committee's duties during the year had been light, the expenditure being concerned chiefly with purchases of firewood, doing up of gravel paths, etc. There was an apparently large credit balance but had the annual report been made up to the 2nd April instead of the 31st March there would have been a much different aspect presented. However, it remained to be said that If the committee was careful it could make ends meet with the present means. (The credit balance shown was £11 8s). The report of the headmaster (Mr J. McIntyre) regretted that through a slight falling off in the average roll and a corresponding decrease in the average attendance, the teaching strength had been reduced (in accordance with the regulations) from 14 to 12. The report congratulated householders on the success achieved by Levin school pupils in the past year and made special mention of the doings of scholarship candidates. In conclusion. Mr McIntyre expressed his gratitude to the staff for the way in which it had helped him in this, his twenty first, year at the school.

Votes of thanks were passed to the teaching staff and to the retiring committee. Amongst those speakers who bore testimony to the good work of the committee and the staff was Mr R. Prouse.

About an hour and a half was spent in totalling the votes for the committee candidates. In all there were nineteen nominations for the nine offices, and only three of the outgoing committee were re-elected : namely, Messrs T. Broome. E. S. Lancaster and R. R Henderson. The voting was as follows T. Broome 171, E. S. Lancaster 120, A. C. Randerson 113, H. Walker 110. A. Sims 108, F. O. Smith 105, Smellie 105, R. E. Henderson 103, T. Dawson 97. The unelected candidates were Malcolm 95, D. Hannan 92, F. J. Glackin 82, H. E. Keys 81, C. Kelleher 80, A. Dempsey 77, J Procter 74, S. Hall 57, J. Johnson o/. There were 212 voters and nine were informal.

30th April 1913 Levin Public School.

Following is the text of the report\*, read to Monday night's meeting of householders of Levin :—

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT "The committee have the honour" to submit to you the following report. During the year twelve meetings were held, that were attended by the members, as follows, viz., Jas. Malcolm (chairman) 12 meetings, F. J. Glackin (secretary) 12, E. Lancaster 11, C. Kelliher 11, E. Henderson 10, T. Broome 10, D. Hannan 9, S. Hall 6, F. Rout 6, J. W. Proctor 6.

"Mr Rout, who was our secretary at the last annual meeting, and up to the time that he left the district, was replaced in the committee by Mr Procter, who was the next highest on the list at the last annual meeting. This accounts for the number of their attendances being so far behind the others.

"The last year has been a particularly easy one for the committee. There is no money to spend on anything outside the ordinary routine of firewood, cleaning, stationery, etc. The grounds are looked after by the children, and with the exception of a few loads of metal to keep the footpaths in order and the trimming of the hedges, there is little more to be done.

"The financial position looks all right from the balance-sheet, but if the books had been closed on the 2nd of April, instead of the 31st of March, it would have made a difference. The committee met on the evening of the 1st inst and passed the March expenditure. This, if deducted, would show our true credit balance. However, if a committee is careful, they can make ends meet with the present allowances.

"The question of giving the children a picnic was frequently argued by the committee, but the majority opinion at all times was that it was too big a hurdle to get over. Very little less than £45 would take the children by railway to a suitable seaside place and provide the edibles and other necessities for the day. This amount, you all know, takes getting in Levin at the present time.

"The trip of the older children to the battleship New Zealand on the 19th inst. provided a really first class outing for them, and while on this subject the committee think that the Ladies' Committee of the Levin-Wanderers' Football Club are specially deserving of a vote of thanks for the generous donation of edibles, etc., which were much appreciated by the children and all concerned.

"The committee take this opportunity of thanking the headmaster and staff for the very excellent reports always now received from the inspecting staff. It seems to us to reflect the greatest credit on all concerned, and should be gratifying to the parents to think their children are in such good hands.

"The committee also takes this opportunity of thanking the secretary for the work he has done and done well; all must recognise that the principal work falls on the secretary, and although it is a labour of love, it is gratifying to get men to devote their energies to it. Signed on behalf of the committee. J. MALCOLM, Chairman.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT. The report of the headmaster was read as follows:--

"Headmaster's report, for year ending March 31st. 1913. "During the year there has been a slight falling off in the average roll of the preceding year, and a corresponding decrease in the average attendance. This decrease, slight as it was, had the effect of lowering the grade of the school in respect to staffing, so that the staff has been reduced from 14 to 12.

"The school has, however, maintained its position so far as regularity of Attendance is concerned. The percentage of the "Wellington Educational District was 90, so that Levin, with 93, compares very favourably with large town schools, where children have not the distances

to travel. The figures are as follows: Year ending March, 1912: Average roll -473, average attendance 473. percentage of attendance 93. [As published] year ending March, 1913 :. Average roll 458, average attendance 425, percentage of attendance 93. STAFF. "During the year five teachers left and three appointments were made. Mr Williams, assistant, left to take a position as headmaster of Kaiwairua school, Miss Von Kaisenberg, assistant, was appointed to a similar position at Wellington South, and Miss O'Meara. pupil teacher, and Misses Cork and Gibbs, probationers, entered as students at the Wellington Teachers' Training College. "Mr Mills, B.A., received the appointment in place of Mr "Williams, and Miss Campbell and Mr Cooper were appointed probationers.

INSPECTION AND EXAMINATION. "Mr Bakewell, M.A., Education Board's Inspector paid a visit of inspection on August 16th. , and accompanied -by Mr Stuckey, M.A., Board's Inspector, paid the annual visit on May 21, 22, and 23. Their reports were then of a highly satisfactory character.

"At the December examinations Hazel Rockel, Lloyd Wilson, Robert Pringle, Kate Williamson, and Elsie Joll passed the senior scholarship examination, the first-named winning one of the five senior board championships offered to pupils attending District High Schools. Ida Procter and Ruby Axup obtained senior free places, and Ronald Broughton a junior free place. Agnes Williamson and Ivy Pink passed the junior scholarship examination.

30th April 1913 Though the football club of the local District High School has not yet been heard of it has been as wide awake as "brer rabbit." The annual meeting was held nearly a month ago. The accounts showed a credit balance of £1 11s from the cricket fund, and as cricket is a somewhat expensive game, it is necessary to conduct the football club so as to leave all that balance available for next year's knights of the willow. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Captain, R. Broughton; vice-captain, J. Stansell. The only other officer the schoolboys are bothered about is the indispensable secretary and treasurer. To this office the ever-green Mr A. J. Harding was returned unopposed, after serving faithfully for some six years already. The office is no sinecure, as by an unwritten law of the school the "sec. and tres." is also the guide, philosopher, and friend, coach, referee, and general manager. The subscription was fixed at the usual two shillings, but the visit to HMS New Zealand, with its concomitant of ginger beer and bananas, "ruined the whole show," and in three weeks only nine boys paid up. The secretary had evidently made a serious error of judgment in buying a football before collecting subscriptions! At a second meeting, called to consider the tragic situation, there was a great searching of hearts and pockets, and after much caressing and encouragement, a hero named Buchman rose to move that the sub. be reduced to one shilling. Carried mem con! The number of financial members is now twenty-nine, and Mr Harding's brow has lost its gloom. Matches take place on the school ground every "Wednesday afternoon, when Standard VI., aided by two or three senior boys, do battle against the junior division of the secondary department. So far the Silent Sixth have won all matches; but the beaten juniors point out that as Mr Harding is referee, and also the master of Standard VI. the latter just "have" to win; it's a case of what may happen next day if they don't. Nevertheless, the juniors will probably be the ultimate champions, as they are a much better balanced lot. only requiring combination to make them dangerous. The announcement that the Horowhenua Rugby Union is about to start a third class competition was received with national rejoicing, and Mr Harding will probably wait on the management committee at its next meeting to learn all particulars and

enter a team. The further announcement that the Horowhenua Rugby Union has some money for the boys with which to buy a football, has earned everyone on the union the blessings of all schoolboys who go down on the hard ground and do their business under a heap of alleged scrummers. When the whistle sounds for kick-off in the first match of the "thirds" the District High School expect to be there!

1st May 1913 By way of thanks to the burgeses of Levin for his re-election to the Borough Council, Mr R. Prouse hit on a novel idea. He ascertained that firewood for the Levin public school would be welcome just now, and accordingly he delivered! his thanks in a spring dray, to be used in warming the feet of electors' children. This is in place of warming the hearts of electors with jovial glasses.

3rd May 1913 From Mr A. Sims. secretary of Levin school committee, the balance sheet for the year (signed by Mr J. Malcolm) is to hand. The receipts are shown as £103 10s, made up of balance . £9 14s 5d from last audit. cash in hand 8d 1, grant for ordinary £92 5s and rent of schoolroom £1 10s. On the expenditure the items were, £52 10s cleaning schools £9 3s Fuel, Repair for buildings £7 7s 6d, Books, maps and furniture £21 4s 11d, carting 14s 11d, bank fees 10s, Credit Balance £11 9s 9d [£ = pound, s= shilling, there were 20 shillings in a pound and d = pence, there were 12 pence in a shilling]

7th May 1923 Levin School Committee met last night, when there were present Messrs E. S. Lancaster (chairman), R. E. Henderson, F. O. Smith, T. Dawson. J. Smellie. T. Broome, Rev. A. C. Randerson and A. Sims (hon. secretary).

A letter was received from Mr Storey, who has been driving the Kimberley road **school** children to and from the **school**, asking that the **school** committee grant him a fixed price for carrying the children; namely, 8s per day. It was proposed by Mr Henderson and seconded by Mr Broome, That the secretary be instructed to write to the Education Board, asking it what the Board could do in the matter. It was further decided by the committee, on the motion of the Rev. A. C. Randerson. seconded by Mr Henderson. That failing a favourable reply being received from the Education Board, the parents of the children be approached to see what they would do in the matter.

The headmaster's report showed that there was an increase in the number of children attending the Levin school, amounting to 17, and that the total number of children attending the school was 477.

It was proposed by the Rev. Mr Randerson. and seconded by Mr Smellie. That tenders be called for the supply of books and stationery required by the school during the year. This was carried. On the motion of the .Rev. Mr .Randerson. it was decided that two members of the committee be appointed to visit the school each month.

Mr Henderson spoke at some length on the question of giving the school children a treat. He mentioned the fact that Mr Schlager was willing to give a picture show to raise funds for a picnic. Mr Schlager's offer was accepted with thanks

7th May 1913 The Levin School Committee, during last month, ordered a half-ton of coal, as firewood is getting too dear, owing to its scarcity. The coal consumed will be watched carefully, in order to compare its cost -with that of wood

14th May 1913 In furtherance of the movement to raise funds for a school picnic, the Levin School Committee has arranged to hold a benefit show of pictures in the King's Theatre. Levin, on Thursday, "29th May. The Schlager Proprietary is selecting a first-class programme

for the occasion. Tickets will be on issue shortly, admitting at a cost of one shilling to all parts of the house.]

31st May 1913 The benefit picture-display given by the Schlager proprietary in the King's theatre in aid of the picnic fund of the Levin school committee was highly successful. Mr Schlager has handed to the committee as its net share of the proceeds a sum of £10 0s 6d.

6th June 1913 The Levin School Committee met last Tuesday, when the following members were present; Messrs E. S. Lancaster (chair), F. O. Smith, J. Dawson, J. Smellie, H. Walker, Rev. A. O. Randerson and A. Sims (secretary).

HEADMASTER'S REPORT. The following report was presented to the committee by the headmaster—

School roll.—The roll for the month again shows a slight increase, standing as it does at -482, which is an increase of 5 on the roll at the end of April.

For a winter month the average attendance has been distinctly good, With an average roll of 477 for the month, the average attendance has been -417. or a percentage of 93.

A J. Harding, first assistant (primary) and W. Cooper, probationer, (Primary) and J. Cooper, probationer, and the latter for three days. Illness was the cause in both cases.

The school was closed for the first term 'holidays on the 23rd. The school should re-open on June 2nd. but June 3rd. being a statutory holiday, the board decided that schools-, should re-open on Wednesday, June 4th.

I held the first term test examinations on the 14th, 15th, 16th. 19th 20th. and 21st. The work set for the first term in the various classes was well overtaken, and the results were from satisfactory to good.

Tickets handed to me by the secretary (for the picture- entertainment) were distributed amongst the children, who effected sales to the amount of £12 19s.

The post at the entrance gate (from the main road to the football paddock) has been replaced. Gravel has been spread in the three sheds of the main ground. Broken windows have been attended to, and the grass has been cut in front of tin main building. The work in each case has been carried out satisfactorily. Coal burnt in conjunction with wood as fuel is proving satisfactory from an economical point of view. Of the half-ton obtained on April 14th, about three cwt. [1 hundred weight = 50.8 Kilograms] are still in hand. Another cord of wood, however, is required almost at once. The coal scuttles and shovels have not yet come to hand. The hedge round the school grounds require clipping. The blinds and some of the desks need the annual overhauling. There is just about a day's work for a man to attend to them.

SOHOOL PICNIC A vote of thanks was accorded Mr Schlager for his kindness in giving the school children a free picture entertainment, whereby a net £10 5s 6d had been raised to swell the school picnic fund. It is the committee's intention to organise a concert, in further aid of the picnic fund.

OTHER MATTERS In compliance with a request of the Education Board, a special committee was set up some little time back to report on the condition of lie school. They reported that the chimneys were dirty and were in an unsafe condition. Regarding the question of a better price per head being given the carrier who convey. the Kimberley road school children the secretary reported that he had written to the Board but had received no reply. A special committee had interviewed the parents of the Kimberley road children, but they were "not willing to give anything. An attempt is now being made to have another lot of children from a different road

carried by the same conveyance!. This would result in a substantial increase in pay to the coach driver.

7th June 1913 At the last meeting of the Levin School Committee the Mayor (Mr B. R. Gardener) waited on the committee and asked for permission for the Australasian .Students' Christian movement to have the use of the school during the conference that they propose to hold in the North Island, and probably in Levin. If it is held here it will be during the last week in December and the first week in January and will be attended by between a hundred and fifty and two hundred people of both sexes. The School Committee has unanimously agreed to let the students have the use of the school during their stay.

7th June 1913 Sir.—Kindly allow me to correct an error which appears in the report of Levin School Committee (held on June 3rd) re school chimneys, which reads :—"A .special committee was set up some little time back to report on the condition of the school. They reported that the chimneys were dirty and were in .in unsafe condition." This is not correct and was never mentioned at the meeting. The report should read : 'At last month's meeting, a committee was appointed defect. Messrs Dawson and Walker reported inspecting the chimneys, and as far as they could ascertain they were safe and .sound." Kindly correct this error on behalf of the committee.—Yours, etc.. A. SIMS. Hon. Secretary. Levin. June 6th. 1913.

10th June 1913 Miss D Stuckey appointed to Levin [Actually was leaving Levin]

13th June 1913 Wellington Education Board Miss D. Stuckey and Miss G. Tonkinson, |>of the Levin public school, have been promoted to Kaiparoro and Wellington South respectively.

30th June 1913 At the Ladies' Shakespeare Club on Friday evening, Miss Stucky. and Miss Tonkinson, two members of the club, were tendered a farewell social. They have received promotion from the local school and are leaving Levin in a few days' time.

1st July 1913 J. Foss is succeeding Miss Stuckey at the local school. Miss Tonkinson, who is also leaving Levin Public School, will be succeeded' by Miss M. Brown, of Wellington. The Levin School Committee has nominated Mr. W. H. Field as a member of the Education Board. [J Foss was at Mangapakeha School on the road to Castlepoint]

2nd July 1913 Levin's Kindergarten school (conducted by .Miss Clark, in Cambridge street, Levin, opposite .St. .Mary'. Church) is not as well-known as it deserves to be. Parents who have sent their children to it speak well »f Miss Clark's methods and success. The new quarter begins on Monday next ..7th July. Miss Clark will be at homo on Friday afternoon, from 2.30 to 1 o'clock, to receive parents.

7th July 1913 Wellington Education Board Assistant at Levin, Mr. J. B. Foss (at present at Mangapakeha); assistant mistress at Levin, Miss M. Brown (Eketahuna) . James B Foss had taught at Mangapakeha (On the road to Castlepoint from Masterton) and last listed for Wellington Education Board in 1915 as on War Duty. Maxwell S Brown taught at Mt Cook School in 1908 and 1909. The taught at Levin until 1915.

12th July 1913 Arbor day is to be celebrated on Wednesday. 16th July. Levin School Committee is desirous of filling up the gaps in the school plantation and would be glad of the gift of some twenty-five hedge frees, and a few shrubs, for the purpose oi renewals. The planting will be done by the school children. Mr. A. Sims, secretary to the committee. would be pleased to hear from any would-be donors

17th July 1913 Sections of land in the vicinity of Levin are to be leased by the Wellington Education Board, Tenders will be received up to .Monday. 28th July, by the Secretary to the Board Particulars may 'be obtained Levin Public School.

21st July 1913 Levin School Committee desires to return thanks to donors of trees and shrubs for planting in the school grounds. This work was carried out last Wednesday (Arbor Day) when over' 00 [As copied but probably meant over 100] trees were put in. The donors were Messrs J. Barnett, L Tomlinson, Mrs Richard Prouse, W. Cowell, and W. Page.

2nd August 1913 Miss D. Stuckey, who has been a teacher in the Levin public school for several years, and who has been promoted to Kaiparoro School, near Masterton, completed her time in Levin School yesterday. She was entertained by her fellow teachers, and a presentation of a jewel case was made to her by the head-teacher (.Mr McIntyre) on behalf of the staff. Miss Stuckey also received present from her pupils in the girl classes. The newly-appointed teacher at Levin Public School (Mr Foss will not arrive until September. At present he is in Mangapakeha School. Probably a relieving teacher will be at Levin during the next four weeks.

8th August 1913 A cause deserving of support is that of the Public School Picnic movement. A concert to raise funds for this object is to be held in the Century Hall next Tuesday evening. A programme of recitations, dialogues, action songs by the children has been prepared, and amongst the adult contributors will be some talent from Wellington.

15th August 1913 The picnic fund of Levin Public School benefited by £13: 9s 6d (after paying all expenses) derived from the public concert given in the Century Hall last Tuesday.

3rd September 1913 All returns from the concert given in aid of the picnic fund of Levin public school aggregate £13 5s 6d net profit. Funds in hand from all sources total £23 10s 6d. This sum should suffice for an away-from-home outing. Accordingly the secretary "(Mr A. - Sims) was instructed last night to get particulars as to the cost of a railway journey for the children from Levin to Paekakariki or Plimmerton.

3rd September 1913 Messrs Lancaster and Walker have been appointed the official visitors for September representing Levin School Committee.

Mr M. Mills, of the Levin District High School, is at present in Masterton, where he is attending the yearly class in Agricultural instruction for teachers that is conducted by the Wellington Education Board.

25th September 1913 The attendance at Levin District High School has for some weeks suffered severely from the prevalent epidemic of measles Every year at about this time an epidemic of some sort may be expected measles, scarlatina, or mumps, and down goes the average, and down with it goes the salaries of the teachers. The epidemic should give point to the insistent demands of teachers for a new system of calculating salaries.

1st October Levin District High School cricket team is desirous of arranging matches with any Wednesday 1 team, and the secretary (Mr Harding ) will be pleased to hear from any intending challengers

8th October 1913 The ordinary fortnightly meeting of Levin School Committee was held last evening, Mr E. S. Lancaster in the chair. There also were present the Rev. A. C. Randerson and Messrs T. Broome, E. Henderson, J. Smellie, F. O. Smith, T. Dawson, and A. Sims (hon. secretary). Mr Sims reported that he had made inquiries of the Levin railway stationmaster concerning a railway trip in connection with the school picnic. He was informed that it would

bp necessary to give a guarantee of £22 13s 4d for a special train, and if anything beyond that sum was realised in fares the money still would go to the Railway Department. The fares to Paekakariki from Levin would be 11d per head for children under 15; teachers and scholars from 15 to 22, 1s 6d each: for parents and other adults, 2s each. (The ordinary fare is 5s 8d per head. The respective figures for a Plimmerton trip would be 1s 1d, 1s 1d and 2s 6d, respectively. Working on basis of 450 children, the trip was likely to cost about £23, and with all expenses of catering and other needs added the total would be brought up to about. £50. A short discussion followed, and Mr F O .Smith expressed an opinion that if the train trip were held the children should bring their own refreshments. Mr Broome thought the trip at £50 would be dear at the money, and Mr Dawson acquiesced in this. Mr Henderson advocated that an effort be made to raise further funds, by means of a concert or a picture show. It was decided that a committee be set up to make arrangements for the entertainment, the committee to consist of Messrs Lancaster, Sims and Henderson. It was further decided that a ballot. be taken amongst the parents of pupils, as to whether the picnic should (1) be held in Levin, with the accompaniment of sports and refreshments, or (2) take the form of a trip by train, the pupils to bring their own refreshments.

[Note 50 pound in 1913 is \$8396.82 in March 2020 Terms. There were 20 shillings in a pound and 12 pence in a shilling]

8th October 1913 In the Horowhenua Chronicle was a very long article on the value of all children at the High School section had to do the rural school/ The complaint was not against the teachers but the programme they had to follow. Many children had left to go to other schools.

24th October 1913 A special meeting of Levin School Committee was held last night, to deal with picnic matters. There were present Messrs Lancaster (chairman), Dawson, Broome, Smellie, Henderson, and Sims (Hon. secretary;. The voting was 'found to be as under: For picnicking at Levin 155 votes For trip by rail 96 votes Majority for Levin 56 votes There was one informal vote.

The committee passed a vote of thanks to Mr McIntyre, headmaster, for the completeness of his arrangements in regard to taking the ballot.

It was decided to hold the picnic on the Levin racecourse if obtainable; if not, on the Levin recreation ground if obtainable. The picnic was fixed for 10th December, that date being approved by the headmaster. A sports programme will be gone through, and similar events will be competed for annually. Medals were donated by .Messrs A. Sims and T. Broome, respectively, for highest aggregates of points in specified events. The full programme will be as follows: Levin School Championship. 100, 200 and 440 yards: high jump, long jump, 100 yards championship, for lads under 12: hop, step and jump, skipping events for girls, egg and spoon race, throwing the cricket ball, half-mile race, relay race (teams of four), 100 yards race for girls under 12.

A sports committee was set up. consisting of Messrs Henderson. Broome, Sims, Randerson and Lancaster.

A special set of sports will be arranged for the younger children.

The committee will be glad if intending donors of medals and prizes for the sports will inform the secretary (Mr A. Sims) at their earliest' convenience.

25th October 1913 Dominion. The following resolution was passed by the Levin School Committee at a recent meeting:—"That, whereas there is widespread dissatisfaction among householders of Levin and district with the rural course system of education obtaining in the District High School, and many pupils have left the school long before the completion of their course, and whereas the grounds for dissatisfaction are: (1) That the agricultural instruction is too meagre and general to be of any practical use or value, leads to no definite end, and is not linked up with agricultural colleges and Government farms; (2) that the curriculum is crowded with too many subjects for full and effective instruction in any one of them; (3) that no distinction is made between the sexes and between different types of scholar, and no provision whereby pupils may elect to specialise in such subjects as may fit them for the calling their parents wish them to fill; (4) that under this system the door is closed to the University unless extra coaching is obtained and paid for outside the school hours, this committee is therefore of opinion that the system should be so amended as to bring it more into harmony with the needs of every type of scholar, and with the practical idea of fitting our children for the vocation in life, and urges upon the board and the Department to take steps to give effect to this resolution."

5th November 1913 A conference concerning the rural course took place in Levin last night, between the Wellington Education Board inspectors and the Levin District High School Committee. Messrs Fleming and Bakewell- inspectors to the board both were present, and a long and animated discussion ensued. the crux of the explanations given by the inspectors was that any extension or alteration in the curriculum would require the appointment of new teachers, and to do so would involve extra expenditure which the board could not afford to face.

26th November 1913 A series of resolutions has been received by the Education. Board from the Levin School Committee with regard to the curriculum of the District High School in that town. The resolutions were to the effect that the agricultural instruction was too meagre and general to be of any practical value; that it led to no definite end that it was not linked' up with the agricultural colleges and experiment farms; that the curriculum was 'crowded' with too many subjects for Full and effective instruction in any of them; that no distinction was made between the sexes and the different types of scholar: that no provision was made for specialising in view of a calling; and that the door to the University was closed unless extra coaching was obtained', and paid for, outside the school hours. The committee suggested that the system amended in order better to suit the. needs of every type of scholar, and with the practical idea of fitting the children for a vocation in life.

The board's inspectors reported to yesterday's meeting that, acting under instructions, they had considered the recommendations in conference. They pointed out that- it was practically impossible in a school staffed as a district high school to carry out' satisfactorily programmes designed to meet the needs of every type of scholar, and that it would be a difficult matter with only two teachers to prepare scholars for the University, for all the public, examinations, and for rural life, at one and the same time—unless the pupils consented to take extra work in such subjects as mathematics and language,, out of school hours. The inspectors agreed that the agricultural instruction was not linked up with the agricultural colleges. The. present programme was designed to meet the requirements of the rural course, and to prepare scholars for the intermediate or Civil Service junior examinations. The general work in this department ranged from satisfactory to good. The inspectors recommended laboratory work in the science

section of the rural course. With regard to outside work, they recommended that the present-area under cultivation be reduced. The report was adopted

3rd December 1913 The first annual picnic of the Levin Public School will be held on the racecourse, Levin, next Wednesday, commencing at 10 a.m. Ample funds for the occasion have been raised by the school committee, and a fine programme of sports will be run oil' on the grounds. The chief events are set out below, but there will be others—to be noted in a later issue There are gold and silver medals allotted to the championship events. Following are details of the entries: Followed by the names of the entrants in each event. There were no events for girls listed. Though there were races for girls listed in next day's paper

10th December 1913 Rain fell between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning As this is picnic day, the eyes of the public school scholars were as wet as the weather. But between 9 and 10 o'clock the sun and the smiles peeped out, and between 10 and 11 o'clock the sports and the picnic were progressing merrily - on Levin racecourse, and the tea and buns were observable in the offing.

11th December 1913 Yesterday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock the Chronicle weather prophet caught a glimpse of the sun through a rift in the clouds, and right away got in a vague paragraph—prophets are always vague- which would lead anyone to suppose that it was turning out a glorious day. It proved anything but that. About 12 o'clock the rain came down in earnest, and kept on steadily until 7 in the afternoon, completely spoiling the picnic and raising miserable feelings where only happiness should have been. Only portion of the sports programme had been gone through when the children had to take refuge in the grandstand, and the parents trudged homewards. Under shelter, and with nothing else to divert their attention, the children made a sustained attack on the commissariat department and its organisation. Though the department emerged successfully, things had a frayed and depleted appearance. In connection with this department the School Committee desires to heartily thank the ladies and gentlemen who attended to the wants of the children and visitors. Their work was made more arduous by the fact that with the children under shelter space was very limited. The good things provided gave great satisfaction. 'The committee also thanks the teachers and friends who so kindly lent their assistance and helped to make things smooth. "Weather permitting, the remainder of the sports programme will be run oil' Oil the recreation reserve to-mor-row (Friday). To the original programme an old girls' race has been added.

16th December 1913 Sports medals and prizes also school certificates, are to be presented to the pupils of the Levin public, school at a gathering to be held next Thursday. The Mayor and Mayoress will attend and Mrs Gardener [Mayoress] will present the prizes.

19th December 1913 At the breaking up of the school for the Christmas holidays yesterday afternoon the prizes for proficiency and the prizes and medals won at the picnic were presented by the Mayoress (Mrs R. R. Gardener) who congratulated the winners. The headmaster (Mr McIntyre) said that though previously he, had doubts about the success and wisdom of trying to organise a picnic he was now satisfied that the committee was on right lines, and instead of the usual cut-and-dried manner of breaking up for the holidays that event in future would be marked by a picnic or some such fixture. At the conclusion cheers were given for the Mayoress, Mr Gardener, Mr. McIntyre and the school committee.

The Levin school committee has a balance of a little over £4 in hand after the recent picnic and this amount will be earned forward as the nucleus of a fund for a picnic or sports next year.

The committee have resolved to give the scholars an annual outing. This is as it should be, and the public may be depended upon to back up the committee and secretary in every way. In the report of results of the school picnic, a mistake was made in the amount of the prizes for the "Old Girls' Race." They were given as 5s and 2s 6d, whereas they were 10s and 5s. They were donated by; Mr Palmer, of Weraroa.

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1914	455	Levin DHS	McIntyre	James	D1	Head Master	£340.00	House
1914	455	Levin DHS	Harding	Albert J	C1	Assistant Master	£235.00	
1914	455	Levin DHS	Mills BA	John E	B4	War Duty	£160.00	
1914	455	Levin DHS	Sparrow	Eva T		Substitute	£160.00	
1914	455	Levin DHS	Hurley	Irene N	C2	Assistant Female	£150.00	
1914	455	Levin DHS	Foss	James B		Assistant Master	£108.00	
1914	455	Levin DHS	Goeder	Hazel		Substitute	£108.00	
1914	455	Levin DHS	Brown	Maxwell S	C4	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1914	455	Levin DHS	Burbush	Nellie M	C4	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1914	455	Levin DHS	Gowdy	Vyviene	C4	Assistant Female	£100.00	
1914	455	Levin DHS	Gray	Harold A W		MP4	£55.00	
1914	455	Levin DHS	Parsons	May A		Substitute	£55.00	
1914	455	Levin DHS	Rayne	Jessie		FP3	£55.00	
1914	455	Levin DHS	Cooper	James P		MP2	£30.00	
1914	455	Levin DHS	Rockel	Cecil Ferdinand	B2	Secondary		
1914	455	Levin DHS	McLandress MA	Isabella	B2	Secondary		

Spelling of Names is as published by Education Department

7th January 1914 The monthly meeting of the School Committee was held last evening in the schoolroom. Present: Messrs E. S. Lancaster (chairman), H. Walker, J. Smellie, T. Dawson and A. Sims (secretary).

On the motion of the chairman leave of absence was granted to the Rev. A. C. Randerson. The secretary reported that Mr Rockell had complied with the conditions laid down by the committee when granting him the right to cut the grass in the school grounds.

Mr E. D. Wallace applied for 'the right to graze a horse in the school paddock and offering to pay 1s 6d per week for the agistment. The secretary explained that (subject to the approval of the committee) he had given Mr Wallace permission to graze the horse (on the 28th December). The committee unanimously approved of the secretary's action.

The secretary reported that a balance £4 8s 4d remained in hand from the recent picnic. Mr Walker moved that this balance be left in the hands of the new committee and that it be used for a picnic and sports next year:- This was seconded by Mr Dawson and carried.

The picnic accounts were passed for payment.

13th January 1914 [An often repeated advertisement in the Levin Chronicle] Palmerston North High School reopens on Thursday, 5th February. The school has three courses: classical, commercial, and agricultural. Mr J. E. Vernon, M.A., and B.Sc., of Edinburgh, still is the rector, and he may be seen at the school on Thursdays during January; also on 1st, 2nd and 3rd February, from 2 to 4 p.m.

21st January 1914 In the examinations held in Wellington, the following . Levin scholars gained their scholarships in the rural course undertaken in the District High School: Ivy Pink, 1106; Agnes M. Williamson, 1039; Marjorie Malcolm, 1022; Howard E. Barham, 970; Arnold G. Cork, 867. H. E. Barham and J. Fletcher satisfied the pass requirements for senior free places.

28th January 1914 Miss Jessie Payne appointed [Actually Miss Jessie Rayne taught at Levin 1914, and in 1915 at Masterton, then at Plimmerton by 1921 and she was still there at 1923]

25th February 1914 The Levin School Committee is blessed with a most economical secretary. For the past twelve months his expenditure in stumps only amounted to 3s.

25th February 1914 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Levin School Committee was held in the schoolroom last evening. Present: Messrs E. S. Lancaster (chairman), F. Walker, .Rev. A. C. Randerson, J. Dawson, A. Smellie, F. O. Smith and A. Sims (secretary).

On the motion of Mr E. S. Lancaster, seconded by Mr F. Walker, the Rev. A. C. Randerson and Mr J. Dawson were appointed to inspect the school building's before the end of the term.

A letter was received from the Education Board stating that schools may be closed on Friday, the 6th March, in order that children may attend the Wellington. Carnival, to be held from the 4th to the 7th March. On the 6th March, special trains will be run

to convey school children from the Manawatu districts to the Carnival. Parents must make adequate supervision of the children while in transit and in Wellington. The committee decided to let the matter stand over for the present until further information had been obtained from the secretary of the carnival.

To comply with the provisions of the new Act, all books and vouchers must be sent in one month earlier this year, and have to be in the auditors hands by the 25th inst. The balance-sheet will be published after its return from the auditor. Accounts passed for payment totalled £9 0s 8d.

19th March 1914 Levin Chronicle School holidays this autumn will be taken earlier (ban usual. I his course is being taken to facilitate the attendance of school teachers at drill camps. The men teachers of this educational district will assemble at Petone, and the women teachers at Wellington The holidays will begin on Friday next, 27th March, and extend for the usual fortnight, but as the Easter holidays immediately follow this period the holidays will be lengthened considerably.

8th April 1914 The monthly meeting of the Levin School Committee was held in the schoolroom last evening. Present: Messrs Lancaster, Dawson. Smellie, Broome, Smith, Henderson, Randerson and Sims.

Messrs Dawson and Randerson recommended minor improvements in the .sanitary arrangements at the school.

The matter was left in the hands of the chairman and secretary to be dealt with.

A letter was received from Mr McIntyre, stating that he had had a few small plumbing repairs done at the school. The matter was held over until the accounts came before the committee

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Mav 5th.

24th April 1914 The annual meeting of the winter section of the Levin District High School Sports Club took place on Wednesday, April 22nd Mr Harding presided over a record attendance of 40. The balance-sheet showed a balance in hand of 11s 6d, with one small bill to come in. The subject of changing the winter game to hockey was discussed, but

ultimately a resolution in favour of continuing at Rugby was carried by a large majority. Officers were elected as follows: Captain, M. McIntyre; vice-captain, E. Clark; secretary and treasurer, Mr Harding; executive, the above officers with the addition of Mr-Mills. The subscription was fixed at 1 shilling. Votes of thanks were earned by acclamation" to the Horowhenua Rugby Union, for a donation of a football: and to Mr A. Dempsey, for various small repairs done gratis. Arrangements were made for putting the football ground in order.

6th May 1914 The annual school committee elections are to be held next Thursday evening. Householders should esteem it their duty to attend these gatherings. There are prospects that in Levin this year there will be no lack of public interest, for (the tocsin has been sounded in various quarters, two "tickets" are being circulated, and a keen contest is certain. The outgoing committee has done its duty well, and amongst its records is a substantial credit balance, notwithstanding expenditure on the annual school picnic, foreshadowed for so many years but left an Affairs at the school have gone on uneventfully, and for this fact there is reason to be pleased, these being troublous times socially as well as politically, with fermenting forces at work which at any time may erupt, and in so doing dissipate the air of calmness normally characteristic of New Zealand's public bodies and institutions. Lately there has appeared on the horizon an enlarging cloud which yet may burst in disconcerting manner. We refer to the widespread movement for the introduction of Bible Reading and Bible Teaching into the public schools. At present we have no desire to traverse the arguments for and against the proposed referendum nor to touch upon the general principle: what we "are" concerned about is to have the issue kept out of the school committee elections as far as possible. There is no real need introducing such a source of presentation into school committee elections, and for the sake of civic amity it is to be hoped the admirable precedent" established last year, so far as Levin was concerned. will be followed and extended. An assurance to that effect from the various candidates would be timely.

6th May 1914 From a discussion at the monthly meeting of the Levin School Committee, it appeared that the settlers in one or two outlying districts are considering the question of moving in the direction of getting small schools erected in their particular district. Apparently they will, have a hard task in hand, as it was stated by members of the committee that the Education Board objected to increasing the number of small schools, preferring to make provision for the carriage of scholars to the larger schools.

6th May 1914 The ordinary monthly meeting of the School Committee was held in the schoolroom on Tuesday evening. Present; Messrs E. S. Lancaster (chairman), Rev. A. C. Randerson, J. Smellie, T. Broome, F. O. Smith, E. Henderson, A. Sims, and the head-teacher (Mr J. McIntyre).

A letter was received from Mr T. W. Bolton stating- that when he tendered for the running of the Kimberley road coach it was for 8d per head or a minimum of 8s per day from the Education Board. The settlers had agreed to give 1s per week to make up ten shillings per day up till Christmas time, and this was done. Since then the attendance had increased for February and March. To make up the difference it only meant that the cost would be 6d per head per week. One or two had paid this, but others had agreed among themselves not to pay. They stated that they agreed to pay until Christmas only. In conclusion the writer asked if there was any likelihood of the committee approaching the Education Board in 'the matter with a view to a grant of 10s per day. Mr Smith said it would not be a bad idea if the coach was taken off for a while. Its value in getting the children to school in a dry and comfortable state might then be appreciated, and the settlers would be more willing to pay the 6d per week.

Mr Sim remarked that there was no stipulation regarding Christmas. It appeared to him that some trouble existed between the driver of the coach and the settlers. The Education Board had declined to give a grant for the Kimberley coach.

Referring to the probability of a change (mentioned by one settler) Mr McIntyre said that possibly it meant that the settlers on the south side of the Kimberley road who were in the district of the Ohau school committee contemplated sending their children to the Ohau school. Finally the matter was left in abeyance.

It was decided that the attention of the incoming committee be drawn to the matter of having new gate posts put in.

On behalf of the committee and on his own behalf Rev. Mr Randerson expressed satisfaction at the good feeling that had existed between the chairman and the committee. It was due to the chairman's tact and kindness.

Mr Lancaster thanked the committee for the assistance they had given him in the past year, and also to Mr Sims, who had always helped him.

At last night's meeting of the Levin School Committee, the Rev. A. C. Randerson drew attention to the fact that at the election of the committee last year the accommodation was insufficient for the large number that attended. He suggested that one of the larger rooms be requisitioned this year, so as to prevent a recurrence of the trouble. It was explained that in connection with the larger room there was a difficulty regarding lighting as the gas was not laid on. Mr Sims offered the use of two powerful oil lamps. The offer was accepted, and on the motion of Mr Lancaster, seconded by Mr--Dawson, the committee accorded Mr Sims a hearty vote thanks for his offer.

6th May 1908 The annual election of the Levin School Committee will be held at the school on Thursday evening 7th inst. The average attendance at the school is -405 and householders within the school district are eligible for election. \_ The, nomination either in writing or made verbally at the election (8 p.m. Thursday) must have the consent of the candidate nominated. Parents or guardians of children attending school, house holders (whether owners or tenants) and their wives have a right to exercise their vote at the election. Lodgers, whether in private houses hotels or boarding houses have no such right unless they have children attending the school.

8th May 1908 The annual meeting oi the Levin School Committee was held in the school room on Thursday evening for the- purpose of dealing with the report and balance-sheet and the election of a committee for the ensuing twelve months. Great interest was taken in the proceedings and there was a very large attendance. The large room in the school was filled and a great number stood in the corridor. The attendance was estimated at fully 250 and as about 220 ballot papers were issued, this was probably somewhere near the number.

Mr P. W. Goldsmith was voted to the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed,

Mr E. S. Lancaster read the annual report of the committee, and Mr A. Sims the balance-sheet, which showed a credit balance of £34 9s 2d made up by a general balance of £30 1s 7d and a balance of £4 7s 7d from the picnic.

Mr McTaggart moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet. Mr J. Johnson seconded the motion.

Mr Lancaster said that the position of affairs as disclosed by the report and balance-sheet was satisfactory, in connection with the election he challenged, the allegation of the Rev. A. C. Randerson that he was a ticket-monger. There was no foundation for it at all. He was quite unaware that he was on the ticket. It was not fair for anyone to take up such a position and make a statement without being sure of their ground, he was confident that his friends in Levin would vote for him without a ticket (applause). The Rev. Mr Randerson had a ticket of his own and then went round trying to induce people to vote against him. He asked for a fair chance at the hands of the electors.

Rev. Mr Randerson stated that he wished to say that his letter which appeared in The Chronicle was written to give Mr Lancaster and Mr Henderson a chance to explain their position. In having his name on the ticket Mr Lancaster had laid himself open to have his action misunderstood. He had nothing against Mr Lancaster, he considered him a straight and honourable man. The ticket system was an old standing abuse in the town for many years, but they had managed to upset it last year, he appreciated Mr Lancaster's tact and kindness as chairman of the committee. The fact that his name was on the ticket led them to conclude that Mr Lancaster had no objection to it being there, he strongly denied that he (Mr Randerson) had went around the town putting people against Mr Lancaster. He simply put the facts before them and left them to judge. He hoped that, the householders would give a fair and honest vote and would not be dictated to by any party or faction who wished to run the school. They wanted the beat committee it was possible to get. (Applause)

The report and balance sheet as read were adopted.

For the new committee eighteen were nominated; twelve in writing and six verbally.

While the ballot papers were being prepared Mr Goldsmith announced that anyone wishing to speak on any matter in connection with the election could do so. Several availed themselves of the opportunity.

Mr Dawson said it was a matter of congratulation to see so many ladies present and taking such an interest in the proceedings. In the committee the bulk of the work fell on the secretary and treasurer, and he had done his work well. They had a good substantial balance at the end of the year. There were several kinds of surplus: one was in the political form hidden away in columns of figures, while another sort was of the earmarked variety. The best surplus was the sort that the Levin School Committee had; one that had a jingle and could be plainly heard.

Mr W. Thomson said that people had told him that his name was on one ticket. If that was so he could not explain how it came to be there. He had not given anyone permission to put it there, and if he had been asked to consent to it he would have refused. He was opposed to the ticket system, as it meant that they were not electing men on their merits. He did not agree with the method (that of issuing an opposition ticket) of fighting it that was adopted. They wanted men on the committee who were not mere dummies of the ticket system (applause). The sooner the system was crushed the better it would be for the school and the children.

Mr J. Johnson said that his name was on the ticket without his consent. He was a free and independent candidate and he was going solely for the good of the school and children. (A voice: "You're a rail-sitter, Jack!")

The head-teacher's report (read earlier in the evening) was referred to by Mr Goldsmith, who considered that the teachers deserved some recognition.

Mr Lancaster said that all the teachers gave every satisfaction. He moved a hearty vote of to the teaching staff for their services last year, and that the meeting record its appreciation of their services.

Mr Cutfield seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr T. Hook, seconded by Mr J. Howell, a vote of thanks was accorded to the outgoing committee by acclamation : Mr Hook remarking that the committee had given its very best" services to the householders during the past year. :

Mr Lancaster moved and Mr E W. J. Smith seconded a proposal That a vote of thanks be given to Mr Goldsmith for the manner in which he had conducted the election. —Carried.

A special vote of thanks to those who had given their assistance at the election was carried on the motion of the Rev. A. C. Randerson, seconded by Mr W. Thomson.

Votes of thanks to all who had assisted the committee in any way last year, and to the ladies for their assistance at the picnic were also carried. '

No one could think of any further votes of thanks. The ballot papers arrived and the voting proceeded with. It resulted as follows :—

E. S. Lancaster 127

A. Sims 113

T. Broome 113

R. E. Henderson 102

T. Dawson 101

H. C. Gapper 99

W. Thomson 97

F. O. Smith 97

Rev. A. C. Randerson 95

J. Smellie 95

A. Dempsey 87

E. G. Glackin 83

J. Johnson 77

C. Kelleher 75

H. Walker 72

N. C Holdaway ... 69

I. Hook 67

T. Procter 60

Mr Goldsmith declared the first nine duly elected, he, as chairman, having given his casting vote for the REV A. C. Randerson who tied for ninth place with Mr J . Smellie All the members of the old committee were re-elected with the exception of Messrs H. Walker and J . Smellie . Messrs Lancaster, Thomson, Gapper and Dawson returned thanks to the householders for their election.

**FIRST MEETING. THE NEW SCHOOL COMMITTEE** Immediately after the election on Thursday evening the newly elected members met to choose a chairman and secretary and attend to a few urgent matters. There was a full attendance.

Mr Smith, considering that the position of chairman should go round, proposed Mr Broome as chairman.

Mr Broome preferred to stand down in Mr Lancaster's favour; he had made a good chairman last year.

Rev. Mr Randerson proposed Mr Lancaster and Mr Thomson seconded.- Carried unanimously.

Mr Smith proposed and Mr Dawson seconded that Mr Sims be secretary.

Mr Sims thanked them for the honour but would rather see someone else take the position.

The committee was unanimous that Mr Sims was the best man for the position and expressed the wish that he would accept it. He agreed and the motion was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr Smith the matter of erecting a new gate post was left in the hands of the chairman and .secretary.

Mr Smith drew attention to the need of having the shelter sheds put in order. Mr Thomson moved that the necessary boarding be done at once, and in the meantime the cost of concreting the sheds be ascertained. This was seconded by Mr Broom and carried.

It was decided to meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 8 p.m.

[Note: Some items were not copied from the Levin Chronicle of May 1914 because of the poor quality of print]

20th May 1914

An extraordinary meeting of the above committee was held in the school room on Tuesday evening. Present: Messrs E. S. Lancaster, H. C. Gapper, F. O. Smith, T. Dawson, E. Henderson, W. Thompson, Rev. A. C. Randerson, T. Broome, A. Sims and the headteacher (Mr J. McIntyre).

The chairman (Mr Lancaster) explained that the meeting was called to consider the matter of asphaltting the school. The Education Board had sent up its clerk of works to look at the place and the board wanted plans and estimates of the work proposed to be done by the committee. Mr McIntyre had drawn up the plans and estimates, and these would be submitted to the meeting for consideration. The cost of the whole would be about £100: the paths alone £30 and asphaltting at each end of the school £50.

Rev. A. C. Randerson took exception to the way in which the matter had been brought before the committee. The board had sent up its clerk of works and the matter had been communicated to them verbally through the headteacher. The board should deal with the committee by formal communication.

Mr Sims asked if the secretary of the committee had any standing with the board. He objected to the manner in which the board had treated him. He had written to the board on different matters but had been ignored. Answers to some of his letters had come through the chairman. In connection with the tool shed he had not been answered at all.

Mr Lancaster said that letters had always arrived through the chairman of the committee.

Mr McIntyre explained that as far as he was connected with the matter he had simply drawn up the plans regarding the asphaltting and drawn the attention of the clerk of works to other matters that needed to be done. As for the toolshed, the board was paying for that itself, and it was a matter entirely for the board itself to deal with.

Mr Henderson said that while he had been on the committee letters had come through the chairman, but he saw no reason why they should not be addressed to the secretary.

Mr Smith said letters had always come through the secretary.

Mr Lancaster said it was a credit to Mr McIntyre that he had drawn the attention of the clerk of works to things that needed doing.

Mr Thomson thought (from previous experience) that the business methods of the Board were at fault.

Mr Sims explained that he took no exception to letters coming through the chairman; his complaint was that the secretary of the Education Board had not answered letters at all. The courtesy had not been shown him of letting him know that tenders for the tool shed were being dealt with.

Mr Randerson said they all valued Mr McIntyre's services and he did right in drawing up the plans. What he (Mr Randerson) objected to was the board overlooking the committee in the matter. He moved: "That the committee protest against the manner in which its correspondence is treated by the Wellington Education Board, having sent officially through its secretary a request for much-needed help in re-asphalting portions of the school ground, a month, ago, no reply has been received, save some verbal suggestions through the board's clerk of works conveyed through the headmaster, and this committee requests that in future the board send official replies to its official communications. '

Mr Gapper seconded the motion which was carried. •

Regarding the asphaltting, Mr Lancaster said the committee should make an effort to get some of it done if they could not get all of it.

Mr Henderson remarked that the paths at least should be done. They would perhaps have to raise money and organise a' picture show or concert for the purpose.

Mr Randerson asked ii the board would give £1 for £1 subsidy.

Mr McIntyre said that some years ago the children had organised a bazaar which had brought in about ,£50; this had been subsidised £1 for £1 He thought now that the board only gave £1 for £1 up to £10. Mr Smith considered they should write to the board and see what the board was prepared to do to assist them.

Mr Randerson moved; "That the secretary write to the board stating that the committee was prepared to raise £25 and asking if the board would find the balance (about £25) to put down asphalt at both ends of the school and two paths." Mr Henderson seconded this and it was agreed to.

Mr Channings' tender for concreting two sheds for £3 14s 6d was accepted, and his tender for two concrete gate posts at £2 3s 6d.

The chairman, secretary and head-teacher were appointed to go into the stationery tenders and deal with them.

The tender of the Horowhenua Publishing Company, Ltd., was accepted for printing.

27th May 1914 The contract for the tool shed to be by the Education Board, Wellington, at Levin school has been secured by Pringle and builders, Levin.

[Note. There were no more copies of Horowhenua Chronicles on Papers Past until January 1915]

26th August The following joined the expeditionary force. J B Foss assistant, J E Mills assistant, H Gray Pupil Teacher Leave of absence was granted to them by Wellington Education Board . None of these three taught for Wellington Education Board again.

28th October 1914 Mr M. L. McMorrow, (relieving assistant, Levin), resigns

10th November 1914 Wellington Education Board Assistant at Levin Miss B P Stone late of Masterton

## 1915

1915	506	Levin DHS	McIntyre	James	D1	Head Master	£370.00	House
1915	506	Levin DHS	Harding	Albert J	C1	Assistant Master	£280.00	
1915	506	Levin DHS	Jones	Howard	D4	Assistant Master	£210.00	
1915	506	Levin DHS	Gooder	Hazel		Substitute	£150.00	
1915	506	Levin DHS	Hitchcock	Mary L	C2	Assistant Female	£190.00	
1915	506	Levin DHS	Brown	Maxwell S	C4	Assistant Female	£150.00	
1915	506	Levin DHS	Foss	James B		War Duty	£135.00	
1915	506	Levin DHS	Burbush	Nellie M	C4	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1915	506	Levin DHS	Stone	Blanche	D3	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1915	506	Levin DHS	Cork	Gladys S	D5	Assistant Female	£110.00	
1915	506	Levin DHS	Cork	Arnold JG L		MP2	£55.00	
1915	506	Levin DHS	Winge	Aziyadee		Female Probationer 1	£55.00	
1915	506	Levin DHS	Malcolm	Marjorie		FP2	£45.00	
1915	506	Levin DHS	Rockel	Cecil Ferdinand	B2	Secondary		

13th January 1915 The contractor for the asphaltting at the Levin District School, Mr R. Channings, is making good progress with the work and' some 350 square yards of the total. 900 has been laid down, while the asphalt for the remainder is on the ground and will be laid during the week. The asphalt Is being put down two inches in thickness and is being thoroughly rolled. When surface-dressed in another -week or so it will be a first-class job and one of the best improvements to the grounds that could have been done. So far the work has taken 50 yards of shingle and three and a quarter tons of tar.

27th January 1915 Wellington Education Board Pupil Teachers appointed Arnold G D Cork, Marjorie Malcolm. Probationer Aziyadee Winge/ Transfer Jessie Rayne Levin to Masterton. A Winge Taught at Levin in 1915, then by 1917 was Koputaroa and in 1919 was at Pongaroa where she was in 1923 when my records end

A Cork only was at Levin by the end of 1915 and s not teaching for the Wellington Education Board by 1917

M Malcolm was at Levin to at least 1917 and was at Manakau until at least 1921

3rd February 1915 First meeting this year was held by the Levin School Committee in the schoolroom last evening. There were present: Messrs E. S. Lancaster (chairman), T. Broome. F. O. Smith, T. Dawson, A. Sims, W. Thomson and Rev. A. C. Randerson.

The secretary reported that some necessary repairs had been effected during the holidays with the' exception of the glazing. it was decided to get Mr J. W. Procter to do the latter work. The work of asphaltting certain paths and areas, 900 square yards, near the school buildings has been completed. The area asphalted has exhausted the amount of money available, £75. it was decided to erect new gates at the main entrance to the school grounds, the gates to be of totara. In connection with some decorative material borrowed for decorating the stage the school concert held before Christmas, and which was badly soiled, the committee decided to purchase the material. It was considered that it would be of use on future occasions.

The long grass in front of the school is to be cut.

The chairman brought up the question of teaching the children to swim. They had baths close handy and the Borough Council was agreeable to hand them over for swimming lessons at certain, times. He thought it would be better if swimming lessons were made compulsory. They could also arrange swimming demonstration. The Borough Council was willing to assist as much as possible. He moved that the committee approach the 'Education Board and ask that swimming lessons be made compulsory. Mr T. Broome seconded the motion.

Rev. A. C. Randerson said he would support the matter as it would draw the Education Board's attention to an important matter. At the same time he did not think they would succeed. , There were a lot of schools which had no facilities for teaching swimming, and there were also a lot of children who could not with safety enter swimming baths. He thought it best to get the cooperation of the teachers and form swimming and lifesaving classes at the local baths. School swimming sports could also be arranged.

Mr Thomson supported the motion, but he did not think the Board would move in the matter as it would put extra work on the teachers. He was in favour of compulsion, but there were many difficulties in the way. "With the co-operation of the Borough Council, the public and teachers, he thought local swimming classes would be a success.

The chairman said that he understood that the Board granted a bonus to swimming classes fend he would like the motion to go forward".

Mr Sim questioned whether the Board' would give any assistance in the matter. At Hastings school the swimming classes had been a success. He thought it best if the committee took the matter up itself.

Mr Dawson expressed satisfaction ' that the matter had been brought up; ' it was an important one. They could ' not expect swimming classes to be made compulsory. He thought the best way to deal with the matter was to have a bath in the schoolground. One lesson a week would not teach swimming.

Mr Smith considered that no harm would be done by forwarding the motion to the Board. If the Board did not move in the matter then the committee could move in the matter itself.

The motion was carried.

Rev. A. C. Randerson moved that the teachers be approached with a view to take advantage of the Council's offer to throw open the baths to children from the school in charge of teachers, and also with a view to organising swimming sports later on.

Mr Thomson seconded the motion which was carried'.

The chairman and secretary were appointed visiting committee for the ensuing month

3rd March 1915 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Levin School Committee was held in the schoolroom last evening. There were present: -Messrs E.. S. Lancaster (chairman), H C Gapper. F O. Smith, T. Dawson, R. E. Henderson, A. Sims, W . Thomson, Rev. A. C. Randerson, and the head teacher, Mr J. McIntyre.

The chairman reported that no reply had been received from the Education Department regarding the suggestion of the committee that swimming lessons be made compulsory. The new gates had been erected at the main entrance. The necessary glazing at the school had been completed.

It was decided to leave the question of procuring half a truck of coal before the cold weather sets in and before the price rises any higher, in hands of -Mr Dawson and' the secretary.

Messrs Thomson and Gapper were appointed visiting committee for the ensuing month.

The balance sheet showing a credit balance of. £48 10s 3d was adopted

Rev. A. C. Randerson moved that the sum of £11 17s 7d, balance from the entertainment for the asphaltting be retained as a sinking fund in the Post office savings bank to provide for any further asphaltting that may be decided on. The chairman seconded the motion and it was agreed to.

The Chairman said it had been suggested that the concert given by the scholars before Christmas be repeated for the benefit of the Belgian Relief fund He thought it a good idea.

Mr Smith suggested that it be left to the children themselves to decide.

Other members of the committee said that the children were in favour of the idea.\* The headteacher said that the children wished to repeat the concert held in December and give, the proceeds to the Belgian Relief fund. it was decided that the offer of the teaching staff and the children to repeat the concert and give the net proceeds to the Belgian Relief Funds be accepted with thanks.

The concert will be held on Friday, March 26th.

4th March 1915 Among those who passed, in class A in the recent examination for teachers was Mr J. Cooper, who has been on the Levin school staff for some time. He will proceed to Wellington R O Milnes of Levin, who has been on the staff of the Miramar school for the past two years.

13th March 1915 The lady doctor of the Education Department, Dr Elizabeth Gunn. visited Levin public school this week and examined some fifty children. She found caries of the teeth much in evidence, but generally the children were found to be a fairly healthy lot. About half the fifty were special cases, picked out by the headmaster as requiring special examination. The parents of all these received special instruction from Dr. "Gunn. some by letter and some personally.

13th March 1915 Miss Hurley, who has been managing the infant department of Levin High School for the past three years has been appointed infant mistress at Britomart School, "Wellington. -Miss Hurley has been a popular as well as highly successful teacher here, and her departure will be regretted by a wide circle of people [Actually was at the Berhampore School in Wellington as Infant Mistress to at least 1923

27th March 1915 Mr James Cooper, of the Levin District High School teaching staff, leaves Levin this evening (Saturday) for a two-years' residence at Wellington City. He is to enter upon the training course for public school teachers conducted by the Wellington Education Board under the title of The Normal School. The course has a minimum duration of two years and a maximum of five.

27th March 1915. Part of a long article.

After a long wait the children of the Levin District School had the opportunity last night at the King's Theatre of giving their share, a big share, of assistance to the Belgian Relief Fund. For their effort they decided to repeat the successful concert given by them some few weeks before Christmas, and with but slight alteration the programme last evening was the same, but the performance, if anything, was much better and from the start to the finish the large audience, which occupied all the seating accommodation and nearly all the standing room, was well pleased, especially with the action song "The Coach and Four," the song with a moral "Three Little Pigs," the sketch "The Quack Doctor," and the "Birdies' Ball." In the hoop drill and song,

the Indian club drill and the physical drill the scholars kept excellent time and were deservedly applauded.....

29th March 1915 An ostrich plume handed over to the Levin School Committee to be sold in connection with the children's concert was auctioned in Oxford-street on Saturday night. It was put up several times and the total amount obtained from the sale was £2 3.5. Mr W. Simpson was auctioneer.

29th March 1915 A net credit of £56 was realised from the two concerts given in aid of the Belgium relief Fund and the school asphaltting fund by the children of Levin public school. The teaching staff and the school committee who cooperated so well to train the children and direct the concert, as well as carry out the preliminaries, are deserving of hearty congratulations.

9th April 1915 Miss Hurley, of the Lovin public school, is to be farewelled this (Friday) evening by the Levin Ladies' Shakespeare Club, of which body she- has been a member for some years past.

7th April 1915 The number on the roll at the Levin public school is 552. Owing to the prevalence of influenza the average attendance (494) for the month was below the normal. The Rev. A. C. Randerson announced at last night's meeting of the Levin School Committee that lie does not intend to seek re-election at the next election of a new school committee. Miss Stone, of the Levin teaching staff in still in the Palmerston North hospital. She is .suffering from an injured foot. Her place temporarily is being filled by Miss Cork.

At the Levin School Committee last year there was a big attendance and many householders were compelled to stand in the corridors of the school buildings. The matter was brought up at last night's meeting of the school committee and it was suggested that a hall be engaged for the election this year. After some discussion Mr Thomson moved that the Century Hall be obtained for the next election -subject to the. approval of the Education Board. Mr Dawson seconded this and it was agreed to. . A list of 25 names of applicants for a vacancy on the teaching staff of the Levin district school was received last night by the School Committee from the Education Board with the Board's recommendation of Miss Hitchcock, one of the applicants for the vacancy'. The secretary commenced to read out the list of applicants, their qualifications etc.. but as the Board's recommendation practically meant the appointment of Miss Hitchcock the committee decided that it was useless to proceed further and decided to take no action in the matter

8th April 1915 MONTHLY MEETING. The ordinary monthly meeting of the Levin School Committee was held in the schoolroom on Tuesday evening. There were present:—Messrs Li. & Lancaster (chairman), 'W . Thomson, r l. Dawson, F. O. Smith, T. Broome, H. (J. Gapper, A. Sims. Rev A. O. Randerson. and the head teacher, Mr J. McIntyre. The chairman reported that new doors had been put on the coal shed, new desks ordered, and half a dozen chairs procured locally.

A vote of thanks was passed to the secretary for the excellent way in which lie had kept the books during the past year.

It was decided to forward the head teacher's application For a gas heater for a bath to the secretary of the Education Board and recommending that it be procured.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the members of the teaching staff and the children for their work in connection with the recent concert on behalf of the Belgian Relief Fund.

The question as to whether the amount raised by the children and the staff of the Levin school at the recent concert should be forwarded direct to Wellington by the School Committee on behalf of the children or paid over to the Levin Ladies' Committee was raised by a paragraph in the head teacher's report stating that the teaching staff "desired that it be paid through the local ladies committee for the Belgian Relief Fund.

Mr McIntyre stated that he objected to any advertising in the matter and it was not desirable to encourage it in the children. He preferred that they should hide their light under a bushel.

Mr Smith stated that other schools had forwarded their contributions direct to Wellington and had received full credit for it. If Levin school did not send its contribution in people would think that Levin children had not done anything?. He moved that the resolution passed by the committee at its last meeting, to the effect that the money be forwarded direct to Wellington, be adhered to.

Mr Thomson seconded the motion.

In reply to a question the secretary stated that lie had no record of any resolution on the matter.

Mr McIntyre said that the committee in ignoring the wish of the teaching staff was not treating the teachers as it should. He had no recollection of a resolution passed at the last meeting that the money be forwarded direct to Wellington from the Levin school and he was surprised when he heard that the committee intended to do so. The teachers had done all the work and should be listened to in the matter. It seemed to him that some people wanted credit for it.

The chairman said lie knew that some people wanted the credit—the Levin Ladies' Committee wanted the credit. He felt that the teaching staff did not desire that the money be paid over to the Ladies' Committee to be forwarded to Wellington.

Mr McIntyre strongly objected to the chairman's remark that the staff did not desire the money be handed over to the ladies' committee. The question had been left entirely to them to vote on it in any way they pleased and it was their wish that it be paid to the Ladies' Committee. He could not say if the teachers knew when they voted that the money was to be paid through the local committee.

The chairman said that he was upholding the previous action of the committee.

Mr Thompson said that he had a recollection that the committee at its last meeting decided to forward the money direct. It seemed strange that the staff should express such a wish since that meeting.

The chairman also remembered the committee's decision at last meeting to send the money direct.

Rev. A. C. Randerson said it was unworthy of them to squabble about the matter. He had a good recollection of the resolution referred to by previous speakers and the committee should adhere to it. He repudiated the suggestion that the committee had not treated the teaching staff with respect. They had passed a vote of thanks to the teachers for what they had done.

The motion to adhere to the former resolution was carried unanimously.

Rev. A. C. Randerson moved the following resolution : "That after carefully considering the falling off in the attendance at the District High School, in consequence of which that department- of the school is now losing one of its teachers, although the roll number of the school has greatly increased during the past year, in view of the fact that parents throughout the district continue to express considerable dissatisfaction with the rural course, many of them preferring to pay :or outside coaching for their children, rather than to the District

High School; fearing also lest the attendance should continue to dwindle at the same rate, so that the district might shortly lose even its present facilities for secondary instruction, the School Committee urges upon the Board of Education, the need of speedy and careful enquiry into the whole position, with a view to remedying whatever may be found to contribute to the unpopularity of the high school. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Education Board, Director of Education, the member of Parliament for the district and to the press."

Mr Thomson seconded the motion and it was agreed to unanimously.

Rev. A. C. Randerson moved "That in view of the approaching election of a school committee, this meeting of the retiring committee expresses dissatisfaction of the 'ticket' system, and trusts that the householders' meeting this year will be left to exercise its own free choice apart from canvassing and other methods of influencing the election."

Mr Broome seconded the motion. He considered that candidates seeking election should stand on their own merits.

Mr Thomson supported the motion. It was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr Thomson a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for the way in which he had carried out his duties during the last twelve months. He had carried out the work most impartially. Mr Smith seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

The chairman, in returning thanks, stated that he had received great assistance from the members of the committee and from the secretary who did all the work.

Messrs H. C. Gapper and W. Thomson were appointed visiting committee for the ensuing month.

14th April 1915. Presumably Levin School pupils. Three boys—Raymond Jones (aged 12,) Edward Decossey (aged 12) and Ronald Corson (aged 10)^—disappeared from their homes at **Levin** on Friday, and no trace of their whereabouts has since been discovered (a Press Association message states). They were well supplied with funds. It has been ascertained that they took the train on Friday to Palmerston North, and it is supposed they have gone to Auckland.

15th April 1915 **THREE BOYS ABROAD**

**IN THE GIDDY WHIRL OF A CITY.** Press Association. AUCKLAND, April 14. The three boys Jones, de Cossy, and Carson, who disappeared from Levin, were found by the police at the People's Palace in - Auckland. They had £8 when 'they arrived here on Friday but had since spent the cash in a reckless fashion.

19th April 1915 Miss M L Hitchcock appointed Infant Mistress.

Mary L Hitchcock started teaching for the Wellington Education Board in 1904 as a Pupil Teacher at the Terrace School. There is a 2 year gap in 1907 and 1908 where presumably she was at Wellington training College. IN 1909 until 1911 she was at South Wellington. There was a Maria Hitchcock on the Wellington Training College staff in 1912 and 1913, when Mary L was not listed as teaching in a school

4th May 1915 The final meeting of the old school committee was held in the Century Hall last evening, prior to the meeting of householders for the election of a new committee. There were present : Messrs E. S. Lancaster (chairman), T. Dawson, F. D. Smith, A. Sims. H. C. Gapper and Rev. A. C. Randerson.

The following letter was received from the Rt. Hon. W. F. Massey, Prime Minister: "I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th inst.. forwarding a cheque for £32 11s 3d. representing the contribution of the Levin school children to the Belgian Relief Fund, and in reply, beg to inform you that I have had much pleasure in forwarding the amount on to the "Paymaster-General to be placed to the credit of the fund. I will be glad if you will express to the staff and to the children the Government's appreciation of the generous spirit which has resulted in the contribution of so useful a sum to the Fund.—Yours faithfully. W. F' , . MASSEY."

A letter was received from Mr G. L. Stewart, secretary to the Education Board, .acknowledging receipt of the committee's resolution re the rural course. It also was stated therein that the whole question of the rural course will be considered when the Government issues the new regulations relating to scholarships and flip manual and technical course. These have been considered by the senior inspector in conference this year and promptly will be issued shortly.

Mr W H Field wrote acknowledging the receipt of the resolution. He stated that the matter will have to be attended to in the very near future.

4th May 1915 The election of a new school committee for the Levin District School was held in the Century Hall last evening. Unlike the previous election very little interest was taken in last night's proceedings, and there was a sparse attendance of householders; only about 60 were present.

On the motion of Mr E. S. Lancaster Mr P. W. Goldsmith was elected chairman of the meeting. The retiring committee's report for the past year and the balance-sheet to December 31st. 1914, mowing a credit balance of £48 10s 3d were adopted as read.

Mr Goldsmith remarked that the credit balance was a record.

The report was as follows:—The retiring committee, in presenting you with its annual report and balance sheet, have pleasure in stating that we have had a most successful year from all points of view. The committee met twelve times during the year, which were attended as follows; Messrs Lancaster 12, Sims 12, Dawson 12, Thomson 11, Gapper 11, Smith 11, Broome 10, Henderson 10, and Rev. Randerson 9. On May 19th, the committee sent' in a protest to the Education Board re the negligent way it treated the committee's correspondence re asphaltting. On several occasions a month elapsed before the secretary received a reply to his communications. The committee nominated Mr Freeman as a member of the Education Board. On May 19th a special meeting was called to consider plans prepared by the headteacher to devise means for raising funds for asphaltting portions of the school grounds and paths. It was decided to write to the board asking if the committee' raised £25, would they procure a subsidy on the same? On July 8th a letter was received to the effect that a subsidy would be forthcoming, together with an amount From the Board's funds making a total of £75. The committee wrote thanking the board For its generous assistance; and decided to accept Mr Sohlager's offer of half the proceeds of a picture show, whereby £10 1s 6d was raised towards the £25 sent in by the committee. On August 4th it was decided that the concert committee should meet the teachers and ask their assistance in holding a concert to raise the balance needed. The teachers very readily agreed to undertake the work, and a first-class concert was held whereby the sum of £26 14s was obtained. During the Christmas holidays 900 yards of asphaltting was laid down. After the holidays the teachers and scholars offered to repeat the concert and to devote the proceeds to the Belgian Relief Fund. This effort resulted in £32 11s 6d being sent to that worthy cause- The committee accorded the teachers and scholars a hearty

vote of thanks for their splendid effort. A visit was paid to the school by Dr Elizabeth Gunn and parents of children who needed medical or dental treatment were duly notified. Owing to the loss of one teacher from the District High School staff on account of the falling-off in the attendance in that school (although the general attendance had increased), and the dissatisfaction of parents, owing to the rural course, the committee resolved to urge upon the Education Board, the need of careful enquiries into the whole position, with a view to remedying whatever may be found to contribute to the unpopularity of the District High School, and copies of the resolution were sent to the Board, the Director of Education, newspapers and to the member of Parliament for the district. Replies have been received from the board and also from Mr Field, M.P., that the matter was receiving their urgent consideration. During the year the following works were carried out by the committee: The shelter sheds at the infant school were boarded down to floor level and the floors concreted, cost £3 14s; a new gate was put in leading to the horse paddock and the gate painted; two new concrete gate posts and double picket gates were erected at the main entrance to the school, and the old gates were removed to a division fence at the back; the windows and blinds were all put in good order and repair: a new grating was procured for the gully trap; the hedges and trees were all trimmed and the grass kept cut. A new tool shed was erected by the board in the garden plot and the old one utilised for the storage of coal.

The head-teacher's (Mr J. McIntyre) report for the year was read and disclosed a very satisfactory state of affairs.

The election of a new committee was then proceeded with. The following nominations- were received—Messrs T. Broome, F. O. Smith, F. Gapper, N. C Holdaway, J. Johnson, W. Thomson, A. Sims, J. Robertson, C. Kelleher. R. A. McDonald, W. Bull, Revs. W. H. E. Abbey and H. T. Stealey.

The voting resulted as follows: W. Thomson 63, H. C. Gapper 61. F. O. Smith 59, T. Broome 57. A. Sims 57, W. Bull 51, N. Holdaway 49. Rev. H. T. Stealey 49. Rev. W. H. E. Abbey 47. J. Robertson 44, J. Johnson 35, R. A. McDonald 31, C. Kelleher 24.

The first nine were declared duly elected by the chairman.

On the motion of Mr S. Hall, seconded by Mrs McTaggart a hearty vote of thanks, carried by acclamation, was accorded to the retiring committee for its good work during the past year. Mrs Goldsmith moved a similar vote to the teaching staff for the excellent work during the past year.

Mr J. W. Bolton seconded the motion. He complimented the teaching staff for the work it did in connection with the concert for the purpose of assisting the Belgian Relief Fund. The motion was carried by acclamation.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Mr A. Sims, secretary to the retiring committee for his services during the past twelve months.

A hearty vote of appreciation was passed in recognition of the fact that three members-of the teaching staff, 'Messrs Foss, Mills and Gray, had volunteered for service and were now serving at the front.

A vote of thanks to! the chairman concluded the meeting.

THE FIRST MEETING. After the election a meeting of the new committee was held. There were present: 'Messrs A Sims, 'H. C. Gapper .F. O. Smith, N.-C Holdaway, W. Bull and Rev. H; 'T. Stealey.

Mr A. Sims was elected chairman, and Mr W. Bull appointed to act as secretary pro tem. It was decided that the committee hold its meetings on the first Monday in every month at 8 o'clock in the schoolroom.

Messrs F. O. Smith- and fl. C. Gapper were appointed a "Visiting committee for the ensuing month.

4th May 1915 Levin School Finances.

At the meeting of householders held in the Century Hall on Monday evening to elect a school committee for the ensuing year the following balance sheet to December 31st. 1914. truly audited, was submitted by the retiring committee:—Receipts: Credit balance £26-3s 6d; receipts from Education Board, £78 18s 4d ; grants for special purposes £3 15s; net proceeds of entertainment, £39 3s 10d; total £148 0s 8d, Expenditure: Cleaning schools and buildings £12 15s; fuel for school use £14 10s 3d; lighting, water, etc., £10. 13s 1d; expenditure on school grounds £25; books, maps, furniture, and school stationery £12 16s 7d; freight and cartage 17s; concert expenses £2, 2s. 6d : bank fees 10s : credit balance. £48 10s 3d ; total £148 0s 8d. " During the year a total of £76 1s 10d was raised by entertainments. Of this amount the sum of £32 11s 6d was paid to the Belgian Relief Fund; £25 .was devoted to asphaltting and £11 6s 4d placed in the Post Office Savings Bank The latter, amount added to a credit balance of £41 18s 7d at the 31st March gives a total of £53 4s 11d. on hand at present [Note £1 in March 1915 had the spending value of \$156.24 in March 2020]

6th May 1915 A considerable falling-off in the attendance of scholars at the Levin District High School is causing the committee much concern. The chief reason for this appears to be dissatisfaction on the part of parents at the rural course. At its last meeting the committee carried a resolution urging upon the Education Board the need of careful and immediate investigation into the matter with a view to restoring the popularity of the school.

7th May 1915 The Prime Minister, in acknowledging a cheque for £32 11s. 6d., representing the contribution of the Levin School children to the Belgian Relief Fund, says:—"I will be glad if you will express to the staff and to the children the Government's appreciation of the generous spirit which has resulted in the contribution of so useful a sum to the fund."

14th May 1915 The following report by Mr J McIntyre, head teacher of Levin District School was submitted at the meeting of householders on Monday, May 3rd—

School roll.—During the year 237 new names were added to the school 'roll, while 139 names were removed. This is an increase of 98; that is from 426 to 524. The average roll for the year was boys 254, girls 237, total 491.

The average attendance throughout the year was distinctly good. 'By comparison with previous years the attendance was not affected by any epidemic sickness with the result that a percentage of 92 was obtained, which is 'higher by 2 per cent, than that of the Wellington Education District, and 3 percent higher than the Dominion percentage. The average attendance was: Boys 236. girls 218; total 454.

Other than the automatic changes of pupil teachers and probationers leaving to pursue the study of their profession at the Wellington Teachers' Training College, and the filling of such vacancies by other pupil teacher and probationers, no alteration has occurred in the personnel of the staff. Messrs Mills, Foss and Gray left on August 16th to join the Expeditionary forces, and at latest advices are in Egypt. Their positions are being kept open and relieving teachers are carrying out their duties. Owing to the increase in the average attendance another assistant

was appointed late in the year, so that at the end of the year the staff consisted of headmaster, two secondary class assistants, seven primary class assistants, two pupil teachers and two probationers —14 in all.

The whole of the staff attended physical training classes from May 30 to April 10. These classes were held for teachers of Wellington and -suburbs, Hutt Valley and Manawatu line. The men were under canvas at Hutt Park, and the women boarded in Wellington. Under instructors of the Education Department the system of the late Royd Garlick was thoroughly learnt, and on resuming the system was introduced into the school and is now working with great smoothness. Miss Greenwood and Mr Just, inspectors of physical Education, paid a visit on July 23rd and expressed themselves well satisfied with the work that had been done. The scheme provides for instruction daily for twenty minutes in physical exercises and correct methods of breathing, and the effects are gradually becoming more apparent.

Levin was again selected for the annual visit of the students for purposes of observation. On Nov. 20th, the principal, accompanied by some 15 students, spent some time in the school garden, where, the nature of the experiments being carried on in the various plots was explained by Mr Rockel. A visit was also made by a selected number to the infant school. Mr R. Lee, who has been connected with educational matters since 1876; first as inspector and latterly as chairman of the Wellington Education Board on the eve of his retirement, paid farewell visits to some half a dozen schools of which Levin was one. He, at some length, addressed the members of the staff and the pupils of the upper classes.

Mr Bakewell paid visits on April 24 and May 10, and Mr Stuckey on August 10 and December 17, the latter being for a special examination in practical work by those candidates entered for senior scholarships.

The usual promotion examination was held at the end of the year. The results of the November examinations show that Arnold Cork, Reginald Collier, and Morris McIntyre passed the Public Service Junior Examination, Arnold Cork, Reginald Collier. Morris McIntyre, Moncrieff Smith. Ivy Pink, and Ada Wingi gained senior free places; and Morris McIntyre, Moncrieff Smith and Ivy Pink gained senior scholarships.

In conclusion I would like to thank the members of the staff for the earnest and willing work put in during the year and the members of your committee for the active interest taken by them for the benefit of the school.

7th June 1915 The marriage is announced of Mr G. W. Higgin, formerly of the Bank of New Zealand, Levin, to Miss Dorothy Stuckey, who for many years was on the teaching staff of Levin public school

11th June 1915 The monthly meeting of the Levin School Committee was held in the school room on Monday evening. There were present: Messrs A. Sims, (chairman) H. V. Gapper, W. Bull, W. Thomson, N. C. Holdaway, T. Broome, F O Smith, Rev W. H. E. Abbey, and Rev H. T. Stealey.

A letter was received from the Education Board stating that the Wellington City Council did not charge the school committees any sanitary fees. The matter was referred back to the board with a request for an explanation why the auditor passed the matter over, when checking the Wellington committees' books, but "tagged" the Levin committee's books to the effect that it should pay sanitary fees.

The Education Board offered to pay half the cost of a gas heater for the head teacher's residence.

The visiting committee for the past month recommended that some metalling be done in the school grounds, the hedge along the front trimmed and that the Education Board be asked to have the buildings painted as soon as possible

Mr Bull was elected secretary. \The chairman and secretary were appointed to sign all cheques and Rev. W. H. E. Abbey was appointed to audit the books before they were handed over to the new secretary.

Rev. H. T. Stealey and Mir Holdaway were appointed visiting committee for the ensuing month.

21st June 1915 L.-Cpl. Jack Mills, killed in action at the Dardanelles, was the eldest son of Mr. Mills, of Jackson-street, Petone. He was twenty-two years of age, and was educated at the Petone District High School, where he passed hie Education Board Junior Scholarship examination, and Junior Civil Service and New Zealand University matriculation examinations. He attended Victoria. College, and passed his B.A. degree before he was twenty. Prior to enlisting with the Expeditionary Force he was school teaching at Petone and Levin. He was very popular in Petone and could " make good " at almost any game.

28th June 1915 A lady experienced in tuition is desirous of opening a preparatory school for young children in Levin. She also is prepared to take pupils m advanced elocution. Her address is to be obtained at the Chronicle office

30th June 1915 One Notice of Teachers doing war service in Evening Post

Wounded Foss, J. B., Pte., assistant teacher at Levin. Wounded at the Dardanelles

Gray, H. A, W., Pte., pupil teacher at Levin. Wounded at the Dardanelles

Mills, John E., L.-Cpl., assistant teacher at Levin ; Main Expeditionary Force. Killed in action at the Dardanelles in June

7th July 1915 The monthly -meeting of the Levin School Committee was held in the schoolroom last evening. There were present: Messrs A. Sims (chairman), H. C. Capper, W Thomson, F. O. Smith, T. Broome, N C. Holdaway, J. McIntyre (headteacher), Rev. H. T. Stealey and Rev. W. H. E. Abbey.

It was decided to celebrate Arbor Day on the 14th inst. The Education Board lias promised to supply shrubs and trees for planting and the headteacher (Mr McIntyre) has drawn up plans for extending the hedges about five chains and renewing a lot of shrubs, about 300.

It having been reported that the type of gas heater proposed at last meeting for the head-teacher's residence was likely to prove unsatisfactory, the committee decided to procure one at a cost of £10. The Education Board already has promised to pay half the cost of the first and will be asked to share the extra cost.

A letter of condolence was forwarded to Mr and Mrs Mills, of Petone. on the death of their son, Private J. Mils, at the Dardanelles, and a motion of sympathy with the bereaved was passed.

It was suggested that a memorial tablet be placed in the school.

Cinders from the railway station will be tried for repairing the gravel paths in the school ground. The visiting committee's report was satisfactory and Mr Sims and .Rev. W. H. E. Abbey -were appointed a visiting committee for the ensuing month.

The work of trimming the hedges and shrubs will be placed in the hands of an expert.

12th July 1915 On Saturday afternoon word was received by the Mayor (Mr B. R. Gardener) to make arrangements for accommodating several hundred troops from Trentham . The -men

had left Trentham for the Waikanae camp, but on arrival there it was found that the heavy rain had flooded the camping ground, and it was decided to quarter them in Levin in the meantime. The first body of men, numbering 150, arrived here at 5.30 p.m. and were brought on by train to the Tyne-street crossing, where they alighted and marched to the Drill. A small number was sent on to the Druids' Hall. The men were given tea at the Town Hall.

Another lot of 100 men arrived by the 8.40 p.m. train and were put up at the Levin school, to where the men at the Drill Hall also were moved yesterday. There is now a total of 250 men quartered at the school under Captain Jolly. How long they will be there is not known, though it is reported that they will be here for a few weeks. The Weraroa Hall has been set aside as an hospital and already it has seven "patients."

12th July 1915 Levin School Committee will hold a special general meeting till evening, in the I. M. C. A. rooms, to discuss the closing of the school (without their knowledge) to permit of some of the troops in Levin being quartered therein. Opinions have been expressed that one of the public halls should have been imaged, and the deprivation of the school children from education facilities, thus have been avoided. The investigation being made by the bacteriologists into the nature of the bacillus which has worked such havoc among the soldiers at Trentham has not yet disclosed the slightest ground for the alarmist rumours current a couple of days ago about the outbreak of some virulent disease there necessitating the immediate removal of the men (says the Dominion). It is an admitted fact that measles has appeared in an especially malignant form, and that the influenza has also been of a type, but no proof has yet been discovered of the existence of any other disease.

13th July 1915 At the special meeting of the Levin School Committee held last night, Mr F. O. Smith enquired of the head teacher if it were possible to resume the tuition of the senior scholars in some building during the occupancy of the school by the troops. Mr McIntyre did not think it could be done, because of the lack of desks and school books.

13th July 1915 A meeting of the Levin School Committee was held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms last evening to consider the present position in connection with the school which has been commandeered by the Defence Department for a squad of 200 soldiers from the Trentham camp. There were present: Messrs A. Sims (chairman), H. C. Gapper, F. O. Smith, W. Thomson, J. N. C. Holdaway, Rev. W. H. E. Abbey, and Mr J. McIntyre (headteacher).

The Chairman said that while they could not do much he felt that it was the duty of the committee to safeguard the children. He gathered that the malady affecting the troops was not diminishing, on the contrary he heard that a further 20 beds had been ordered for the temporary hospital.

Mr Smith considered that it was a shame that the school should have been taken at all; there were plenty of halls available. He wanted to know how they came to get into the school in the first place.

Mr McIntyre said that the keys had been demanded of him about 9.30 on Saturday night. He went with one of the officers and opened the school.

Mr Thomson said that he understood that the officers wished to keep the men together and not have them scattered in halls about the town scattered in halls about the town.

Rev W. H. E. Abbey said that they should not say anything to embarrass the Government. They should rather express sympathy with the men: he felt sorry for them; for what they went through on Saturday. They did not know what was the position at Trentham yet. The whole thing might be the work of a German spy. The men might have been poisoned.

Mr Thomson said he saw the men arriving at the station and he felt extremely sorry for them. The men had had nothing to eat since seven o'clock on Saturday morning and were cold and hungry. One man had collapsed on the platform. The whole school building would be thoroughly disinfected before it was used again by the children.

The Chairman said that was the only point. If that were done it would be alright. Several parents had approached him in regard to the books. An officer had assured him that things would be left thoroughly cleaned.

Mr Smith said that the school certainly was the best place for the men. They could be kept inside and not let wander about the town and drill could be carried on.

Mr Gapper considered that there would not be slightest danger as the place would be fumigated thoroughly.

Mr Thomson, said that the department would clean the school just as well as they cleaned the railway carriages, which were sealed up until fumigated. He was told by the officers that the men would be out as soon as possible.

Mr McIntyre said that the medical officer told him that they would be out by Tuesday.

The Chairman said that an officer had told him in the presence of several other members of the school committee, that the troops would be there for a month.

Several committeemen corroborated this.

Mr Thomson moved that the committee endorse the action of the head teacher in opening the school to the troops at 9.30 p.m. on Saturday after travelling from Trentham, and that the Health Department be asked to take all precautions in the matter of disinfecting the books and building after the troops leave. And that this committee satisfies itself that the buildings, furnishings and books are thoroughly disinfected before resuming school.

Mr Gapper seconded the motion:

The motion was carried.

16th July 1915 I Disinfection of Levin public school •was finished' to-day. The whole school was washed out with formalin and the walls, ceilings and furnishings were sprayed with the same disinfectant. Afterwards tabloids [tablets?] were burnt in lamps, and such a fume was raised that the chairman of the school committee (who was present to test the effectiveness of the Health Department's work) retired in good but hurried order from the premises, declaring he had been "'gassed. The school grounds have I been swept and cleaned and everything put in apple-pie order, for which the school committee desires to thank the Defence and Health Departments. The. committee will have the school scrubbed out early next week, and probably the school "will be re-opened on Monday, 26th July.

22nd July 1915 The Levin school will reopen on Monday

3rd August 1915 LET.—Two rooms and use of 1 kitchen and convenient, suitable for school teachers. Very comfortable. Apply Chronicle .

4th August 1915 The head-teacher's (Mr J. McIntyre) report to the Levin School Committee on Monday night stated that the attendance at the school after the opening was satisfactory. the number in the roll at present is 515. Miss Wilton, of Masterton, has been appointed by the Education Board to succeed Mr Bennett, on the teaching staff of the Levin district school. Miss Stone, who 'has been ill for some time, has resumed her duties on the teaching staff. [By the end of 1915 Miss Wilton was teaching at Koputaroa School]

4th August 1915 School Committee meeting A letter from the Education Board, stating that the Board of Agriculture had suggested that a good deal could be done to instruct senior boys in the points determining good breed in farm animals, and giving details of the proposals of the Board of Agriculture, was held over for further consideration.

A vote of sympathy with the Rev. W. H. E. Abbey was passed.

The visiting committee's report for the past month was satisfactory and Messrs Broome and Bull were appointed for the ensuing month.

Intimation was received from the Education Board that it would pay half the cost (£5) of the gas heater installed in the head teacher's residence.

8th September 1915 The Levin School committee held its usual monthly meeting on Monday evening in the schoolroom There were present:—Messrs A. Sims (chairman), N. Holdaway, W Thomson F. O. Smith, H. C. Gapper, W Bull and Rev. H. T. Stealey.

A communication was received from the Education Board requesting that in view of the fact the supply of imported seeds will show a big tailing off because of the war, all the children be asked to collect and save seeds of all kinds, such seed to be sold and the proceeds given to the Wounded Soldiers' Fund. The committee endorsed the board's action, and it was decided to write asking the for further details of the scheme.

Miss Oswin, of Makerua, was appointed to fill the vacancy on the teaching staff. [Miss Oswin was still at Makerua at the end of 1915 and by 1917 was sole teacher at Wainuiomata]

The committee decided to recommend to the Education -Board, that teachers at present fighting at the front be promoted to any positions above their present rating, that may become vacant, instead of appointing female teachers permanently to these positions. In this way places would be ensured for the teachers when they return.

The visiting committee reported everything in satisfactory order.

Messrs Smith and Thomson were appointed visiting committee for the ensuing month.

It was decided to top dress the ground in front of the school and to obtain a lawnmower to keep the lawns in order

5th October 1915 The Levin School Committee met in the schoolroom last evening. There were present: Messrs A. Sims (chairman), W Thomson, W. Hull, F O. .Smith, T. Broome, O. Holdaway and Rev. H. T. Stealey. In view of the Auditor-General's "tag" to the committee's balance-sheet regarding sanitation fees It was decided to write to the other school committees and local bodies an ascertain their attitude on the question. It was felt that instead of attempting to collect sanitation fees and thus put extra charges on education in this district, the Borough Council should try to help the school.' The visiting committee's report for the last month disclosed a satisfactory .state of it affairs, only a few minor matters requiring attention.

Rev. H. T. Stealey and Mr N. C. Holdaway were appointed a visiting committee for the ensuing month

27th October 1915 Wellington Education Board The applications for septic tanks at Johnsonville, Levin, and Upper Hutt and for a grant for top-dressing the asphalt ground of the infants' department were all deferred. In the case of the Levin application. Mr. J. Kebbell stated that it would be inadvisable to make a grant as a proper drainage system was about to be instituted in Levin.

2nd November 1915 Owing to the epidemic of measles, the attendance at the Levin school showed a temporary decrease of 28 last month, compared with the previous month

11th November 1915 The vacancy occasioned on the teaching staff of Levin Public School by the death of Mr J. E. Mills, who was killed in action at the Dardanelles, was filled by the "Wellington Education Board yesterday. Mr J. B. Foss, now on active service, was appointed to the post~ The effect of this appointment is that Mr Foss receives promotion as well as if he were actually teaching in New Zealand still.

15th November 1915 Wellington Education Board Levin public school is to be repaired and painted

16th November 1915 Levin Borough Council A letter was received from the secretary of the Levin School Committee to the effect that his committee had decided at its last meeting not to pay the sanitary rates demanded by the council. It had taken this step under section 158 of the Education Act. It was stated that the amount due to the council was £7 10s. covering a period of eighteen months. The Mayor said that it was an old standing trouble between the committee and the council. It was not, he thought, because some of the committee did not recognise the justice of the claim, but the majority were against paying it. They wanted 'o put in a septic tank or something of that sort. Section 158 of the Education Act had nothing to do with it. It was an argument against the payment; of the rate that through their children ratepayers had to pay sanitary rates twice. But it had to be taken into consideration that a large number of the children came from outside the borough, It meant a lot of work to the council. He moved; "That the Levin School Committee be informed that after 31st December, 1915. that this' council will not make provision for the removal of nightsoil from the schools unless the sum of £5 is paid for services rendered till March 31st, 1915.....

3rd December 1915 Measles at Ohau and Levin are very prevalent, and few families have escaped the epidemic. The coach from Kimberley road, which usually carries some 27 children to the Levin school, has been replaced by a trap, only five of the children having, so far, escaped the measles

7th December 1915 Measles are still seriously affecting the attendance at the Levin school'; . No fewer than 170 children being absent because of the epidemic. The School Committee considered the advisableness of closing down the school, but in view of the fact that the school will be closed in nine or ten days for the annual Christmas holidays it decided to let it remain open till then. During the holidays the school buildings will be thoroughly disinfected; and washed down—floors, walls and ceilings.

The Levin School committee held its monthly meeting last evening in the schoolroom. All the members were present with the exception of the Rev. W. H. E. Abbey. A letter from the Levin Borough Council in reference to the sanitary rate was 'deferred until next meeting. The visiting committee's report showed a satisfactory state of affairs, apart from the epidemic of measles, and good progress -was being made with the painting of the school. Accounts amounting to £12 were passed for payment.

11th December 1915 In St. Mary's Levin on Friday afternoon, the marriage took place of Mr Cyril Bartholomew to Miss Maxwell Brown, of the Levin public school teaching staff..... The happy couple left for Wanganui by motor car, where the honeymoon will be spent. Mr

Bartholomew goes into camp shortly with the Eleventh Reinforcements, preparatory to leaving for the front.

14th December 1915 A special meeting of the Levin School Committee was held in the schoolroom last evening to consider several important matters. There were present: Messrs A. Sims (chairman) W. Thomson, N. Holdaway, H. C. Gapper, F. O. Smith, T. Broome," W. Bull, Rev. H. Stealey and the headteacher, Mr J McIntyre.

The committee approved of the . appointment of Mr H. J. Jones, at present a relieving teacher in Levin, to a permanent position on the teaching staff.

A letter was received from the Education Board stating that the rough estimate of the cost of providing two septic tanks was £200 and the board was prepared to carry out the work if the committee find £100 towards the cost in six years.

After some discussion it was decided to accept the board.-'s offer and the chairman and secretary were authorised to sign the necessary documents.

A letter from the Levin Borough Council to the effect that it would cease to continue sanitary services unless the committee paid the council's charges, was received, no action being taken.

## 1916-1917

1917	524/43	Levin DHS	McIntyre	James	D-27	Head	£420.00
1917	524/43	Levin DHS	Harding	Albert J	C-37	Assistant	£320.00
1917	524/43	Levin DHS	Conner	James	C-60	Assistant	£260.00
1917	524/43	Levin DHS	Hitchcock	Mary L	C-57	Assistant	£240.00
1917	524/43	Levin DHS	Jones	Howard J	D-71	Assistant	£220.00
1917	524/43	Levin DHS	Smith	Sarah E Mrs	D-63	Assistant	£220.00
1917	524/43	Levin DHS	Bartholomew	Maxwell S Mrs	C-81	Assistant	£200.00
1917	524/43	Levin DHS	Beckett	Shirley	C-96	Assistant	£120.00
1917	524/43	Levin DHS	Adkin BA	Ethel M	B	Assistant	£110.00
1917	524/43	Levin DHS	Malcolm	Marjorie		PT3	£55.00
1917	524/43	Levin DHS	Palmer	Alice A		PT1	£55.00
1917	524/43	Levin DHS	Muir	May I		PT2	£45.00
1917	524/43	Levin DHS	Cathie MA	Winifred A	D	A-68	
1917	524/43	Levin DHS	Rockel	Cecil F	D	B-66	

27th January 1916 A lady on the staff of Levin High, ' School advertises for a furnished bedroom, with use of kitchen

31st January 1916 The school holidays, which close today, gave the school committee chance to thoroughly clean and disinfect the school buildings. The floors walls and ceilings have been hosed and scrubbed and sprayed; with a powerful disinfectant that was driven into every crevice. So well has the work been 'carried out that it earned the unstinted praise of the health inspector, who remarked that no other school in the Wellington district had been cleaned so well. Outside the school buildings, also the outbuildings, have been painted .and minor repairs effected, with the result that there is a. marked improvement in their appearance. The school will re-open to-morrow.

1st February 1916 Miss Harvey has been appointed caretaker of the Levin public school. Accounts were passed for payment by the Levin School Committee last night. The major portion of this expense was incurred in cleaning and disinfecting the school.

1st February 1916 Levin School Committee

4 .Messrs A. Sims (chairman), F. O. Smith, W. Thomson, T. Broome, H. C. Gapper, W. Bull. N. C. Holdaway, Rev. H. T. Stealey and Rev. W. H. E. Abbey and the head teacher, Mr J. McIntyre, were present at the special meeting of the Levin School Committee held last night in the schoolroom.

The Borough Council having refused' to carry on the sanitary work at the school, it. was decided to place the matter in the hands of the health authorities.

A deputation from Ihakara waited upon the committee requesting better accommodation for the horses ridden by the children to school. It was stated that three acres was not sufficient for about twenty horses during school hours. The request was referred to the Education Board.

Miss Cathie, of Karori, was accepted for the second position in the secondary school and Mr J. Connor was appointed relieving teacher in Mr Foss's position during the latter's absence at the war.

Mrs Bartholomew's transfer by the board from her present position was objected to by the committee. Mrs D. C. Bates has been appointed to the relieving staff.

22nd February 1916 The trouble between the Levin Borough Council and the Levin School Committee regarding the carrying out of the sanitary service at the Levin public school has been overcome, for the time being by the school committee agreeing to donate £5 towards the 'cost of the service up to March 31st

In connection with the School Committee's proposal to install a septic tank at the Levin public school, the Levin Borough Council wrote recently to the Health Department for the latter's view on the matter. in reply the council last night received a reply from the Health Inspector, Mr B. Reid, stating that in view of the proposed site being near the centre of the borough, and also that the scholars would be likely to let matter into the tank that should not go in, he did not view it favourably. Dr Smith, the District Health Officer, also was not in favour of it. He considered the present service satisfactory

1st March 1916 Wellington Education Board The board undertook to pay half the cost up to £6 5s of a shed required at Levin School, on. condition that an equal sum is raised locally and also that the teacher's residence be included in the drainage undertaking, on the terms of the contribution offered by the head teacher.

3rd March 1916 Shannon and Levin public school are to have certain improvements effected to them provided the respective 'committees, and parents of the pupils if desired, contribute a part of the cost. The works are to be undertaken by the Wellington .Education Board.

Amongst the latest recruits for the colours is James Cooper, schoolteacher, Levin, who has obtained extended leave from his studies at the Teachers' Training .School, Wellington. He goes into camp at Trentham next week.

21st March 1916 Plans of the septic tank that it is proposed to install at the Levin public school have been received by the Levin School Committee. and by them forwarded to the Borough Council. The latter decided last night to submit them to its health officer for his opinion of them. Before. commencing the work it is the intention at the Education Board, which has the matter in hand, to sink a shaft to a depth of ten feet in order to thoroughly examine the strata so as to provide against any difficulties that might arise from the soakage.

29th March 1916 The secretary to the Wellington Education Board has expressed to Mr A." Sims, secretary of Levin School Committee, the "Wellington Education Board's satisfaction

with the appreciative report on the sanitary state of Levin public school furnished to the board by the Health Department officer who visited Levin this week

5th April 1916 Levin School Committee advertises to-day for a caretaker for Levin public school. The wage is £57 per annum.

17th April 1916 The election of a school committee for the Levin school for the ensuing twelve months will take place in the Century Hall this evening. So far eight of the old members of the committee have nominated themselves for re-election. Their names are :—Messrs A. Sims, W. Thomson, T. Broome, N. Holdaway, F. O. Smith, H. C. Gapper, Rev. H. T. Stealey and Rev. H. E. Abbey. Mr T. Dawson who retired twelve months ago also has sent in his nomination.

19th April 1916 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. The retiring committee have pleasure in laying before you their annual report of the work done during the year has not been without its difficulties, still our efforts have been successful. The committee met on seventeen occasions and was attended by the individual members as follows: Sims 17, Smith 16, Thompson 16, Bull 14, Holdaway 15, Gapper 12, Broome 11, Rev. Stealey 11, Rev Abbey?— shortly after the committee took office the Rev. Abbey had to enter an hospital to undergo a serious operation, which necessitated his absence since from the committee for several months. In June the committee received with deep regret the sad news of the death of one of the school staff, namely J E. Mills, who was killed in action fighting for his country, at Gallipoli on April 25th, 1915. We need hardly say how he was beloved by both scholars and staff alike, and the loss our school sustained by his early death. The school was closed on receipt of the news and letters of condolence was forwarded to the bereaved parents. Mrs Mills presented the school with an enlarged framed photo of her son which the committee very grateful for. An inscribed plate has been placed on the frame and it now hangs on the school wall. It is the intention of the committee to place a memorial tablet to the school at a later date. On July 11th. the school buildings were commandeered by the troops who were flooded out at Waikanae., Although there were serious objections to this, seeing the men had had a very uncomfortable time the committee were pleased to be able to render any assistance they could. Although coming from a camp where a serious epidemic was rampant, no bad results followed. The committee took special precautions to have the school and furniture thoroughly disinfected and scrubbed out. Arbor Day was celebrated by the children planting 300 hedge trees and shrubs completing the live hedges around the school block. In September Mr Hurley, organizer for the Boy scout movement, paid a visit to the school and addressed the children explaining the duties and the need for boy scouts and he was successful in forming a branch under the mastership of Mr Mason. On October 4th owing to the unsatisfactory state of the drainage at the school, the committee decided to approach the board with a view of improving matters. Suggestions to the board to put in a septic tank, with all necessary conveniences, were made, and the latter, after considering the matter, suggested to the committee they were willing to do so on condition that the committee undertook to raise half the cost, spread over a term of six years. They would require the committee to sign an agreement to that effect. After going carefully into the matter the committee decided to accept the offer, giving the necessary bond. Plans and specifications have been prepared under the direction of the Health Department on an elaborate scale. A soak pit has been sunk and reported to be very satisfactory. Tenders will be called for the work, and, it is hoped to be finished in quick time. When completed your school will be as up-to-date as any in the Wellington Education Board's district. During the month of November the

.school was visited with an epidemic of measles, over 100 children being away with the complaint. Your committee decided to take advantage of the holidays and give the school a thorough cleaning and fumigating. Several women were engaged for the work and every room, from floor to ceiling, was thoroughly scrubbed; after which the School was handed over to the Health Department, for disinfection. The painters in the meantime were busy on . walls, giving two coats of paint. When school resumed' this year everything was spick, and span, so much .so that the that the health inspector reported to the Wellington Education Board that the Levin committee was the only committee which had thoroughly cleaned their school and classing it as the cleanest school in the boards district. At the committee meeting in January a deputation waited upon the committee for a saddle shelter for children riding to the school. The committee' decided to refer the matter to the board, they have decided to erect a shelter shed at a cost of £12 10s, providing the parents of the children raise half the cost—£6 5s. This matter has been placed before the deputation. On March 26 a case pf infantile paralysis was reported in Levin. .Four contacts had been attending the school, which was immediately closed. Again the school had a thorough scrubbing and disinfection by the Health Department ; all the Maoris attending the school received a fortnight's holiday. Every morning since the infantile paralysis made its appearance in New Zealand the school has been sprayed out with a disinfectant fluid. Owing to the great crisis through which we are passing the committee has avoided any special efforts such as picnics or sports for children. They have endeavoured to keep the .school clean and sanitary, and to get the best possible staffing. Where, at the beginning of the year we had one male teacher to 500 children wo now nave four. The following: works have been carried out during the year Hedges topped and trimmed; grass around school kept short; 300 trees and shrubs planted: five chains new fence erected ; gas heater installed in headmaster's room: fences and buildings kept in repair: the school has been painted by the board; asphaltting put down last year is standing well and giving satisfaction

A SIMS. Chairman

HEADMASTER'S REPORT School roll.—The roll during the period shows an increase of 28, i.e. from 552 as at March 31st, 1915 to 580 as at March. 1916. The average roll for the year was— ,

	Primary	Secondary	Total
June Quarter 1915	517	36	553
September	516	33	549
December	533	29	562
March Quarter 1916	540	40	580
Mean Average Roll	527	35	562
Average Attendance			
June Quarter 1915	474	33	507
September	482	31	513
December	424	26	480
March Quarter 1916	500	39	539

Mean Average Attendance      470              32              502

The fall in the percentage of attendance for the year was caused by a widespread epidemic of measles during the whole of the December quarter, when the percentage was only 80. The average attendance during the year ending December, 1915, was such that the school -was raised a grade as from January 1st 1916 and is now placed in Grade VII —the highest grade possible. This necessitated an increase in the staff which consists now of headmaster, eight primary department assistants, two secondary department assistants, two pupil-teachers and two probationers—or fifteen in all. In order to test the feeling of parents and pupils and intending pupils regarding the "rural course" circulars were sent out early in December, Kiting two options—A course (rural) leading to public service junior and senior scholarship examination; and the course leading to matriculation, medical preliminary, etc. examinations. Seventy five per cent of the replies were in favour of A course (rural) and the program of the secondary course has been remodelled to allow of a modified rural course, which at the same time allows of students tor matriculation dropping some of the rural course subjects and giving more time to a language and to mathematics. .News was received on Juno 18 of the death of Lance Corporal J E. Mills, a member of the staff. The school was closed for day as a mark of respect to the memory of one who was beloved by the pupils, and one, had he been spared, would have made his mark in a profession for which he showed such aptitude. An enlarged photo, presented by his father, and suitably inscribed, has been hung on the school wall. A large number of the old boys of the school have either gone with the Main Body or Reinforcements. ,It is intended to place on permanent record the names of these in whom the school feels a pride. To enhance the value of the record photos are placed in panels on the school walls. I have a list of about 100 names and photos of 30 of them. This list is far from complete, and I would be pleased to receive further names and photos The work of the school has gone smoothly during the year, and inspectors commented on the manner in which the efficiency of the school was maintained notwithstanding the fact that the work had been hampered by the changes consequent, on the enlistment of three members of the staff in the Expeditionary Forces. In conclusion I would express my appreciation of the whole-hearted, work accomplished by every teacher on the staff, the good feeling existing between your committee and myself and the steps taken from time to time by your committee for the betterment of the surroundings of the pupils.—J. MCINTYRE, Headmaster.

18th April 1916 Levin School Committee held its annual general meeting last night, in the Century Hall. There was a fair attendance of householders Mr P W. Goldsmith was voted to the chair,

In submitting the annual report, Mr A. Sims (chairman of the committee), remarked that the outgoing committee might he termed the disinfecting committee; it had had a great deal to do in combating the risk of the pupils arising from the existence of infantile paralysis, and he was glad to say the precautions taken had averted all danger, so far

The secretary (Mr W Cull) read the annual report and balance-sheet, which showed a credit of £48 5s 3d on the year's working.

Mr F. G. Roe moved and Mr James Prouse seconded that the report and balance-sheet be adopted.

The chairman spoke in appreciative terms of the work of the committee and of the credit balance, which was unusual in the history of the school committee.

The report also was spoken to by Mr Jas. Prouse, who incidentally referred in appreciative terms to the sacrifice of the late Mr J. E. Mil! of his life at Gallipoli in the service of his country. For the nine vacancies on the committee, the following nominations were received:—D. S. Mackenzie. W. Bull, T. Broome. William Thomson, F. O. Smith. A. Sims. N. C.. Holdaway T. Dawson, Rev H T Stealey, H C Gapper, Rev W H F Abbey, R G Lester, F G Roe. J Young

The voting was as follows:-- Messrs Sims. Gapper, Dawson. Bull. Thomson, Broome, McKenzie. Abbey, and Smith were the elected nine.

The meeting "stood in silence and passed a vote in appreciation of the memory of the late ,J. E Mills. formerly of the school staff. The vote was moved by Mr J. McIntyre, headmaster

22nd April 1916 We would give a final reminder regarding Anzac Day which will be kept between the hours of 11 a.m. and "2 pm. on Tuesday, the 25th. The procession consisting of bands, cadets, territorials, friendly societies, etc., will leave the railway station at 11 a.m. and will then be joined; by the school children, in charge of members of the 'teaching staff, at the public school. The children will meet on the school ground at 10 a.m. Seating accommodation will be found for the younger children at the public gathering Speeches, hymns and prayers will constitute the program. In the case of the morning proving unfavourable to the open-air meeting, the function will be held in. the King's Theatre.

1st June 1916 Alternative tenders will be ,received up to June 17th, 1916, for the position of caretaker to the Levin District High School.

(a).—General Gleaning or Buildings, cutting grass and trimming hedges.

(b). —General Cleaning only.

Schedule of duties can be seen at the school or from the Chairman of Committee. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. A. SIMS, Oxford-Street Levin

13th June 1916 Call to Arms: J P Cooper Teacher Levin

12th July 1916 This week the children attending the Levin school are collecting money for the relief of the Belgian children. Monday was "children's day" and on that day they collected £22 15s. Yesterday another £3 was taken up and it is expected that the week's total will come to close on £30

19th July 1916 Mr J. McIntyre told the school commute last evening that the scarlet fever epidemic was abating and there was not the slightest reason for closing the school. At the height of the trouble there were 38 patients and contacts; these figures had declined to 20 and 14 respectively. The chairman of the committee endorsed the head-teacher's remarks as to being unnecessary to close the school and pointed out that the children were better at school than running about the streets playing with contacts. At one place down south it had been decided to have contacts in the streets arrested. If that were done here it would put a stop to it. Messrs Thomson and McKenzie also considered the children safer in school than running about the streets with contacts Mr Thomson, on two occasions, had ordered contacts off the station platform. He had seen them waiting for the children coming out of school.

20th July 1916 The Levin School Committee held its ordinary monthly meeting in the schoolroom, Tuesday night, The chairman (Mr A. Sims) presided, and there also were present: Messrs W. Thomson, T. Dawson, F. O. Smith, T. Broome, D. S Mackenzie, Rev. W. H. E. Abbey and the head-teacher, Mr J. McIntyre.

The chairman reported the result of a conference between a sub-committee and a contractor who held a contract to do certain work at the school some little time ago. From the chairman's recital some tinted language appeared to have been used, and the interview a stormy one. And yet after all things were not satisfactory.

Mr Smith said that the chairman had done his duty in the matter.

Mr Mackenzie said that the chairman had done what the parents of the children expected him to do. He had carried out his duty fearlessly.

Mr Thomson moved, and Mr Mackenzie seconded, a vote of appreciation to the chairman's action in the whole matter. The motion was carried.

The chairman reported that the arrangement for the collection of produce for the Belgian children's relief fund were proceeding satisfactorily. The children had collected £39. Mr Farland was giving a benefit picture show on Monday next and tickets were selling freely. Everyone was working enthusiastically, and there was no reason why Levin should not have a good produce stall in Wellington and raise a good sum of money. A meeting of the Management committee will be held on Thursday to clear matters up finally.

Mr Thomson (for the visiting committee) reported that only one matter, connected with a sump, had called for immediate attention. No repairs were needed. Regarding the proposed formation of a bed for bulbs he was not in favour of cutting out any trees to make room for it.

Messrs Broome and Dawson were appointed visiting committee for the ensuing month.

Accounts amounting to £23 were passed for payment and the committee adjourned.

24th July 1915 As the result of a public school pupils' gathering of eggs from mother's backyard, a total of 500 eggs has been seen red at Levin, in aid of the Belgian Children's Relief Fund. The eggs are guaranteed fresh and should sell well in Wellington.

Levin public school children's special day at the Red Cross rooms (in aid of the Belgian Children's Relief Fund) was held last Saturday, by kind permission of the local executive of the Red Cross Society. A most comprehensive display of gift goods was made, the result of thorough work by all concerned, and as a result the sales were so successful that a sum of £10 6s 8½d remained at the end of the evening. The rooms were in charge of Mrs J. McIntyre, who had with her Mrs F. O. Smith, Mrs Bartholomew, and Misses Burbush and Bartholomew.

26th July 1916 Leave of absence given or extended by Wellington Education Board Miss B Stone assistant Levin

26th July 1916 Miss B Stone of Levin appointed assistant teacher at Northland [Wellington School]

1st August 1916 Levin District School's Effort

FOR STARVING BELGIAN CHILDREN.

The following is a full list of the produce sent to Wellington for sale at the Town Hall: —6 sacks pumpkins, 4 bags grit, 8 sacks swedes, 2 sack carrots, 4 bags carrots, 8 sacks potatoes, 1 sack onions, 11 cases jams and preserves, 8 cases apples, 75 dozen eggs, 1 case vegetables, 1 sack vegetables, 4 crates pot plants, 1 parcel bread, 10 cases cakes, lollies and bread, 1 case cut flowers, 86 baskets ferns; total 100 packages.

In cash the sum of £79 5s 2d was sent to the treasurer. The total expenses amounted to 11s.

On behalf of the teaching staff and to itself the Levin School Committee tender their best thanks to the parents and children, and all those who so generously sent in produce and donations to so worthy an object, enabling them to bring the scheme to such a financial success.

They especially wish to thank the Red Cross committee for giving over their depot to help the fund on Saturday, July 22nd. Also to Messrs Hook, Baylis Bros., Smith and Cole for carting, etc., and to Mr J. W. Farland for proceeds of picture entertainment.

16th August 1916 The headmaster's report submitted to the Levin School Committee last evening showed 583 the roll, an increase of 11 on the number attending the previous month. The average attendance was 76 per cent. This low average was due to whooping cough, at present very prevalent among the younger children. As far as the scarlet fever epidemic is concerned it almost is at an end.

Last night, in the schoolroom the members of the Levin School Committee held their usual monthly meeting, the chairman (Mr A. Sims) presiding. There also were present : Messrs T. Broome. W Bull F. O. Smith, W. Thomson. D. S. Mackenzie. Rev. W. H E. Abbey. and the head-teacher. Mr J. McIntyre. The meeting had little of moment to attend to. and after transacting routine business adjourned.

31st August 1916 Wellington Education Board Miss N Burbush resigns from Wellington Education Board on September 30th. Appointed as assistant Hamilton West in 24th August New Zealand Herald

20th September 1916 Septic tanks are to be put down at Levin public school and drainage installed, The Wellington Education Board advertises for tenders for carrying out the work. Plans and specifications may be seen at The Chronicle office

2nd October 1916 News was received in Levin on Saturday night of the death from wounds received while fighting in France of Second-Lieutenant J B Foss. Prior to enlisting with the Main Body of the Expeditionary Force he was attached to the teaching staff of the Levin district High School. He took part in the historic landing at Gallipoli, where he was wounded. Lieut. Foss was held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends and was most popular with both teachers and scholars of the school, by whom the announcement of his death will be received with the keenest regret. When the schoolchildren assembled at school this morning they were addressed by the head teacher Mr J. McIntyre, who told them of the death of Lieutenant Foss. and as a mark of respect the school was closed today

5th October 1916 Lieut. J. B. Foss, who died of wounds received during the advance on the Western front, was in the service of the Wellington Education Board, having had charge of the Mangapakeha School in the Tinui district. Latterly he was appointed to the staff of the Levin District High School. Lieut. Foss had seen service in the South African War. He left, with the Main Expeditionary Force, and served through the Dardanelles campaign with the exception of a five week run to Malta—the result of a shrapnel wound. A special memorial service was held on Sunday by the Rev. H. T. Stealey, Levin, when mention was made of his good work. The Levin District High School was also closed as a mark of respect.

5th October 1916 The contract for the building of the septic tank at the Levin school has been secured by J. Harvey and Company

7th October 1916 Second-Lieutenant H. A. Gray, of the "Wellington Battalion, formerly of the teaching staff of Levin Public School, is reported, in to-day's list of wounded. This is the second time he has been wounded; he received his first wound during the fighting on Gallipoli. His father is Mr. A. Gray, of Oxford street, Levin.

12th October 1916 Miss S Beckett appointed to Levin. Only taught for Wellington Education Board at Levin. Was teaching at Timaru in 1915

18th October 1916 If anyone wants an experience of 'confusion worse confounded' let him become secretary of the Levin school committee," remarked the Rev. H. E. Abbey at the committee's meeting last evening. He went on to say that some letters came addressed to him, some to the chairman and some to the headteacher with the result that some of the letters were not answered and things got into a tangle.

Mr A. Sims (chairman) presided at the school committee meeting held at the schoolroom last night, and the

members present were Messrs W. Thomson, D. S. Mackenzie, W. Hull, F. O. Smith, Rev. W. H. E. Abbey, and J. McIntyre (headmaster).

The headmaster's report submitted to the school committee at its meeting last night stated that the number of children on the roll is 596, an increase of ten on that of the preceding month, the average attendance being 520—a percentage of 87. The usual percentage is 92 to 93, so that the present attendance is not yet up to normal.

26th October Wellington Education Board Mr James Connor resigned from Wellington Education Board on joining the Expeditionary force In a different report on the 30th October it was reported Mr Connor had leave of absence from Levin School

7th November 1916 Levin Males 769 Females 861. Total 1630. In 1911 1608 lived there being a rise of 22

13th November 1916 The Education Board has appointed Mr D. Smart clerk of works in connection with the erection of the septic tank at the Levin school.

22nd November 1916 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Levin School Committee was held in the schoolroom last night. There were present: Messrs A. Sims (chairman), W. Thomson, H. Gapper, D. S. Mackenzie, F. O. Smith and J. McIntyre (headteacher). Apologies were received and accepted for the absence of Mr W. Bull and the Rev. W. H. E. Abbey.

The 'inspectors' report stated that considering the epidemics experienced during the year the progress of the children on the whole was very satisfactory.

The visiting committee's report was to the effect that everything was found to be in good order. The headmaster's report stated that the number on the roll was 586—a decrease of 10. This drop at this time of the year is an annual occurrence. The average attendance was 533.

It also recommended that the grass around the school be cut. This was agreed to. Accounts to the amount of £21 17s were passed for payment. Messrs Sims and Smith were appointed visiting committee for the coming month.

15th December 1916 Levin Public School

ANNUAL EXAMINATION [Note Spelling is as printed]

Following passed Standard VI. Proficiency.—Arthur Broome, Gordon Dawson, Arthur Fox, Geoffrey Gapper, Leonard Hansen, 'Cornelius Kelliher, Jack Keys. Lennox Better. Keith Wallace, Laurence Williamson, Fitzgerald Bell. Grace Barham, Jean Broome, .....

LEVIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL. ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES.

Good attendance certificates (not absent for more than five half days during the year) were gained "by the following

This list was not transcribed because the list had too many incorrect spellings.

19th December 1916 An application came to hand last evening to the borough council from the Education Board asking for a supply of water for the septic tank at the Levin school, presumably free It was decided to grant the request, the rate to be decided later

on. Though expressing themselves as averse to granting the water free of charge, councillors stated they were agreeable to giving the school committee a concession.

2nd January 1917 Levin Chronicle An advertisement from "Palmerston North High School (on page 3) gives details as to the new term to begin on the 7th proximo.. Commercial, classical, and agricultural courses are comprised in the curriculum. [Advertisement repeated often over January]

9th January 1917 Auctioneers' Note.—As Messrs Baylis Bros, have disposed of their property the whole of the above must be sold. Every facility given to clients to inspect at any time. 19-4 Also the Kimberley road school coach, complete with 'two horses, coach and harness with goodwill. (Low reserve).

20th January 1917 About £54 have been paid out by Horowhenua. County Council this season, for purchase of sparrow, blackbird, thrush, lark and other small bird eggs. In all 40,000 eggs have been bought by the council. The payments\* were made as follows: Per Levin school £11 19s 10d; per Manakau school £3 6s 9d; per Ihakara school £6 4s 5d; paid out at county offices £32 10s.. A very large proportion of the eggs were thrush eggs. Levin school's gatherings may be taken as a typical lot. The school gathered 1992 blackbirds eggs, 4620 thrush eggs, 978 sparrow eggs, and 48 lark eggs. Prices paid were 6d per dozen for blackbird eggs and 4d per dozen for all others. Starling eggs were not purchased.

Junior National Scholarships for "Wellington Education Board district are announced. A Levin High School girl—Miriam M. Herrick—gained the honor of fourth highest place on List 1 with 571 marks.

25th January 1917 Levin -School Committee met last night .Mr A. Sims (chairman) presiding. There also were present Messrs Abbey, Broome, Smith, Bull, Mackenzie and Gapper. Correspondence received from the board regarding the vacancy for a female assistant at Levin public school notified that Miss E. M. Adkin had been appointed to the post. Discussion took place as to re-opening the school on January 30, as originally agreed upon. It was decided to communicate with the Education Board at once, to obtain their decision as to - whether a postponement should be made to allow of the septic tank work being completed.

27th January 1917 The re-opening of Levin District High School has been set forward to Monday week (February 5th) as the sanitary works in progress at the school will not be completed in time to allow of the re-opening of the school on Tuesday next, the date arranged originally.

20th March 1917 Messrs A. Sims and D. S. Mackenzie (representing Levin School Committee) waited on the council to ask that the council's charge for supply of high pressure water to Levin public school be reduced. Mr Sims said the committee did not expect to get the water for nothing, but the committee and the Education Board considered that £10 was too much; owing to the present high cost of stationery, the committee was shorter of funds than usual. The committee only "got £108 p:u' annum to expend, and 60 of that went 'in caretaker's wages. The charge of £10 per annum seemed' to be 'based on an estimate of 1400 or 1500 'gallons per week, against the 500 gallons or so that really represented the water used; a record taken lately had proved that. He would submit the figures for the council's inspection and guidance. In conclusion, he wished to say that the new sanitary system had been installed to help in preservation of the children's health, and the deputation wished to have the support of the council. '

The mayor intimated that the council would consider the deputation's request, but he wished to say that the decision to charge £10 per annum was unanimously agreed upon by the council. It was based upon careful investigation of water-use charges, and really was low. He recognised that there was a general complaint about school committees not being given sufficient support, but he did not think that the way to get this remedied was by getting reduction of charges. Mr Sims expressed a desire that as an alternative the council authorize the putting-in of a water-meter. Mr D. S. Mackenzie said that in "Wellington, -where the water was scarce, charges were low; in Levin, where water ran to waste, the charges were high. The mayor commented that this was in part accounted for by the fact that in Wellington the children practically were all belonging to the city. At Levin school many of the pupils came from outside the borough. As to the general charge the fact that the school committee was lightly rated could be seen -when it was remembered that Levin Post Office : paid £7 per annum, Weraroa Post Office about half that amount and the police cottage at Weraroa £3 per annum.

,In the course of discussion amongst councillors, it was stated that not more than 50 per cent of the children attending the school were ratepayers' children.-

Councillor France said that the 'committee might as well beg for books or slate pencils. The sound business way was to raise all the necessary money by taxation; let the school committee throw the responsibility on the Education Board.

Councillor Dempsey said that the deputation had not put all the facts; it had said the borough council was over-estimating the quantity used, but the deputation had taken into account when making the estimates the water supplied to the headmaster's house.

Councillor Herrick said he was in favor of reducing the amount charged to the school; that night the council had resolved not to charge rates on a church property, and it should be equally generous towards the school; a school was more important than a church. Councillor Robertson said the committee's deputation seemed to have made some case for the use of a meter. The mayor moved and Councillor France seconded that the council's charge of £10 per annum he adhered to. This was earned, Councillor. Derrick dissenting

27th March 1917 A New Zealand ensign bought with pennies subscribed by the children of Levin public school, was consecrated by Monday afternoon by the Rev. Stephenson. assisted by the Revs. Abbey and Bawden Harris. The flag is to accompany the motor ambulance, which by the efforts of Nurse Lewis and the schoolchildren of Horowhenua county (at a cost of £500) is to be sent to France for use of the Maori Contingent. The proceedings at the consecration were opened by the chairman of the school committee (Mr A. Sims), who spoke in patriotic vein. He mentioned that the flag would be returned to Levin school at the conclusion of the war. as a souvenir of the children's patriotism. Several passages of Scripture were read by Mr .Bawden-Harris. having reference to the consecration of flags. The flag then was consecrated by the Rev. Mr Stephenson, and the Rev. Mr Abbey offered up prayer. The ceremony concluded with the singing of the National Anthem by the massed children. I followed by three cheers for "the good old flag" "called for by Mr W. Thomson, a member of the committee.

29th March 1917 A cricket match was played in Levin yesterday "between an eleven from Otaki Maori College and an eleven of Levin District High School. The Levin lads won the match. Details will appear in our next issue.

19th April 1917 Levin School Committee as now constituted in membership held its (final meeting on Tuesday night. Application for a school coach was received from settlers on

Kimberley road. It was shown that eighteen children of school age were in the vicinity. The committee resolved that if sufficient monetary guarantee from the settlers was received the committee would accede to the request.

26th April 1917 Mr A G L [Arnold Ericsson Lamont] Cork Pupil Teacher Levin resigned. Only Taught for Wellington Education Board at Levin. A sister Gladys [Gladys Swinbourne] Cork also taught at Levin In 1911 and 1912 and again in at 1915.

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28th April 1917 Mr R. McAllister announces his candidature for election to Levin. School Committee. Mr McAllister has had) several years' experience as a J school committeeman in the Wellington Education Board's district.

1st May 1917 Levin School Committee held its first meeting last night, on the conclusion of the householders' meeting. Mr. W. Thomson was elected chairman and Mr. J. O'Donohue secretary. Mr. A. Sims, the late chairman, declined nomination for this year's chairmanship.

3rd May 1917 Manawatu Herald The Levin public apparently take a keener interest in educational affairs than do local [Foxton] parents. At (he recent householders' meeting at Levin there was an attendance of 125—Foxton 15, and some of these had to be pressed to attend.

3rd May 1917 HEADTEACHER AND CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE. THEIR ANNUAL REPORTS.

The following reports were submitted to the meeting of Levin householders held last Monday evening (for the annual election of a school committee : —HEADTEACHER'S REPORT. Attendance.—The attendance for the ' year was seriously affected by an epidemic of scarlet fever from early in April till late in September. 'During. I that period a quarter of the children on an average were absent, S3 ; that the average attendance for the year reached only 87 per cent, or 8 per cent below normal. During the year 272 names were. added to the school roll and 265 removed, so that a gain of nine was made from 580 to 589. The average roll was: Primary classes 548, secondary class 40, and the average attendance was: Primary classes 475, secondary class 38. The (Staff.—'Additions to .the staff were made as follows: Mrs Smith (assistant) on May 2nd') and Misses Beckett and Adkin (assistants) on February 5th. Misses Burbush, Stone and Winge left during the year.' The : staff now consists of headmaster, two secondary class assistants, eight primary class assistants, two pupil teachers and one probationer. Inspection.—The school was inspected on May 17 by Mr 'Bakewell and again from September 18th to 22nd (inclusive) by Messrs Gill and Bakewell: the reports in both visits were satisfactory. The news of the death of Lieutenant J.. Foss was received on October 1st, and the "school was closed in respect of his memory. This makes two of the staff who have made the supreme sacrifice.

The children have again to be thanked for successful efforts made to raise money, etc., for patriotic purposes.

A sum of nearly £80 was collected for the combined effort by the schools in the educational district to raise funds for the Belgian children. This amount as well as 160 cases of produce, was sent to the central committee in Wellington. It is gratifying to note that the combined Wellington district schools raised a sum of over £5000.

Nurse' Lewis also enlisted the sympathy and co-operation of - the children in Raising a sum for the purchase of a motor ambulance costing £500. By collection cards and sales of produce a sum of £150 was raised in Levin. The whole amount (£500) was eventually raised by the schools in the Horowhenua. district, and the ambulance was due in France at Easter.

During the year the usual sewing syllabus was suspended and the girls worked articles for the hospital ships from Material purchased mostly by contributions from the boys. Two cases of suitable articles were thus made.

But for the epidemic referred to the school work has gone on smoothly, and my thanks are due to the members of staff for their hearty co-operation, and also to the members of the committee for the great interest they have taken in the well-being and comfort of the children..

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. "The retiring committee, in presenting to you their annual report on the working of the past year have pleasure in stating that the year has been one of success from many standpoints.

We are again pleased! to report steady progress in all branches of our work.

Your committee met on thirteen occasions, and the meetings were attended the individual as follows: —Messrs. Broome 12 meetings, Dawson 4, Thomson 12, Gapper 7, Smith 11, Bull 11, Sims 13, McKenzie 10, Abbey 12.

Early in the year, Mr S. Dawson, who had taken up farming, removed' to the outskirts of the town; therefore he had to retire from the committee.

The committee made no attempt to fill his place, as we had no difficulty in getting a quorum at our meetings.

Scarlet Fever.—Early in May, the staff and committee experienced a difficulty with an epidemic of Scarlet fever. So serious was the malady that the committee discussed the question of closing l the school. The attendance suffered to some extent. Every precaution was taken to keep it in check. A request was sent to the Health Department for a strict isolation of all contacts, and we are thankful to that department for its efforts in that direction. The committee would take this opportunity of pointing out to the parents the folly and cruelty of allowing contacts to mix with their children on the streets. Evidence was before your committee that contacts of scarlet fever were roaming about the railway "station. Also, contacts who were isolated' from the school were known to come to the school gates and go home with the school children. A little help from the parents in these matters would considerably help the staff and committee in keeping these epidemics in check. However, the committee is thankful to report that since the above epidemic the school has been almost free from similar complaints. During July the children, staff and committee made a special effort on behalf of the Children's Belgian Relief Fund.. The children and parents entered into the scheme with great energy and determination to make it a success. Their efforts were rewarded, being able to despatch to Wellington for the produce sale 160 packages of cakes, lollies, potatoes, pot plants, and other produce also £79 6s 2d in cash'.

It is with extreme regret that wo have to report the death of another of our school staff—namely, Lieut. S. J. B. Foss—who died of wounds received while fighting for his king and country and upholding the cause of right against might. Mr. Foss joined the main body along with the late Mr J. E.- Mills. The committee, anticipating his return, secured a higher position for Levin. But death has claimed him, and . children and staff mourn his loss. The school was closed out of respect to the sad event.

Arbor Day was celebrated in the usual way planting hedges and trees in the school ground.

Improvement.—The most important of these has been the installing of the septic tank system at the school and headmaster's residence. This has cost the board and committee about £280 to complete. We have now as complete a system as any city school, thereby, safeguarding the health of the children giving them clean and sanitary surroundings. Some difficulty has arisen over the charge for water for flushing purposes, the borough council calling upon the committee to pay the sum of £10 per annum, which is from 200 to 300 per cent more than that charged for city schools with a larger population.—An effort has been made to get the amount reduced without success. Your committee would recommend to the incoming committee to apply for the installing of a meter. The school is using about 500 gallons of water per day and we are asked to pay for about 2000 gallons per day. New basins and concrete stands have been erected at the infants' school.

The board has erected a complete laundry room and outfit. —Efforts are being made for the erection of a shelter shed for saddles. This the board agreed to do some time ago on condition the 'parents, whose children were riding to school, paid half the cost, amounting to £6 5s.. The 'parents did not entertain the suggestion and the matter was allowed to drop. Another effort has now been made asking the board to bear all the cost. The committee expect in the course of a few days to have a school coach running from the Gladstone road district to the school. Just a few minor matters are to be fixed up and the board will deal with them immediately

General maintenance works have been carried out; all buildings, fences and grounds being in first-class order.

In conclusion the committee, has refrained from any special efforts other than the ones mentioned. As much as we would have liked to have given the children a picnic we thought it unwise to ask the parents to contribute about £40 for the object. We think the parents and children have done, exceedingly well for this year, raising so handsome a sum for the Belgian relief and motor ambulance funds. "We think the call for war funds are of far greater importance, and we believe the children are patriotic enough to forego all such functions until we win the war.

The retiring committee would recommend to the incoming committee for its consideration the following works: (1) Enlarging the main school; (2) the erection of the saddle shelter; (3) the raising of the annual instalments for the sanitary system; A. SIMS. 'Chairman.

19th May 1917 Alternative tenders for supply of rata or matai firewood to Levin public school are invited by the school committee. Ten cords are required. An advertisement appears on page 3.

1 July 1917 Donations amounting to £10 in aid of the London Children 'Relief Fund— a fund to provide comforts for those children injured during the last Zeppelin raid, have been received from the children; attending Levin (District) 'High School and the amount has been forwarded to the central fund at (Wellington)

31st July 1917 To the soldiers' Xmas Pudding .Fund, organized by 'Mrs J. P. Luke, Mayoress of Wellington, 325 children of the Levin District High School are contributing one shilling each, which will represent 325 puddings, each of which will bear a label with the name and school of the donor.

25th August 1917 Private James Cooper, formerly on the teaching staff of Levin Public School, and later of the Normal College, Wellington, is now in a gunnery school at

Grantham, England, preparatory to going to the front. He sent home an interesting copy of a camp publication entitled "The Daily Liar; non-political and nonsensical." The journal is jealously regardful for soldiers' rights. By regulations it provides that "any barber who when shaving cuts any customer shall eat seven pounds of soft soap three times daily for one month"; and "any tailor who is employed in making a suit of clothes and shall be detected cabbaging less than two-thirds of the said cloth shall sit on his red-hot goose for an hour."

18th October 1917 A Niggardly Education Board. One of the urgent needs at the Levin public school is increased accommodation for the children who ride horses and bicycles to school- At present there is space for twenty-eight cycles, but thirty more would barely meet the needs of the institution. Repeated application for consideration has been met with persistent refusal by the Wellington Education Board. The latest communication on the subject was received at Tuesday night's meeting of the Committee. The Board says it has received a large number of requests for the erection of bicycle stalls, involving over £100, and it has decided that it cannot, in the present state of its finances, see its way to meet the cost- 'If half the cost is met by money locally raised, however, the balance will be provided by subsidy, and the suggestion is made that only sixteen stalls be provided at a cost of £24. The Board further expresses the opinion that the expense of providing stalls for children resident under three-quarters of a mile from the school is not justified. The Levin Committee very properly declined to constitute itself an additional taxation agency at the behest of the Education Board and decided to reply that it was not prepared to raise any money in the way suggested and at the same time to emphasise the urgency of the need. It is quite time the school committees took a stand against the attempt of the Board to put part of the responsibility for the erection of school buildings upon their shoulders. In their desire to improve educational facilities committees in the past have frequently undertaken heavy financial liabilities. This work is no part of the recognised functions of these bodies and their enthusiasm has been imposed upon in many cases. There is plenty of scope for all a committee's activities and all the funds it can raise in directions quite apart from the provision of urgently needed buildings On that account the Levin Committee should not recede from the position it has taken up, and should make a strong endeavour to establish the principle it is contending for.

18th October 1917 The monthly meeting of the Levin School Committee was held on Tuesday night at the school. Present —Messrs Thompson (chairman), Broome, Vickers, Holdaway, Sims, Smith, Cork, and O'Donohue (secretary). An apology for absence was received from Mr Gapper. Headmaster's Report. The Headmaster (Mr J. McIntyre) reported as follows for the month of September :—There were during the month 24 entries on the roll, and 34 names were removed. The roll decreased from 621 to 611. The average roll was 612. The average attendance was 562, being a percentage of 92 of the average roll. Mr Jones was absent during the week ending September 14, attending a school of agriculture in Masterton. Miss Hitchcock resumed duty on September 11, after two months sick leave. The school was closed on September 24, Dominion Day, and on the 28th, Inspector's holiday. Messrs Bakewell and Gould paid the annual visit of inspection from 25th to 27th inclusive. Their report is not yet to hand.

Visiting Committee's Report. Mr Sims reported that there was nothing of urgent need requiring attention, except the path alongside the headmaster's residence. Messrs O'Donohue and Vickers were appointed visitors for October.

General. It was decided that an offer by Mr Seigal to give a picture benefit at Everybody's Theatre be accepted, the proceeds to be used for the improvement of the grounds, and the entertainment to be gone on with after the picnic benefit at Farland's pictures is over.

It was decided to attend to necessary grass cutting at the school.

Mr Broome was appointed to represent the committee at the picture benefit at Farland's on October 22.

20th October 1917 TO THE EDITOR. SIR, —Might I crave a portion of your valuable space to appeal to the public to support the Picture Entertainment to be given on behalf of the school picnic fund, and also to refute the rumour, which has apparently gained currency, that Mr Farland is taking half .expenses.

On the committee deciding to give the children a picnic this year, Mr Farland was approached, and the amount required (£30) being too much for one entertainment, he generously offered to give two, the committee to receive £15 for each.

This offer was 'accepted, and to obtain the necessary, proceeds it is obvious that the public must strongly support and patronise each performance.

I therefore appeal to the people of Levin to give us bumper houses; commencing on Monday night, when an exceptionally good programme is promised.

Mr Seigel, proprietor of -Everybody's, has also generously offered an evening's entertainment, to be taken after the two picnic benefits, when the proceeds will be given and applied towards improving the present unsatisfactory condition\* of our playground. This will be a great boon to the children and, incidentally, the parents, especially during, bad weather.' \_

The committee heartily appreciate the generosity of these gentlemen, ;and it now remains with the public to consider the children and "do their bit." This is the first appeal for some years made on behalf of our school, and I feel sure the committee will not be disappointed.

' W. Thomson, Chairman Levin D. H. School Committee.

23rd October 1917 The benefit given at Farland's yesterday in aid of the school picnic funds was an unqualified success. Both at the matinee and evening entertainments the theatre was crowded and the program was thoroughly enjoyed. Charlie Chaplin's return was hailed with delight by more than the juvenile portion of the audience, while the " Peg o' the Ring " serial proved to be a popular item. During an interval in the program Mr W Thomson (chairman of the School Committee) expressed the thanks of the committee to Mr Farland for his generosity. Ho explained that the school picnic would be held on the racecourse because railway concessions were not now obtainable. Mr Farland had generously donated a medal for the champion boy runner over 100, 220 and 440 yards and Mrs Farland had also given a medal for the champion girl runner. The children showed their appreciation by giving three hearty cheers

30th October 1917 The children at the Levin District High School wrote essays on the picture, " The Siege of Verdun," which was screened at Everybody's Theatre last Thursday afternoon at a special matinee. Mr Siegal is donating prizes to each standard for the best essays and these will be presented by Mr Thomson, the Chairman of the School Committee, at the special matinee of " Less than the Dust." The takings at the matinee last week amounted to £6 2s 3d, and this sum was handed over to the chairman of the committee for the school funds.

6th November 1917 Speaking to the -audience of schoolchildren ,and parentis assembled at Farland's theatre last night, Mr W. Thomson, chairman of the Levin school Committee, paid a fitting tribute for the teachers and old boys of the school who had fallen in action. Two

.splendid young masters, Corporal Mills and Lieut., Pass, Rad given their lives early in the war and the Latest lists bore toils names of .Corporal Astridge and Private Rose, sons of respected residents of Levin. Mr Thomson said the school had been hard hit and he expressed the sympathy of the school authorities with the families of these gallant boys. At his suggestion the audience rose and stood in reverent silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to their memory. Farland's Theatre was packed last evening on the occasion of the second benefit given by the proprietor for the school picnic funds. A splendid selection of films was shown and met with the entire approval of the audience. During the evening Mr W. Thomson, chairman of the School committee, thanked those present for their patronage and announced that the two Entertainment's which Mr Farland had generously given had resulted in, the £30 required being raised so that the children were assured of their outing. Speaking to the audience of schoolchildren and parents assembled at Farland's theatre last night, Mr W. Thomson, chairman of the Levin school Committee, paid a fitting tribute to the teachers and old boys of the school who had fallen in action.....

6th November 1917 The Borough Council last evening decided to reduce, by half the charge made for the use of water for the Levin District High School. The decision was come to after hearing the views of a deputation consisting of Messrs Thomson (chairman), O'Donohue and Sims (members of the committee) and Mr McIntyre (headmaster.) Mr Thomson, who acted as spokesman, said the committee had 'received an account of £5 for water for the half, year and that meant a charge of £10 for the year. The committee considered this charge excessive because at the rate of 9d per 1000 gallons it meant that the school was being charged for 270,000 gallons, or 490 gallons for every school day of the year. The Headmaster (Mr McIntyre) had recently made exhaustive tests over a fixed period and had ascertained that the school only used 79,900 gallons per year. At the rate of 9d per 1000 gallons this would only work out at £3 per annum, which the committee considered would be a fair charge. Mr Thomson pointed out that 73 per cent of the children attending the school came from within the Borough and of the remaining 27 per cent, 9 per cent were the children of people who paid water rates, this showing that if the school were rated for water the great majority of the parents were paying twice over. Mr Thomson referred to the continual struggle the committee had with finances. Stationery had become an expensive item and other charges were mounting up. For this reason he hoped the council would see its way to reduce the charges..... [This means the article was not completely copied]

22nd November 1917 As the result of its vigorous representations to the Wellington Education Board, the Levin School Committee has been successful in getting satisfactory replies to its requests for increased accommodation to meet the needs of a steadily growing attendance. The following letter was received from the Board secretary at Tuesday's meeting of the Committee: "In reference to your letter of October 25, and previous correspondence, I am directed to say that, taking into consideration the efforts of your Committee in relation to septic tank and also the fact that you draw your senior scholar attendance from considerable distances, the Board has now undertaken to provide as soon as arrangements can be made, an extension of sixteen bicycle stalls. The Board is discussing with the Department the necessity for increased accommodation and I hope to be in a position to communicate with you completed when the negotiations are completed." Mr Thomson, the chairman reported that he had forwarded to the Board the Inspectors' report on the need for more accommodation.

22nd November 1917 The Levin School Committee met on Tuesday evening. Present—Messer's Thomson (chairman), Broome, Holdaway, Cork, O'Donohue, and Vickers. An apology was received from Mr Gapper.

Correspondence was received from Mr 'R-. 'Lester stating he wished to terminate his contract of running the Kimberley road coach after the end of the present quarter. Mr Broome reported having discussed the matter with Mr Lester and it was decided that the chairman interview him with a view to securing the continuance of the contract.

The Town Clerk wrote stating the Council had decided to reduce the charge for water from £10 to £5 from last month. It was decided that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the Council. A vote of was also passed to the deputation which waited on the Council on the subject. Several accounts were passed for payment. '

MASTER'S REPORT. The headmaster, Mr J. McIntyre, reported as follows for October: There were during the month 27 additions to and 22 withdrawals from the roll, being an increase from 611 to 616. The average roll was 617. The average attendance for the month was 677, an increase of 15 on the average for September. Mr Rockel was absent during the week ending October 12, attending a University examination in Wellington and Mr Smith was absent from the 9th to the 12th- inclusive owing to illness: ' Miss Muir, whose term as a probationary pupil teacher terminated on September 30th. has been appointed permanently. The children sold £28 13s worth of tickets for the two picture shown given by Mr Farland. Mr Farland handed me two cheques for £15 each, which I duly banked to the credit of the school Picnic Fund. The grass in front of the school building needed to be cut almost immediately.

SCHOOL PICNIC. It was decided to hold the school picnic on. Wednesday, December 18, and that the committee meet the teachers to arrange details next Tuesday. A canvassing committee was appointed for the purpose! of getting small trophies for the picnic.

GENERAL. Messrs O'Donohue and Vickers reported having visited' the school and found everything generally satisfactory. Messrs Smith and Holdaway were appointed visitors for the month. 'Motions of thanks to Messrs Farland and Seigel for the picture benefits given by them were passed. On Mr Cork's motion, seconded by Mr Vickers it was decided to hold a school swimming carnival as soon as possible after the holidays. The cutting of the grass mentioned by the headmaster was left to Mr Cork.

The secretary, Mr O'Donohue, read the balance sheet of the fund raised by the children and committee to provide a photo of the late Lieut. Foss. a teacher who fell in action, for the school. It showed a balance of 6s 8d, which it was decided to hand over to the school Red cross fund.

29th November 1917 Arrangements are now being made for the school picnic to be held on the Levin racecourse on December '19, and last evening a combined meeting on Tuesday evening a combined meeting of the school committee [As published] and the teachers was held to further the matter. The Chairman, Mr Thomson, referred to the committee's decision to hold a gathering for the children who had missed their annual treat for the past three years, and various committees were then set up. Messrs Smith, Tickers, Broome, the wives of the committeemen and Mrs McIntyre were appointed a catering committee. Messrs Thomson, Cork and the male staff of the school were appointed to draw up a programme. Mr Harding was chosen as handicapper and Mr Thomson as .starter, Mr Rockel to be convener of the .ground committee. The chairman was also authorised to see Mr F. G. Roe in regard to the use of the racecourse.

All it is desired to convey the younger children to the racecourse for the occasion, any one willing to lend conveyances for this purpose is invited to communicate with the committee.

11th December 1917 Preparations for the Levin School picnic are going forward rapidly, and the school committee is meeting with unqualified success in its efforts to secure the support of residents. Trophies and cash for the purchase of prizes, supplies of food, milk and drinks, lollies, offers to do the necessary carting, are some of the many things for which the committee will have the pleasure of returning thanks later on.

The school staff is hard at work trying out the youngsters for the approaching races and arranging the handicapping. It is just as well that the serious part of the year's work is finished for the children are paying more attention to athletics just now than to mathematics. An excellent programme has been compiled and approved. It includes handicap and championship events. There are Junior and Senior Championships for both boys and girls, the prizes being medals donated by Mr and Mrs Farland, Mr A. Palmer and Mr J. Lee. There are handicap races for both boys and girls of each separate year of age up to fourteen years, so that every child in the school will have a chance to earn a prize. In addition there are handicap jumps, and the usual list of extras, including obstacle race, bicycle slow race, egg and spoon race, and a thread-the-needle race.

A relay race for teams of four boys and also one for teams of four girls will probably attract much attention, as it is drawing a large field of entries and it is hoped to publish a full list of these and the heats in each event early next week; but the task of arranging and publishing a list of five or six hundred names is a formidable one. —

The committee desires to make quite plain its hope that the parents of the children and the public who have so generously supported the picnic by donations will not fail to accord the last but not least important act of support by rolling up to see how the children perform.

13th December 1917 So liberal was the response to the School Committee's appeal for the picnic fund that 189 prizes are available for the sports, many being valuable ones. A number of heats in several events have been run off this week and the results of these with entries and handicaps in all races, will be published in the "Chronicle" next Tuesday.

15th December 1917 After lengthy representations extending over a year the Wellington Education Board has acceded to the Levin School Committee's request to enlarge the school. The steady increase in the attendance, which now averages 620 daily, has rendered this course inevitable and the additional accommodation has not been provided any too soon. Tenders are invited for the work in this issue.

The effect of the alterations will be to give two additional classrooms each 26 ft. by 24 ft. [7.9248 Metres x 7.3152 Metres] making eight large rooms at the disposal of the staff. The small room at the south-west corner of the school and the room hitherto used by the headmaster are to be thrown into one, and with an addition will make one of the new class-rooms. The present entrance lobby will be turned into an office for the headmaster and the 'main porch' will face Oxford street instead of being at the end of the corridor. At the north eastern angle of the main building another big addition will be put on to the existing class room, more than doubling its size. The girls' entrance porch will also face Oxford street at this end of the corridor.

Tenders are also invited for the erection of accommodation for 16 extra bicycles and also a saddle shed

18th December 1917 A Long list of entrants in each race has been published in the Chronicle. I have only copied 1 as an example 50 yards handicap. Girls, 7 years and under 8, 1st 2s 6d' (Mr Walkley's order), 2nd Is, 3rd 6d.-\_Sor. :F. Leitchil, P. Morgan, ,M. Nelson, D. Osborne; 2 yds .- G. Melton, D. Hudson, F. Walker, M Smith, E Leverick, 1 Lester ; 5 yds : D. Sherlaw, H. Douglas, G. Nash, G. Yuille.

18th December 1917 A pleasant day is anticipated at the racecourse to-morrow when ( the Levin school children will be entertained at their picnic- .-The higher classes will assemble at the racecourse bill the younger children will muster at the school at 9 o'clock and will be conveyed to the course. Sports commence at 10. and as there are 47 races to say nothing' of competitions, the organisers expect a busy day refreshments will be provided twice for the children. As many parents and friends as possible are invited by the committee to attend the picnic, and it will be of great assistance if those willing to lend cars and conveyances assist lo take the smaller folk to the racecourse and bring them back in the evening. On Thursday morning at 10 o'clock the breaking-up ceremony and presentation of sports ; prizes and attendance .certificates will take place at the school. The entries and competitors in finals of the events at to-morrow's sports will be found on page 1 of this issue.

18th December 1917 CORRESPONDENCE.

(To The -Editor.)

Sir, —Will you kindly allow me .-space to ventilate a most important matter — the secondary education which children in this district receive at the Levin District High School. This school—the secondary department—draws its pupils from the whole district between Shannon and Paekakariki, and I understand there are a splendid lot of scholars. We should have one of the finest high schools in the province, but, judging by results, there is room for considerable improvement in the school. During the past week or so, the secondary scholars have been practically Wasting their time. On at least four days the greater part of the time has been spent in cleaning the seats of the grandstand at the Levin racecourse, \_ and in preparing the grounds, in readiness for the school's annual picnic, and the balance of the school hours has been devoted to anything but steady work. Now, sir, I, am a parent of one of the scholars, enter my protest against this kind of thing'. A number of the children referred to have to leave their homes at from 6 to 7 a.m. , and do not get back again until 4 and 5 p.m. Many of their parents are making considerable sacrifice to enable their children to attend the school, and then to find that the time is wasted in this manner is most galling. If the teachers cannot give the scholars any good, wholesome instruction during the last week or two of the school term, it would be far better for parents to keep their children at home, to assist, with farm or garden work, etc. Apart from this aspect, there is the bad example set the scholars, the children get the impression that, once the examinations are through, their work is done for the and they can do as they like-ibis is a very serious matter, calculated to have a bad effect on the children, and I, for one, strongly protest against the school teachers encouraging such a wrong view of things. Iam not writing in an spirit of common fault-finding, but with a view to remedying an evil which, I believe, is a serious one, and I trust that you, Mr Editor, will take up the cudgels on behalf of the education of our children, and for the good name of the Levin District. High School I am, etc. PARENT. Otaki, December 17.

20th December 1917 To the Editor). Sir, —If the Otaki "parent" who wrote in reference to the School Picnic will reveal his identity I will be pleased to reply to his letter- Yours etc, W. THOMSON, Chairman Levin School Committee

29th December 1917 The rain which fell yesterday morning in no- way damped the ardour of the Levin school children, whose long-delayed picnic was timed for that day. The little people commenced to muster at the racecourse soon after 9 o'clock and long before dinner time there was a very large attendance of scholars and parents, and under the direction of their teachers and the committee, the programme was in full swing. Drizzling rain fell throughout the afternoon but it had no effect on the spirits of the picnickers. The grandstand offered shelter, from the worst of the showers and when the children gathered there for refreshments, dispensed with a bountiful hand twice during the day, the cheerfulness and gaiety of the scene was sufficient, to drive the gloom and depression from the mind of the most hopeless pessimist- One of the happy surprises of the day was a visit from the veritable old Father Christmas, who came by. motor car, bringing with him a load of Sweets that were speedily accounted for by the 500 to 000 children. The sports went on steadily - throughout the day and it took all the efforts of Mr Thomson (chairman of the committee) as starter, Mr Harding (the handicapper), Mr ;McIntyre (the- head master), ; Messrs Bertram, Rockel, Sims, Vickers and O'Donohue (Judges), Messrs Jones and Connor and Misses Cathie' and Hitchcock, of tile teaching staff to conclude the events by the appointed time. Exceptionally large fields contested every race and some of them provided plenty of amusement. The catering arrangements were under the supervision of Messrs Broome and Smith assisted by the wives" of the teachers and committeemen and the children's verdict was that they did their work/ in an entirely satisfactory fashion. A day that will be memorable for the little folk came to a perfect end with tea at five o'clock and thereafter home, tired but happy, by motor and coach. The results of the sports are as follows:—

100 yards Handicap, boys, 14 years and over.—Cork (scr) 1, T. Hughes. (6 yards) 2, J. Smith (6 yards) 3, A. de Lisle (5 yards) 4-Twenty-three entries. 100 yards Handicap, girls, 14 years and over.—G. Barham (5 yards) 1, J. Broome (5 yards) 2, N. Procter (3 yards) 3, L. Burrell (8 yards) 4. Twenty entries

Further races listed but not copied

20th December 1917 The annual distribution of prizes took place at the school at 10 o'clock this morning. The children assembled in the school-ground and were briefly addressed by the chairman of the Committee (Mr Thomson) who, assisted by the headmaster, handed the valuable prize's given and subscribed for by local citizens to the winners- First came the competency and proficiency certificates, based on the annual examinations, then the attendance certificates and finally the sports prizes and special awards.

In the course of his address Mr Thomson mentioned that it was four years since there had been a picnic, and the committee thought it time the children had another outing. They were unfortunate in the weather, but all had enjoyed themselves, and they were fortunate in having so many fine prizes to hand out. He referred to the excellence of the handicapping, carried out by Mr Harding, for the sports. Last year when the school broke up they had all hoped the war would have been ended by now and that the children's brothers would have been home again, but it seemed now as if their fathers would be called on to do their part, and lie knew they would not fail when it came to their turn to keen the grand old flag flying. (Applause). Mr

Thomson then handed the prizes to the winners- In our next issue a full list of the promotions in all standards, and the winners of attendance certificates, together with the donors to the picnic fund will be published.

Certificates were presented to ; the following Standard 6 pupils Proficiency.—Leonard Broughton, Edward De Cossey, William Duncan, Carl Frechling , Hector Hook, Sidney Hall, Donald McLeod, Leslie Sharman, Joseph Smith. Lillian Burrell, Ella Bertram, Constance Channings, May Conder, Myrtle Crowe, Grace Dunford, Ethel Griffin, Muriel Jones, Morfydd Jones (Morvith), Eunice Marsh, Ellen Nash, Annie O'Donohue, Edna Pink, Ida Tomlinson, Flora Walton, Gladys Jenson, Frederick Groome.

Competency. —Ronald Corson, Thomas Hughes, Martin Houlihan Herbert Leger, Nellie Burt, Phyllis Broome, Winifred Broome, Maysie Collier, Valerie Hislop, Marjorie McCallum, Winifred . Robertson, Margaret White, Kitty Wehipeihana.

SPECIAL PRIZES. Albert Poad and Rita Astridge were presented with the headmaster's special prizes, neither having missed a day for four years. The "Chronicle's" prizes for essays on "Printing" were won by Harold Dufresne (boys) and Francie Pyke (girls).

After the prize giving the school broke up for the summer holidays, first giving cheers for the teachers' and school committee and singing the National Anthem.

22nd December 1917 The Levin School Committee received a novel petition during the- school sports on Wednesday. It was from the senior boys and ran as follows: — "In recognition of the arduous and manifold services we have rendered at great personal inconvenience upon the 'racecourse in preparation for the picnic, we the undersigned, beg the honour of partaking (liberally!) of ice cream at the committee's expense. The •enterprising petitioners got their refreshment—liberally.

22nd December 1917 A Long list of good Attendance certificate recipients and class promotions not copied

22nd December 1917 T'ENDERS are invited, close with the undersigned, on January 13, for the daily conveyance of school children from the Kimberley area to the the Levin. State School. and all particulars can be obtained from 'the headmaster. W. THOMSON. Chairman of School Committee

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1919	571/34	Levin DHS	McIntyre	James	D-25	Head	£480.00
1919	571/34	Levin DHS	Higgins	Vivian	C-51	Assistant	£335.00
1919	571/34	Levin DHS	Hitchcock	Mary L	C-54	Assistant	£335.00
1919	571/34	Levin DHS	Jones	Howard J	D-66	Assistant	£315.00
1919	571/34	Levin DHS	Smith	Sara E	E-47	Assistant	£305.00
1919	571/34	Levin DHS	Proctor	Francis J	C-65	Assistant	£290.00
1919	571/34	Levin DHS	Casey	John	C-93	Assistant	£265.00
1919	571/34	Levin DHS	Hayes	Ellen V	C-70	Assistant	£210.00
1919	571/34	Levin DHS	Beckett	Shirley	C-94	Assistant	£195.00
1919	571/34	Levin DHS	Adkin BA	Ethel M	B-98	Assistant	£165.00
1919	571/34	Levin DHS	Milnes	Ruby O	C-102	Assistant	£165.00
1919	571/34	Levin DHS	Muir	May I		PT1	£110.00

1919	571/34	Levin DHS	Richards	Flora M		PT1	£110.00
1919	571/34	Levin DHS	Palmer	Alice A		PT2	£100.00
1919	571/34	Levin DHS	Hooper	Alice M		Probationer 1	£65.00
1919	571/34	Levin DHS	Rockel	Cecil F	B-65	Secondary	

10th January 1918 L.-Cpl. McIntyre, of Levin, who returned from the front last week, bears the distinction, of being one of the youngest soldiers who ever left the Dominion, says an exchange. He was a few weeks over sixteen and had just won the scholarship at Wellington College when. he caught the roll of the war drum. A physique beyond his years helped him easily past -the medical' examiner, and two years ago he set out on "the great adventure." He. went Safely through the battle of the Somme, and at Messines was wounded in both knees. [Son of Mr James McIntyre, Headmaster of Levin DHS]

31st January 1918 After concluding the other business at its special meeting on Tuesday night, the Levin School Committee together with those who actively associated in promoting the School Swimming Carnival last year, formed a joint committee to make arrangements for the carrying out of a similar function this year. Messrs Rockel and Harding, of the teaching stall', were added to the Committee, and February 13 was fixed upon for holding the gathering. The Secretary (Mr Cork) was directed to make application to the Borough Council for the use of the baths on that date. Valuable trophies have already been donated. Dr Bryson gives two gold medals valued at 25s each for the boys' and girls' championships. Mr J. Bertram gives three trophies valued at 10s 6d each; Mr T. Broom, two at 10s fid each; Messrs W. G. Victors, and J. McIntyre, one each at 10s fid ;in addition donations varying" from 7s 6d to 5s 'were promised from those present.

A lengthy and varied programme of swimming and diving events was mapped out and in addition there will be a relay race schoolboys in the Otaki electorate for the valuable shield presented by Mr John Robertson. The shield, which has been in existence for some years, was won by the Boys' Training Farm School, from whom no effort has been made to wrest it for some time. As there are now no school boys on the Farm to compete, the Acting Manager lias decided to hand the shield over for competition again. Further features of the carnival will be an exhibition quarter mile swim by Mr W. Plaster, a swimmer with an English reputation, and trick diving and swimming by Mr Bowen. 'Mr Les. Scott, manager of Everybody's pictures, will do some water feats of sensational nature. He undertakes to allow himself to be thrown handcuffed into the water and to be tied up in a sack and dropped into the deep end of the baths, and to extricate himself in a given time. Altogether the carnival promises to be the best of its kind held in Levin.

5th February 1918 The following- pupils of the Levin school have passed the Public Service Entrance Examination: Robina Bruce Gibson, George Joseph Harper.

9th February 1918 For the swimming carnival in connection with the Levin District High School good entries have been obtained •» -a.

The following gentlemen have donated prizes: Dr Bryson, 'Messrs F. O. Smith, Bertram, T. Broome, W. Plaster, Cork, H. Murray, Rockel, Vickers, O'Donohue, Gapper, W. Thomson, McIntyre, A. J. Harding, Lawson, W. M. Clark, D. W. Matheson, D. S. Mackenzie. Dr Bryson presents the championship medals and Mr D. S. Mackenzie presents a prize to each learner of this season who swims 25 yards. Mr McIntyre presents the first prize for the Old Girls' race. Old girls of Levin School are appealed to, to make this race the success it would be.

Entries for the Robertson Challenge Shield will be received at the post. The other entries will be published in Tuesday's "Chronicle."

23rd February 1918 Since the school carnival a great fillip has been given to swimming locally, especially amongst the girls and women of the town. One of the teachers from the High School is in attendance most afternoons and good progress is being made by learners.

2nd March 1918 On Thursday afternoon about 25 boys from the Levin School swam for the certificates granted by the N.Z. Amateur Swimming Association. Two obtained learners' certificates—100 yards first year of learning. Two swam a mile — the highest certificate granted—and the remainder did distances varying from 220 yards to 880 yards. Next Thursday the girls will be tried. There are over 40 making the attempt and it is hoped a good muster of parents will be in attendance. The hours are from 3 to 4.30.

12th March 1918 On Thursday and Friday last with the consent of the Borough Council, nearly 40 girls from Levin District High School swam for certificates issued by the N.Z. Amateur Swimming Association. Four girls completed one mile, six half a mile, five a quarter, nine did 220 yards and the remainder, this year's learners, 100 yards. Hot tea and dispensed by - Mesdames A. J. Harding and H. J. Jones, as the girls finished.

21st March 1918 At Monday night's meeting of the Borough Council, a letter was received from Mr A. J. Harding by direction of the headmaster of the Levin District High School thanking the Council, on behalf of the staff and scholars for placing the Borough baths at their disposal. As a result of the privilege granted no less than 59 children qualified for certificates from the N.Z. Amateur Swimming Association. Three girls and four boys qualified for certificates for swimming one mile; four boys and six girls swam half a mile; five boys and five girls swam a quarter of a mile; and the remainder qualified in distances varying from 100 yards up to 440 yards. Of those who qualified no less than 19 are this season's learners, and of these learners four (one boy and three girls) swam a distance of half a mile in their first season. 'Pleasure was expressed at the presence of the Town Clerk as representing the Borough Council at the tests, and, Councillors were invited to attend future trials. "The Council may rest satisfied," concluded the letter, "that - its action has done a great deal to promote the (true object of swimming-long distance work." The Mayor said it was very satisfactory to get a letter like that, and to know that the facilities the Council was providing were of so much value.

18th April 1918 The Wellington Education Board yesterday received with regret, the resignation of Miss W. 'Cathie secondary assistant at the Levin District High School. Winifred Cathie only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Levin for a short period.

20th April 1918 Disgraceful Overcrowding.

Contributed. "After the War" is a problem which is exercising the minds of all the thinkers of the world. The terrific waste of men and material and what will be needed to bring matters to some stability is almost beyond the comprehension. One thing is a certainty and that is that Education will play a very great part in the re-adjustment. And what are we in New Zealand doing towards furthering it. Shall we, as our nation as a whole has always been credited, shall we "do nothing," and trust to matters to right themselves. If so, God help us. It behoves us to at once commence to set our house in order, and one of the earliest reforms should be that of attending to our overworked and underpaid teachers and the classes of which they have control. In Levin we have a public school which is as large as any school in any of the large centres, containing as it does more than 600 children on the roll, and what do we find?

The school contains nine rooms in its primary department. The recognised amount of floor space per child in scholastic circles is 12 feet., but the Government as a war economy, cut this down to 10 feet. The following table shows the position at the Levin school together with the accommodation available at the 10 and 12 feet allowance:

	12 foot	10 Foot	Attendance
Primer 1	60	72	84
Primer 2	44	52	29
Primer 3	44	52	51
Standard 1	50	60	49
Standard 2	50	60	49
standard 3	50	60	77
Standard 4	50	60	77
Standard 5	50	60	53
Standard 6	50	60	70

So that only two rooms contain anything near their capacity. The one with the 29 is in charge of a pupil teacher, hence the small number. There is also a secondary department, which last year had nearly 50 on the roll and the number of rooms for this department is nil. How when and where are they taught? One class occupied the science room and the other the cookery room and when the cookery room was engaged on two days a week, this class had to do the best it could. The big school is now being altered for the secondary department, but this will only accentuate the crowding in the primary division. Little infants have to be taught in the corridor with the floor for seats and their knees for desks. This then is one of the crying evils of our time. Education is a vital necessity and education needs no makeshifts and yet our school buildings and equipment are one huge makeshift. We have eight trained teachers in the primary department and per cent at the least of our children do not get past the primary division—and those eight teachers have to fit for the battle of life an average of 72 children crowded into rooms built for 50, though under the amended regulations these rooms are supposed to contain 60, as 10 square feet is the amount of space allowed by the N.Z. Education Department. Educationalists say it is a physical impossibility, and an educational impossibility as well, for the most competent teacher to instruct more than 40 pupils while the local average is twice that. What are the people of New Zealand going to do about it?

20th April 1918 The annual meeting- of householders to elect a school committee for (the next twelve months will be held in the Levin school at 8 o'clock on Monday evening.

The Chairman's report approved of by the retiring committee regarding the work of the past year is as follows:

The retiring Committee have pleasure in stating that the working of the School have been carried on satisfactorily during the past year.

**ADDITIONS TO BUILDINGS.** In May, 1917, the Education Board's attention was drawn to the inadequate accommodation for the scholars. Proposed plans for the enlargement of the school were submitted. Although your Committee did not obtain all they proposed the present additions will materially relieve the pressure and place the scholars in much more advantageous circumstances.

Two additional classrooms, 26 x 24 feet have been added and the headmaster provided with a new and larger office.

After repeated representations by the Committee a saddle shed has been erected and stalls extended to provide more accommodation for bicycles.

Annually recurring items such as hedge trimming, grass-cutting and repairs have received the usual attention. The cleaning and disinfecting have been carried out in a satisfactory manner.

The septic tank has worked splendidly and is proving a great boon: no epidemics of any kind have broken out — a very pleasing and satisfactory change from former years and fully justifying the previous Committee's action in installing improved sanitary appliances.

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS. The retiring Committee wish to recommend to the immediate consideration of the incoming Committee the question of improving the school grounds and the installation of bubble drinking fountains. This matter received consideration at the beginning of the year but the School finances at that time would not allow any extensive operations. However the position is now much improved. Through the generosity of

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23rd April 1918 HOUSEHOLDERS DEMAND

CHANGE

At last night's meeting of householders a matter which, has been discussed of late was forcibly ventilated by several speakers and the manner in which the remarks were endorsed by the large and representative gathering showed how keenly the state of affairs existing is resented.

The report of the retiring committee, as already published, made pointed reference to the impossibility of securing matriculation passes at the high school because the Department insisted on a rural course.

Mr Blenkhorn, in opening the discussion on the subject, said no reflection on the teaching staff as at present constituted was intended, but he contended they were on the wrong track. They should have an educational course leading to matriculation instead of the present rural course. If farming instruction were needed they had an agricultural college at their back doors, but their children were now practically debarred from entering the university unless they were sent away to other centres to matriculate. He thought the best course would be for the meeting to pass some strong resolution condemning the present course and asking for the substitution of a matriculation Mr Blenkhorn said he had heard that one valuable local resident had decided to leave Levin because he could not get proper educational facilities here, for his children. He moved: "That this meeting of householders are strongly of opinion that the matriculation course, should be substituted for the rural course and that a deputation be sent to interview the Education Department on the subject." Mr D. W. Matheson seconded the motion but asked why the rural course could not be kept along with the matriculation course. Mr Cork said he had sent his son to Palmerston because he could not get the teaching he required here. In reply to Mr Parker, who asked what had been done during 1917, Mr Thomson said that the Committee did not have much power in the matter because the Government controlled the policy had decided that the rural instruction course was necessary.....

23rd April 1918 There was a crowded attendance at the Levin District High School last evening for the annual meeting of householders.

Mr Goldsmith was once more unanimously voted to the chair and as usual proved an ideal chairman..

The report and balance sheet (as already published) were read by the chairman of the retiring committee (Mr W. Thomson).

Mr Blenkhorn, in moving their adoption, congratulated the committee on their very admirable report. That they were "battlers" no one was better qualified than him to judge. (Laughter). After a discussion on the rural course (reported elsewhere) the report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted.

**HEADMASTER'S REPORT.** Mr McIntyre presented his annual report which showed that the roll number had increased from 573 to 621 to with an average attendance of 93 per cent. As 90 per cent was the-Dominion average, the position here was most satisfactory. Reference was made to the lack of accommodation and the absence of epidemics, particularly diphtheria, which had been very prevalent in other parts of the Dominion. Mr McIntyre expressed his hearty thanks to his staff for their loyal co-operation ,and to the Committee for its energetic labours.

#### **PROTEST AGAINST OVERCROWDING.**

Mr Thomson read the circular letter from the Educational Institute demanding more accommodation in schools and the following resolution was unanimously carried on the motion of Mr A. Murray, seconded by Mr W. Watkins: "That this meeting of Levin householders strongly urges the Government not only to resist all attempts to encroach upon the national system of education, but also, without delay, to make provision for improvements and extensions necessary to enable the nation successfully to cope with after-war , conditions."

**THE RETIRING COMMITTEE.** Rev. Mr White moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the out. going Committee for their strenuous efforts during the year and for the admirable insight manifested in their- administration.

Mr Keys seconded the motion and Mr E. S. Lancaster added his word of praise for the excellent work done—work which was not so easy as some people thought. The motion was cordially endorsed by the meeting.

Mr Thomson, in returning thanks, said he had had a splendid team to work with. He referred particularly to the proposal to install bubble fountains which were the only ones recognised as sanitary by the Government for drinking purposes. Ho also referred to the splendid success of the pupils at swimming.

**OLD COMMITTEE RETURNED.** There were 17 candidates nominated for the new committee, including seven of the retiring committee, all of whom were returned at the head of the poll, the two new committeemen being Messrs F. G. Roe and J. MacKenzie. The Labour party nominated five candidates (Messrs H. Watson, H. Hudson, R. McAllister, R. T. Smith and C. Killeen). Following are the detailed votes: W. Thomson 131 ,

W. G. Vickers 124

T. Broome 114

H. H. Cork 113

J. O'Donohue 104

N. C. Holdaway 104

F. G. Roe 104

F. O. Smith 86

J. MacKenzie 78

E. Nash 62

J. W. Farland 46

R. T. Smith 46

C. Killeen 44  
R. McAllister 43  
H. Watson 40  
H. Hudson 40  
J. Johnson 37

All the successful candidates returned thanks for their election and the confidence reposed in them, while Mr R. T. Smith spoke on behalf of the Labour party's ticket. • A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

23rd April 1918 In His annual report to the householders' meeting last night Mr McIntyre, headmaster of District High School, mentioned that the sewing classes again devoted their time to making Red [As written presumable Red Cross] which was purchased by small sums contributed by the boys. A case was despatched to Miss Myers, of Wellington, who had charge of the distribution of Red Cross work. The children had also subscribed the following amounts during the year: Little Helpers' League (Dr Barnardo s Homes), £24 3s; London Children Relief Fund, £10 11s 2d; Soldiers' Christmas Pudding Fund, £17 10s; Raetihi Relief Fund, £11 16s; a total of £64 0s 2d, the amount of which was received with applause.

30th April The Levin School Committee ' was by no means premature in culling attention to the unsuitable nature of the curriculum imposed upon the local district high school by the authorities. The unpopular rural course, the value of which is doubtful and which most of the scholars have no use for, has already so depleted the attendance that the school is about to lose one of its teachers, and this at a time when secondary schools in all other parts of the Dominion are steadily forging ahead in numerical strength and becoming increasingly useful in the life of the community. The following letter received by the Committee from the .Education Board, explains the position : "At a recent meeting the Board had under consideration the question of the appointment of a second assistant, vice Miss Cathie, resigned. The position was advertised, but from information received subsequently from the headmaster, the Board learned that the roll of the secondary department has fallen considerably and it appears that the school will very shortly lose the services of the junior second assistant. The Board therefore decided not to make a permanent appointment, but to appoint temporarily Miss A. Eggleton, who was the only applicant for the position." The Board's decision, while it is regrettable as indicating the decline of the secondary education department at the school, will strengthen the hands of the Committee appointed by the householders at their annual meeting to appeal to the authorities for the substitution of a more definite and shorter matriculation course for the existing rural course.

30th April 1918 Miss A. Eggleton, who has been temporarily appointed to fill the vacancy at the local district high school caused by the resignation of Miss Cathie, who has accepted a position in Taranaki, takes up her duties on May 1

16th May 1918 The Wellington Education Board has apparently just- performed, the impossible. It has enlarged the local District High School and made it smaller! This remarkable feat has been accomplished in the following manner: Previous to the recent alterations the main school consisted of four rooms, roughly 26 feet by 24 feet, and two rooms 36 feet by 24 feet. These were then occupied by approximately 400 pupils, the floor space being, on an even distribution per class, a fraction over 10 square feet per child. The improvements have consisted in taking ten feet off each of the two large rooms, adding- to this a further 16 feet of new

building and so making two extra rooms. about equal in size to the four smaller rooms originally in use, thus giving eight rooms in all, but all of the smaller size. Apparently this is an extension, but actually the opposite is the case for the reason that the two new rooms are for the accommodation of the High School pupils who previously occupied the cookery or science rooms, whichever was vacant at the time. Thus the six primary standards still have six classrooms, but they are all of the smaller size, viz., "26 feet by 24, whereas before two of them were 20 feet by 36. We understand that the six classes • aggregating something in the vicinity of 440 pupils have to be content with a floor space of a fraction over eight square feet per child. Further, the average pupils per teacher, as will be seen from these figures, is over 72 and yet 50 is supposed to be a. high-grade teacher's maximum. Have any of the "Chronicle's" women readers tried to manage even half a dozen of other folk's children for even one. wet day ? How would they like to handle eighty as is done in the Levin District High School daily at. the present time.

20th July 1918 The scholars of the Levin District. High School are having a run of bad luck just now. What with the weather, the diphtheria, and the loss of a trip to, Foxton, ' they have every right, to growl. The ceremony of presenting the swimming certificates had to be abandoned on account of the inclement state of the weather yesterday and the lack of a large assembly room. However, the Headmaster went the round of the class rooms and presented the certificates in each, .to the accompaniment of hand-clapping. The total number issued is 63. This morning 32 scholars and teachers assembled for a trip to Foxton to play a game of football against Foxton School. But the School's Jonah turned up-again ; Mr Mortensen found the road impassable and the trip had to be postponed for a week. Foxton boys had prepared a dinner for the occasion, but, doubtless by going into the highways and byways Foxton's headmaster (Mr L. J. Furrie) found someone or ones capable of disposing of the feast. Levin's extremity may yet. prove somebody's opportunity. Better hick next week!

30th July 1918 . The visit of the Levin District High School football team, to Foxton came off on Saturday last, and favoured by beautiful weather was greatly enjoyed by all. The ride in Mr Mortensen's motor lorry was reminiscent of a school picnic party and the time en route was enlivened by songs, choruses and cheers for everybody met on the way. The road was found to be nearly clear of water, but a distance of about two miles had to be navigated carefully lest the surface, nearly awash, should give way under the heavy motor. On arrival at Foxton the party was met by Mr L. J. Furrie, the headmaster of the Foxton School, and invited to lunch at Perreau's. This, as it proved, was a combination of hospitality and strategy.

At 1 p.m. the game of football commenced, between a team from Foxton school and one from the primary department of the Levin School. » The dinner and responsibility of the position proved too much for the Levin boys who searched in .vain for the Foxton goal posts, seldom finding even the enemy twenty fives, The teams were about evenly matched in weight, "though Levin suffered from the loss of three or their best forwards who were ill in bed on the critical day. The Foxton boys undoubtedly played a. far better game, showing much more knowledge of-the fine points. The passing of their backs was beautiful to, watch, though as they invariably finished on the opposite side of "the : ground exactly to where they started, it availed them nothing. Their however, ran all over the Levin pack, and never once failed to get the ball from the scrum and start the spectacular, but futile play of their backs. As a- matter of fact three, of Foxton's four tries were scored from line outs on or within a yard of the goal line, when the

Foxton forwards got the ball and simply fell over the line. The fourth was obtained from a loose rush during which the ball was kicked over the line and a Foxton boy ran in and easily to touch down, the Levin backs being at sea. Levin never looked like scoring, and the ' game ended Foxton, 14; Levin 0. A - return match will probably take place on August, 24 at Levin. In the meantime Levin will need to train hard if the tables are to be turned on Foxton. , It is possible that Foxton will bring a team of girls to play the Levin girls at hockey and basketball but the difficulty and expense of transporting so many children may prove insuperable. The Foxton girls were greatly disappointed at the failure of the Levin party to include a team of girls, but the visit has clearly demonstrated the difficulty of the matter. \_ Taken as a whole the trip was a splendid outing, enjoyed -by everybody, and the verdict of Levin is "Another one soon, even if they beat us twice as badly." -

1st August 1918 Recently some competitions were conducted in connection with the British Empire Rhyming Trades Alphabet.. The report of the examiner on the papers sent in by schoolchildren in this district was as follows: Among\* the large number of papers received for these competitions were a very good selection from the children attending the Levin District High School. The handwriting of the children in the upper standards at this school is very clear and legible in style, and the papers have been prepared with characteristic neatness. Prizes are awarded as follows, all being Levin children except where otherwise stated : Trades Alphabet.- —Standards 5 to 7: May McAllister 1, Edna Pink 2, Norma Barrow 3, V, Hislop 4, Ella Bertram 5. Standards 3 to 4: Connie Groome 1, Douglas Fox 2, E. Hughes 3, Dora Tomlinson 4, P. Bertram 5. Standards 1 to 2 : T. Collier 1, P. Williams 2, Ken. Batt 3, Lance Petersen (Shannon) 4, J. Tukupua 5. Specials, Messrs Dean and Rawson, Levin (Letter 1 and words): Edna Pink. Messrs Stiles and Matheson, Ltd.—High School, \_ Standard 7 and above: May McAllister. Standards 5 and 6: Felicia Beverley 1; commended, Norman Batt, Mary Stuart (Ohau). Standards 3 and 4: Evelyn Davis (Stanmore); commended, Rex Newport, C. Groom p. Standards 1 and 2: K. Batt. 1'

10th August 1918 Tenders are invited to-day for the conveyance of schoolchildren daily from Poroutawhao to the Levin School. The average number daily is seventeen and all other information can be obtained from Mr W. Thomson, at the Railway Station, chairman of the School Committee.

17th August 1918 "The floors of Government offices in "Wellington and elsewhere" remarked Mr Combs in his lecture in Levin this week, "are covered with linoleum and are scrubbed out every week. Linoleum is much too expensive to use in the schools. Levin school (he added) is scrubbed out three times a year

22nd August 1917 A painful sensation was caused in Levin this morning when\* it became known that one of the most, popular and capable school teachers on this coast, Mr Albert J. Harding, had ended his life under particularly sad circumstances. The late Mr Harding' left his home early this morning, and when he was not in his place at the Levin District High School some time after the usual hour enquiries were made, as to his whereabouts. His brother, Mr W. Harding, was informed of his disappearance, and knowing he had been in the habit of visiting the scenic reserve at the end of Queen street east, motored there in company with Mr N. C. Holdaway. A tragic discovery was made no! far from the entrance gate, the body of the missing man being found on the path with a revolver by his side. Fears that he had taken his own life were confirmed by the contents of a note in which the late Mr Harding stated

that he had been suffering from insomnia for some time, and dread of its consequences had impelled him to take the fatal step. The deceased teacher was ->8 years of age and had been a resident of Levin for over ten years. He was originally in charge of the secondary department of the school, but his best work had undoubtedly been accomplished as first assistant master of the primary school, where his acknowledged gifts as a teacher have been in no small measure responsible for the high place reached by the Levin School. Mr Harding - held a peculiar place in the affections of the children, and few teachers have gained the confidence of parents 'as completely as he had done. That he was also respected amongst the members of his profession was evidenced by the fact that for some time prior to his death he held the position of President of the Horowhenua Educational Institute. A man of marked ability, a conscientious and enthusiastic worker, outspoken in his views of men and things, the late Mr Harding's death is a distinct loss to the community at a time when men of his calibre can ill be spared. To his wife and son the sympathy of parents and residents of Levin and district generally will be extended in the hour of their sorrow.

5th September 1918 the Levin School Committee met on Tuesday night. Present—Messrs Thomson (chairman), Cork, McKenzie Vickers, Smith, Roe, Holdaway, and O Donohue, and Mr McIntyre (headmaster). An apology was received from M.P Broome. ~

On the motion of Mr Thomson seconded by Mr Vickers it was decided to convey to 'Mrs A. J. Harding the committee's sincere and heartfelt sympathy with her in her recent bereavement, and that the committee also place on record their recognition and appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the late Mr Harding while a member of the Levin School teaching staff

A vote of sympathy with Mr and Mrs Thomson in the death of -Mrs Thomson's sister was also carried.

•Mr Rockel applied for the use of the science room and- the application was granted subject to arrangements being made with the Education Board for the use of the gas and chemicals. On the motion of Messrs Cork and Holdaway it was decided to procure four oblique jet bubble fountains immediately for erection two in each school

Mr Holdaway reported: having visited the school and -several small repairs were needed. The pruning of the trees should also be attended to. The latter work was left to Mr McIntyre to arrange for.. Messrs Vickers and Smith were appointed a visiting committee for the month.

10th September 1918 The presence of Messrs Bakewell and Burn's in the town is prime •evidence that the children of this district are in the midst of the joys of "Annual Inspection" at the District (High School. . Notwithstanding the difficult conditions under which the school has been working during a large portion of the year, it is expected that the scholars will make their usual good showing.

17th September 1917 The Borough Council last night decided to take definite action to cope With the menace to public safety-through the reckless driving of some motorists who endanger; life "and limb by their disregard they s/how of the rights of other users of the roads. The matter was introduced by a letter \_ from the Levin . School Committee asking the Council to erect two notice ' boards on the main road, one on each side of the school drawing motorists' attention to the fact that there was a school there. It was stated that the N.Z. Automobile Association had . recommended the Committee to apply for the Council's assistance, , The 'Mayor -.said it was 'unfortunate . that this school's only exit was on the main road and that it was also the road between the station and the town

28th September 1918 The vacancy on the Levin District High. School staff, which is being temporarily filled by a relieving teacher, Mr V. Higgins, a- returned soldier, is likely to be filled during the coming week.

Mr Jas. McIntyre, the highly esteemed head of the local District High School is in rather indifferent health at present and acting under doctor's orders he has applied for a month's sick leave. We are sure that everyone in -the district wishes Mr McIntyre a speedy recovery and that when he resumes duty he will have regained his normal state of health.

3rd October 1918 At Tuesday -night's meeting of the Levin School it was decided to give the children a holiday to commemorate the unconditional surrender Of Bulgaria to the Allies, also General Aillenby's great military success against the Turks in Palestine and the victorious offensive of the Allies in France and. Belgium. On. the school assembling yesterday morning, the rolls were marked and then the children paraded outside. They were then briefly addressed by the Chairman of the Committee, in the presence of the other members and teaching: staff. Mr Thomson referred to the far reaching effect the Bulgarian surrender would have. The overwhelming defeat of the Turks in Palestine by General Allenby's forces and the victorious onslaught of the Allies in France and Belgium were also matters for sincere congratulation. The dark clouds that had hung over us all at times during the past four years were beginning to disperse, he said, and the silver lining was now showing. It was little enough in the way of celebrating the present victories to grant the children a holiday and he hoped they would enjoy themselves and always remember with pride the great events that had taken, place in their schooldays. Three cheers were called for the boys at the front and three for our Allies. These were heartily given by the boys and girls. The National Anthem was sung and, the scholars were dismissed for the day.

3rd October 1918 he monthly meeting of the Levin School Committee was held on Tuesday evening, those present being Messrs W. Thomson (chairman), Holdaway, Vickers, F. O. Smith, Cork, O'Donohue and F. G. Roe (Hon, secretary). Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Messrs McKenzie and Broome.

Outward and inward correspondence wav- dealt with. In the latter connection the Education Board wrote stating they would proceed with the ground improvements outlined by the Committee on receipt of £25 towards the expense, the Board to find the balance, about £50. It was decided to comply with the request and forward "the amount in order that the improvements could be immediately proceeded with. The work consists in the main of asphaltting the shelter sheds and additional areas round the school building and fitting up four bubble drinking fountains.

Plans were also submitted for, a new Incinerator for the destruction of rubbish. This matter is now in the hands of Messrs Harvey and Co.

The procuring of a price. and any , other information - regarding a flagpole for the school was left in the hands of Messrs Vickers and O'Donohue. ;

The Chairman reported that he had been advised by. the Town Clerk that lie Borough Council had. decided to erect two notice boards for the purpose of restricting motor speed past the school. From the information supplied the Committee were of opinion that the boards proposed to be \_erected would fail to achieve their object on account of their small size. It was left to the Chairman to endeavour to have more prominent boards .provided. The school report presented by Mr Rockel on behalf of the headmaster showed' that an excellent average

attendance was being maintained and additional scholars being enrolled. Messrs Bakewell and 'Burns had inspected the school during the month but their report was not yet available.

It was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr McIntyre, the Headmaster, expressing regret at his illness and the Committee's 'best wishes

5th October 1918 Everyone will be pleased to learn that Mr Jas. McIntyre, the genial and popular headmaster of the local High School, is benefiting greatly from his enforced retirement from activity, and though still confined to his room, he bids fair, in a very short while to be once more in his normal state of good health.

8th October 1918 Messrs J. Harvey and Co. have generously presented the Levin school with a 50-foot [15.44 Meters] flag-pole which will be erected in the school ground and used on ceremonial occasions. The Committee are very grateful for the firm's kindness.

21st October 1918 The Levin School Committee has approved of the appointment of Mr V. Higgins to the position of first-assistant at the school. Mr Higgins returned to New Zealand a short time ago after three years on active service and has recently been acting assistant-master at Levin.

5th November 1918 A number of influenza cases are reported in Levin. Amongst the victims are the Postmaster, Mr H. H. Cork, who has been confined to his room for three days but is now about again. Several members of the local school staff are also incapacitated by the same complaint.

28th November 1918 Mr Jas. Malcolm, of Levin, received word on Tuesday of the death of his third son, Mr George Henry Malcolm, school teacher, of Kahikihi, Waikato. The late Mr Malcolm has been connected with educational pursuits for many years, and for a considerable period was in the service of the Native Department as a teacher and was selected by that Department some years ago to proceed to the island of Niue to open a school there. After remaining there for some time he returned to New Zealand and the Native Department placed him in charge of one of their best schools, this being situated at Hokianga, and continued there until the outbreak of war, when he offered himself for service with the forces. On being turned down he resigned his position with the Native Department and joined the Education Department, being appointed to the Matamata school. He was instrumental in raising the status of this school to that of a high school, after which he continued as a relieving teacher in the Waikato, his last appointment being Kihikihi. By his death at the early age of 35, the Department loses a valuable officer, and the cause of education a highly qualified and enthusiastic exponent. The late Mr Malcolm leaves a widow and family of two, who, with his parents and relatives, will have much sympathy in their loss.

12th December 1918 The following pupils of the Levin ! District High School have gained the ; certificates mentioned:

STANDARD VI.—PROFICIENCY. Allan Atkins, Norman Batt, Horace Barbara, Stephen Bevan, Ronald Corson, Clarence Davison, James Gimblett; Martin Houlihan, Thomas Hughes, Douglas Jamieson, Clarence Martin. Kenneth McIntyre, Maurice Nicol, Walter Phillips. Max Risk, Arthur Short-, Harvey Thomson. Ernest Wilebore, Winifred Burrell, Nellie Burt, Phyllis Broome, Winifred Broome, Felicia Beverley, Florence Bullman,- Jean Bevan, Ruby Bell. Freda Collier, Vera Crowe, Valerie Hislop. Doris Hall, Leoni Hughes, Venus Henderson. Shirley Morgan. Pearl Parsons, Mersey Ryder, Phyllis Staveley, Mildred Sievers, Margaret White, Amy Walton.

STANDARD VI.—COMPETENCY. William Cruden, James Hooper, Frank Macintosh, Harold Pringle. Jack Tantrum, Lloyd Randal), Rita Astridge, Minnie Bulliman. Alice Cooper, Constance Cotter. Stella Gibson, Thelma Kingsbeer, Phyllis Lafferty, Grace Rochfort. Myrtle Williams, Lila Waller- .

Attendance certificates will be distributed' when the school resumes after the holidays. , Those who have gained Standard VI Proficiency or Standard AT Competency Certificates may obtain them by calling at the Headmaster's residence on 'Friday or Saturday between 2 and 4 p.m.

21st December 1918. Promotion list not copied.

9th January 1919 The usual monthly meeting of the Levin School Committee was held on Tuesday evening. There was a fair attendance of members and Mr W Thomson occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed and outward and inward correspondence was dealt with

AFTER. THE EPIDEMIC. A circular 'was received dealing with the thorough cleaning and disinfecting of the School after its use as a temporary hospital. The chairman reported; that the Public Health Department had carried out the fumigation and it devolved upon the Committee to see that the washing out with disinfectants and hosing of the floors, walls and desks was given effect to. Messrs Broome and Cork were appointed to employ the necessary labour for the purpose, the work to be done with the assistance of and under the supervision of Mrs Cooper who has charge of the school cleaning. The cost is to be borne by the Health Department.

APPRECIATION. It was decided to place on record the Committee's appreciation of the good work performed by those teachers who had come forward and rendered valuable assistance during the influenza epidemic.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Messrs Harvey and Co. for the fine flag pole presented to the School by the firm and the Secretary was directed to write thanking them for their valuable gift.

It was mentioned that the four bubble fountains ordered were to hand and in process of erection. These will provide good sanitary drinking facilities for the children.

A proposal to install gas for lighting purposes in two of the large class rooms was not entertained at the present time on account of the cost. Gas was distributed by the temporary pipes in nearly all the rooms during the occupation of the School as a hospital and it was thought the installation in two rooms at least might be made permanent at slight cost. This was, however, found to be more than the committee deemed it expedient to spend at present.

SWIMMING SPORTS. Preliminary to arranging for the annual school swimming carnival a joint meeting of the Committee and teachers is to be called for the 4th February and it is" hoped to arrange for the sports a. fortnight later, by which time more seasonable weather may have set in.

6th February 1919 The Levin School re-opened on Tuesday morning with a good attendance. The entry of new pupils exceeded the withdrawals and the roll is larger than at the end of the year. The late epidemic has not affected the attendance in any way.

6th February 1919 A meeting of the School Committee and teachers was held after the ordinary committee meeting oil Tuesday night. Present : Messrs Thomson (in the chair). Roe, Cork, McKenzie. Holdaway, Broome, O'Donohue, Higgins, Rockel, Jones and Connor.\

It was decided to hold- the third annual school swimming carnival on February 26

On the motion of the chairman it was decided to solid Tokomaru a challenge for the Robertson Shield.

The matter of music was left in 'the hands of Mr O'Donohue to arrange.

Afternoon tea is to be left in the hands of the wives of the Committeemen and teachers; competitors to be supplied free and a small charge of sixpence to be made to others.

Messrs Broome and Jones were appointed to wait on the Town Clerk re a boiler ; those gentlemen were also empowered, to provide gatekeepers and attendant for the boiler.

The following officials were appointed : Secretary, Mr Higgins; handicappers, Messrs Rockel and Jones; .starter. Mr Thomson; judges, Messrs Cork. Vickers and O'Donohue; judge of diving, ' Mr Rockel : blackboard steward, Mr Connor; stewards, -Messrs Holdaway, Broome, Smith and, Roe: caterer, Mr F. O. Smith.

Miss Hitchcock, in conjunction with the other lady teachers, were appointed a ladies' committee to attend to the girl swimmers. The Chairman informed the meeting that Dr Bryson had offered two gold medals for the champion boy and girl swimmers of the School. The offer was accepted and the Secretary was instructed to send a letter of acknowledgment to the doctor.

Mr Higgins suggested that any balance should be devoted to any school sports. This was agreed to.

It was decided to ask the Borough Council to erect the spring board as soon as possible, with the suggestion that the erection should be under the supervision of Mr Rockel, the present springboard, stand being too high.

It was also decided! that Mr Whittaker be approached to provide seating accommodation under similar conditions to 'last year. The admission to the sports was fixed at sixpence for adults and threepence for children,. Last year's programme was adopted with slight alterations to be finally decided at a meeting to be held next Tuesday night. The Committee resolved not to make any systematic canvass for trophies but it was decided that any voluntary assistance in the way of trophies and cash would be accepted and much appreciated.

6th February 1919 Levin School Committee meets — ? —• The usual monthly meeting of the School Committee was held in the headmaster's office on Tuesday night.

The Chairman reported that the bubble fountains had been erected and were working satisfactorily

It was decided to have the grass cut by machine as soon as possible.

The Committee unanimously resolved to request the Education Board to appoint .Mr Connor permanently to the position he now holds, and which was rendered vacant the death in action of Lieut. Foss.

The Chairman' reported that the matter of ground improvement was still being held up by the Education Department quibbling over a small item of £6 2s 3d donated to the 'funds by Mr Seigel, on which a subsidy had been claimed, on the ground that Mr Seigel's name was not in the Directory! 'Mr Thomson pointed out that he had already advised the Board three times how the money was received. The matter was left in the hands of the Chairman to deal with further. Accounts amounting to £22 (including £10 for bubble fountains) were passed for payment. Messrs Holdaway and McKenzie were appointed a visiting committee for the ensuing month.

13th February 1919 Whilst Master Douglas Vickers, son of Mr W. G. Vickers, was riding to school this morning his horse fell at the junction of Oxford and Bath streets and broke one

of its hind legs. The animal was later destroyed by Constable Bagrie. The rider escaped without injury.

15th February 1919 Wellington, this day. In the Senior National Scholarship examination, A. -Stuart, of the Levin District High School, qualified, with 1378 marks.

27th February 1919 Part of a very long article including results started with this piece: The school swimming carnival held on the Borough baths yesterday afternoon proved a great success from every point of view. The Committee received an excellent entry in all the events, the weather was perfect and there was a huge attendance of the public, the enclosure being crowded in all parts. A lengthy program had been arranged and although heats had to be got off in several events, the competitions were got through shortly after 6 p.m., which speaks well for the expeditious way the officials worked, the proceedings being sent along with plenty of vim, which maintained the interest till the last. The swimming taken all through was of a good standard. But the more important point is the teaching of this useful art to the scholars as a whole, in which direction a splendid work is being done by the staff of the local school, as was demonstrated yesterday.....

1st March 1919 (To the Editor). Sir.—The School Swimming Carnival which was held at the Borough baths on Wednesday afternoon turned out to be a grand afternoon for all except some of the competitors. While these particular boys were swimming in their races some light fingered young fellow helped himself to wallets, purses, money and anything else he could lay his hands on. It is very displeasing to competitors to think that they cannot leave their clothes in the dressing-shed while they are having a race. This incident will greatly affect competitors in next year's sports. This is a serious matter and steps should be taken as far as possible to restore the stolen goods. Yours, etc. X.Y.Z.

6th March 1919 The Levin District High School Committee and the other gentlemen who\* assisted with the recent swimming sports met on Tuesday evening, there being present: Messrs Thomson, O'Donohue, Cork Smith, Broom, Vickers, McKenzie, Roe, Rockel, Connor and Higgins.

The secretary, Mr Higgins, presented the balance-sheet in connection with the carnival as follows:— Receipts: Gate, £15 3s 9d; afternoon tea, £6; trophies, £9 5s. Expenditure: Prizes, advertising, cartage, gatekeepers, etc., £20 7s 3d; leaving a credit balance of £10 1s 6d.

A complimentary vote was passed to the ladies for their successful efforts at the afternoon tea stall and a similar vote was accorded the "Chronicle" for the assistance it had rendered in making the carnival the success it was. It was decided to have the photograph of the successful relay team in the Robertson Shield contest hung in the school, and to decide the race for boys over 14 at the baths on an evening to be arranged.

CONTINUATION CLASSES. At the subsequent meeting of the school committee, the matter of continuation classes was brought up. The Education Board had previously decided to obtain information from the various school committees regarding these classes, but the local committee had received no communication on the subject.

Mr Broom said that they should approach the Board on the matter. He moved that the Board make full enquiries in regard to the establishment of classes in Levin. Members agreed, pointing out that at present there was practically nothing in the town to beneficially occupy the attention of numbers of youths in the evenings.

The classes would fill a much needed requirement and would have a good result on those attending. The motion was carried unanimously.

The headmaster's report stated that the average attendance was 600, and the percentage of attendances was 96.

20th March 1919 Mrs H Bartholomew resigns as an assistant at Levin

3rd April 1919 Messrs .Just (Wellington) and, F. Roydhouse (Wanganui), physical instructors to their respective Education Boards, paid a periodical visit of inspection to the Levin School to-day.

After an absence from the meetings of the Levin District High School Committee for about six months, owing to indifferent health, Mr J. McIntyre, the headmaster, was present at Tuesday evening's meeting and was welcomed by the chairman (Mr W. Thomson), who pleasure at Mr McIntyre's return to 'his "usual health and hoped it would long continue so a sentiment heartily endorsed by other members of the Committee. Mr McIntyre suitably acknowledged the Chairman's remarks.

2nd April Miss R O Milnes and Mr J Connor appointed by Wellington Education Board

3rd April 1919 The usual meeting of the Levin District High School Committee was held on Tuesday evening and was attended by Messrs Thomson (chairman), Cork, Holdaway, Vickers, O'Donohue, Smith, Broome and Roe (secretary). The headmaster, Mr McIntyre, was also present.

The appointment of Miss R. O Milnes as assistant teacher was confirmed.

The tender of -Mr M. Akenson was accepted for a supply of firewood.

It was decided to purchase a flag for the school and supply a letter rack for the teachers.

The headmaster reported that swimming classes had been commenced and were being attended by an average of 40 daily.

The Committee passed a vote of appreciation of the results obtained by the pupils at the High School at the recent examinations.

The annual balance sheet and accounts were received from the Education Board duly audited. The headmaster reported as follows: On the roll, 630; average attendance, 608, 'being 96 per cent of the average roll. During the month Dr Ada Patterson examined every child in the school for traces of diphtheria but found none. There was one case of diphtheria which ended fatally. No other eases have occurred. ,

Messrs Bakewell and Burns paid a visit of inspection, but their report is not yet to hand.

EXAMINATION RESULTS. The results of the November examination were submitted to the Committee as follows: Partial D Teachers' Certificate. — Alice Hooper. PUBLIC Service (Entrance. —May McAlister, Thomas Hagan. Senior Scholarship.—Alex. Stewart. Pass in Senior Scholarship Examination.—Beth Kirk. Senior Free Place. —Flo. Best, Sid. Diaper, Alex. Stuart, Beth Kirk, May McAlister, Thomas Hagan.

Junior Free Places. —Harry Diaper, Max Riske, Harvey Thomson.

10TH April 1919 CHILDREN'S DAY COMMITTEE. meeting of this committee was held on Tuesday evening to get the preliminaries in order for the children's day of the peace celebrations. Mr W. Thomson, chairman of the Levin School Committee, presided, and there were also present: Mesdames Cork, J. McKenzie, McKellar-Smith, Misses Hitchcock, Beckett, Johnstone, Hayes (Ohau), and Milne, and Messrs Roe, Holdaway, Conner Jones, Higgins, Henderson (Ohau), Williams, McKenzie, Scott and Rockel. A short discussion took

place on the most suitable site for the children's day and it was decided to make a strong recommendation to the Central Committee that the racecourse be secured,.....

12th April 1919 Levin School Committee

The following is the report to be presented to the annual meeting of householders to be held in the Century Hall on Monday night by the Levin School Committee :

The retiring Committee in presenting you with the annual report and balance sheet for the year ending December 31, 1918, have pleasure in stating that, in spite of several set-backs through various causes, the workings of the school have been carried out satisfactorily. Thirteen Committee meetings were held during the year and were attended; as follows: W. Thomson 13, F. G. Hoe 12, J. O'Donohue 12, W. G. Vickers 11, H. H. Cork 11, N. C. Holdaway 11, J. McKenzie 11, F. O. Smith 9, T. Broome 9. It is gratifying to be able to state that since our last annual meeting the Great War has ended victoriously for Great Britain and her Allies. As each of the enemy nations capitulated the children were allowed a holiday to commemorate the occasion and they took part in the local jubiliations.

In October the school sustained a severe loss in the death of the first assistant, Mr A. J. Harding. The late Mr Harding was a teacher of outstanding ability and his untimely end cast quite a gloom and a deep feeling of sorrow throughout the whole school. His valuable services have been placed on record by the Education Board and School Committee.

| During the month of October the Headmaster (Mr J. McIntyre) suffered a breakdown in health which necessitated a prolonged absence from School. Mr McIntyre has now sufficiently recovered to resume control and your Committee is recording their pleasure at again having Mr McIntyre with them and feel they are only giving expression to sentiments held by every member of the community. In November the School was given up for the establishment of a temporary hospital for influenza patients. In this connection your Committee wish to publicly place on record the splendid work performed by members of the teaching staff who assisted the local authorities during those trying times.

Your Committee had taken precautions to have the School disinfected prior to the outbreak in Levin. Had after the disestablishment of the School was thoroughly cleaned and fumigated.

During the year Mr J. O'Donohue resigned the secretaryship and Mr F. G. Roe was appointed to the vacancy.

Annually-recurring work such as hedge-trimming, grass-cutting and repairs have received the usual attention. A new up-to-date incinerator has been erected : and also a flag pole donated by Mr J. Harvey. Danger Boards were supplied and, erected by the Borough Council and the entrance fee paid for the installation of the telephone in the School.

The caretaker's salary was increased.

On February 26th. a very successful swimming carnival was held. The swimming sports, as an annual affair, is now assured, and the incoming Committee should strongly urge for better dressing facilities and more adequate seating accommodation.

In accordance with the recommendation of the previous committee a detailed and comprehensive plan for ground improvements was submitted to the Board last June. After some unforeseen delay, the plan has been accepted and the work should be commenced at an early date. The estimated cost is £100.

Considering, however, that the installation of bubble drinking fountains was an urgent matter we ordered the fountains direct and had them erected. They are now working satisfactorily and are a great improvement on the old method of drinking cups.

The road leading into the horse paddock was also re-graded without waiting for the general ground improvement. The sub-committee appointed by the householders at the last annual meeting to deal with matters appertaining to the High School duly met and went into the question of meeting the Minister of Education. It was unanimously decided that it would be useless to do so. As an alternative, and what proved a hotter method,

Mr Bakewell, Chief Inspector of Schools, was asked and agreed to meet your Committee and sub-committee.

A very satisfactory meeting was held and the various matters relating to -the work of the High School and rural 'course thoroughly discussed. As a result the curriculum was altered and adjusted with the addition of French as a subject and pupils now have a much better chance of qualifying for scholarships.

The financial position of the Committee is satisfactory. The balance in credit at the end of the year was £68 5s 8d, of which £40 is ear-marked for ground improvements.

The incoming committee can safely give their consideration towards establishing an up-to-date library for the teachers and scholars.

In conclusion your Committee wish to thank Mr McIntyre and his staff for their hearty co-operation and the interest and assistance given at all times to school affairs. W. THOMSON, Chairman.

15th April 1919 The annual meeting of householders for the purpose of electing a school committee for the ensuing year was held in the Century Hall last evening. 'Mr P. \V. Goldsmith presided and over 80 householders were present.

#### ANNUAL REPORTS.

The Chairman of the retiring committee (Mr W. Thomson) read the annual report (which has already appeared in the "Chronicle") also the report of the headmaster (Mr J. McIntyre). Speaking to the Committee's report. 'Mr Thomson said the Committee had 'been considering the important matter of an outlet to the school other than the main entrance in order to avoid the street traffic. When Mr Stewart, secretary of the Education Board, was in Levin some time ago, he had taken him round the schoolgrounds and pointed out two propositions. One was the desirability of acquiring ground at the rear of the school by exchange with an educational reserve in Queen street. The Board, 'however, had turned this down, pointing out that as far' as danger to the children from traffic was concerned it was not to be compared with town schools. The Committee had next approached the Borough Council to have danger signs erected in Oxford street adjacent to the school. These had been put up, but in his opinion were on the wrong side and were not seen by motorists.

Mr Thomson said he then spoke to Mr McIntyre about the traffic danger to the children and they decided to try and teach the children to avoid the road. From Mako Mako road, to Bath street there was no necessity for any of the children to cross the road except in two or three cases. The children were therefore warned not to do so, and this was working very .satisfactorily. Again, none of the children were allowed to cycle out of the main gate, and this had been the greatest danger. Under present conditions the children were instructed, not to

cross the road and Mr Thomson considered this would prove better than the proposed outlet—past the coal yard to Durham street.

A householder stated that as the children were now instructed to use one side of the footpath, the Borough Council should be asked to asphalt it as was the case with the path on the opposite side.

Mr Thomson said this was a good idea and would be brought before the Council.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT. The Headmaster's report was as follows : The average roll for the year ending March, 1918, was 609; this year's average roll was 576—an increase of four. The average attendance for the year ending March 1918, was 568; this year's average was 576, an increase of 9. The March quarter's average was 608.

During the year structural alterations were made which increased the main building from six rooms to eight. "This with the infant **school** on a 10 foot basis, gives room for 667, but on a 12 foot—the ideal—for 556 So that although for present needs the accommodation is sufficient yet in the near future a rise in the attendance would justify an application for an additional room.

During the year few changes were made in the personnel of the staff. Early in the year, owing to a fall in numbers in the secondary department, Miss Cathie was transferred to Stratford District High School and under the new regulations which came into force in January, an additional primary assistant was appointed. This gives now on the staff, the headmaster, one secondary assistant, 9 primary assistants, 3 junior teachers and one probationer—15 in all. Inspectors' visits were paid in May and September, the reports in each case being satisfactory. The Secondary class presented eight senior pupils at the November examinations with the following results: 1 partial D certificate; 1 senior scholarship; 1 pass in senior scholarship ; 2 Public Service entrance and 6 senior free places.

The school was noticeably free from any epidemic during the twelve months. Diphtheria which was prevalent generally throughout the Dominion last year was very mild in Levin—only six cases being reported.

Swimming classes were commenced this year. There are six classes of 30 to 40 each and each class visits the baths once a week for instructions in swimming. The children as a whole are keen and quite a number have already learnt the art of swimming. Certificates earned—last season were presented on July 17. Learners, 13; proficiency 43, merit 7 ; total 62.

Other than the Red Cross Sewing once a week by Standards 1 to 4 no special patriotic effort was made. The children sent two cases containing 500 articles of clothing to the sufferers by the fire at Raetihi and an amount of £11 16s in cash was collected from the pupils for the same object.

Following the usual custom, 150 trees and shrubs were on Arbor Day planted in the school grounds.

In conclusion I would express my thanks to the members of the staff for the loyal support given throughout the year and to the School Committee for the keen interest taken by the members in school matters generally.

The reports "were adopted without further discussion.

Mr D. W. Matheson moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the outgoing committee and to Mr McIntyre and teaching staff, who were deserving of all praise for their work in the interests of the school. This motion was seconded by Mr K. Aitken and carried.

Mr Thomson acknowledged the vote on behalf of the committee and said that the work of the committee had gone on smoothly during the year, thanks to a good teaching staff and the amicable way in which the members of the committee had pulled together. The incoming committee would commence on a good financial footing. There was a credit balance of £65 5s 3d in hand and there were refunds due to the committee amounting to £28 16s 9d, a total of £94 2s. Against this there was £21 still to be paid on ground improvements, but with capitation due, there should be something like £90 10s 4d in hand in a short time. Matters that should be considered by the incoming committee were the establishment of a reference library for the staff, the improving of the football and cricket ground, and setting up a gymnasium. More would have to be expended in the cleaning of the **school**, as the work was becoming too much for one person. Mr Thomson also referred to the continuation classes but said that the Department had forwarded the old regulations regarding these classes which were not of much use, and they would have to wait till the new ones were sent.

Mr Rockel replied on behalf of the headmaster and teaching staff. Mr McIntyre, unfortunately, was not well enough to be present and in his present state of health, must not take risks, but the staff sincerely hoped that he would soon be completely restored to his usual health. The staff appreciated the vote passed by the meeting.

**QUESTION OF HOMEWORK.** Mr A. Broome raised the question of home work for the children and asked if this was really necessary.

Mr Goldsmith said this opened a big question but he was of opinion that a little homework was beneficial. The children were better off in this respect than they were in his day.

Mr Rockel said in some of the local classes there were as many as 80 pupils. These were too large and it followed that some pupils were not so successful as others and these latter had to be pushed on, hence the necessity for home work.

**COMMITTEE ELECTION.** Nominations were then invited for the new committee and eighteen were received, including two ladies.

The result of the voting was as follows: W. G. Vickers 61 W. Thomson 60 H. H. Cork 60 T. Broome 55 F. G. Roe 49 N. O. Holdaway 45 T. Hobson 45 J. H. Haslam 41 G. Short 35 (The above were elected) W. J. Procter 35 Mrs Bull — 34 Mrs Bagrie 34 A. Broome 20 R. Smith 21 H. E. Keys 18 C. Killeen 17 H. Leger 14 H. Hudson 13

Messrs G. Short and W. J. Procter, with 35 votes each, tied for the ninth place and: a draw resulted in Mr Short being declared elected. Mr Matheson said reference had been made to some classes being too large and he thought some notice should be taken by the meeting of this disadvantage and that it should be brought under the notice of the proper authorities. He moved that the -School Committees' Association and the New Zealand Teachers' Institute be urged to impress on the Government the necessity of reducing the size of classes in the school. . .

The motion was carried unanimously

A meeting of the new committee was then held when Mr Thomson was elected chairman for the ensuing term and the Rev. J., H. Haslam secretary.

17th April 1919 Part of a long article the important question of the medical inspection of children was touched upon by Mr Jas. McIntyre, headmaster of the Levin District High School, in his report to the annual meeting of householders on Monday evening. The report stated "that the medical inspection was held on -March 27 and notices of defective tooth, adenoids, etc., were sent to the parents of children affected. In the majority of cases no action

was taken by the parents, showing the necessity of carrying the scheme further by the provision of free medical or dental treatment in cases where the expense would be too great to the parents concerned." Mr McIntyre 'has, in a sentence, placed his finger on the weak spot in the present system of medical inspection at our schools, a weak link in the chain that to a very large extent nullifies the work of the inspectors and makes their functions futile.....

3rd May 1919 Miss E K Hayes of Ohau to be assistant at Levin District High School.

8th May 1919 THE DANGER OF CONTACT. LEVIN 1 PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES.

At a meeting of the Levin School Committee on Tuesday evening the headmaster (Mr J. McIntyre) reported on the health of the school as follows: "No further cases of diphtheria have been reported. Solitary cases of measles and of chicken pox have been reported, and 'the usual precautions to prevent either spreading are being taken. In this connection it must be noted that there is rank carelessness on the part of some parents in permitting children who are excluded from school to roam about the streets and mix indiscriminately with children who are attending school.

Mr Cork said the Health Department was the only authority having power to deal with such cases.

Mr Short suggested that the headmaster notify parents in these cases that the children must be prevented from associating with others.

The headmaster said parents were notified but they apparently allowed their children to play about with any—one

The Chairman (Mr Thomson) said that calling attention to the danger or the practice by the local press would do good and he would also see Mr O'Brien, the health officer, on his next visit here, and enquire as to the power of the committee in the matter.

8th May 1919 The first meeting of the new Levin School Committee was held on Tuesday evening, Mr W. Thomson presiding. Other members present were Messrs T. Broome, H. H. Cork, F. G. Roe, G. Short, T. Hobson, N. C. Holdaway, and W. G. Vickers.

The chairman briefly welcomed the new member's Messrs Hobson and Short, who duly acknowledged the welcome.

The chairman reported that he had made an enquiry in the direction of acquiring the gymnasium apparatus of the Y.M.C.A., but no reply had been received yet.

The Education Department notified that Miss Hayes, of Ohau, had been appointed to the staff of the Levin School and would take her duties on June 1st.

A circular letter was read from the Education Department regarding the providing of hot meals at schools, but the matter was held over in order that further enquiry might be made. The Chairman stated that the work of cleaning out the school was becoming too much for one person and he thought that a larger salary should be offered so that a man might be engaged or assistance got by the present contractor. It was decided to invite applications for the position at a salary of £120 per year, the chairman, Mr McIntyre and Mr Cork to draw up a schedule of duties. A motion of sympathy was passed with Mr McKenzie, a former member of the committee, in the serious illness of his wife, also with Mrs McKellar Smith, a member of the teaching staff, on the death of her sister.

Messrs Broome and Cork were appointed a visiting committee for the month.

HEADMASTER' S REPORT. Tile headmaster (Mr McIntyre.) reported as follows: Roll: There was an increase during the month of one in the school roll, from 630 to 631. The average roll for the month was 631.[As written]

.Attendance: For the time of year the attendance was distinctly good., being 93 or 94 percent of the average roll..

Staff: Mrs Bartholomew, who has been appointed a member of the staff for a number of years ceased duty at the end of March. She was entertained at afternoon tea by the .staff when a presentation was made to her. Miss Hayes who has been appointed in her place, has not yet commenced duty and the class meanwhile is in charge of Miss Johnson, relieving teacher. .Miss O. Milnes, who was relieving during the latter 'part of March, commenced duty as a permanent member of the staff on April 1. , , ,

Holidays: The school was closed on April 10, when the building was used as a polling booth and from April 1 to April 28 for the usual term holidays

Inspection: Mr Bakewell s report on inspection visit of March 20 is not yet to hand. The usual first term examination was held from April 8 to April 16 and showed that classes for the time of the year had covered a satisfactory portion of the year's work.

Accommodation : The question of increased accommodation should be taken in hand. At present on a basis of 12 square feet for each pupil the school will accommodate 556 children. The average attendance for the March quarter was 608 on an average roll of 632. It may be fairly estimated that the average attendance for the year will be 600. I would therefore suggest that application be made for another room to be built (plan of which was attached) which will allow of room in the school for 606 children.

Repairs: A hole to- carry away storm water at the infant school needs opening up and cleaning out. The approach to horse paddock needs metalling before the winter sets in and the fences generally need overhauling. It was decided to apply to the Department at once for the erection of an additional room and to have other matters attended to as mentioned in the report.

8th May 1915 CONTINUATION CLASSES. With a view to ascertaining the support likely to be accorded the establishment of classes as -above, intending pupils are requested to send their names to Mr J. McIntyre, headmaster of the Levin District High School. The classes proposed are English, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Shorthand and Typewriting. W. THOMSON, Chairman Levin District High School.

29th May 1919 At a special meeting on Tuesday evening, the Levin School Committee appointed Mr W. W. Smithson janitor to the School.

17th June 1919 The meeting of the Levin District High School Committee last week was attended by Messrs W. Thomson (Chairman). I, G. H. H. Cork, T. Hobson T. Broome and Rev. J. H. Haslam Apologies were .received for the absence of the other -members.

The Workers' Educational Association applied for a change of rooms for , their weekly classes, the Association to install the gas, the Committee undertakes to apply for a refund of the cost.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Board with a view to expediting the work of ground improvement, also for a refund tor the expenses incurred in connection with the late epidemic. ,

The headmaster submitted a plan for additions to the science and cookery rooms instead of erecting a new building. it was decided to forward -the plan to the Board for approval.

The Chairman stated that the Borough Council was undertaking a scheme, for improving the baths and asked the committee's assistance and co-operation. It was decided to- assist in a .sports gathering, the proceeds to go towards this object.

The Chairman congratulated .Mr Cork ' on his promotion and expressed every good wish for his future success. Messrs Hobson, Broome, and Roe supported the 'Chairman's remarks, and spoke of Mr Cork's long .service on the Committee ' and his interest in the work, to which he suitably replied.

Mr D -S. Mackenzie attended the meeting and reported progress regarding his dental scheme for the children of the district-, and also submitted a circular which he was distributing to parents. The scheme. Mr Mackenzie stated, was being favourably received in the various centres

12th July 1919 The monthly meeting of the Levin 'District High School Committee was 'held on Tuesday evening, the members present being Messrs W. Thomson {chairman), N. C. Holdaway, F. G. Roe, T. Broome, G. Short and Rev- .J. H. Haslam (secretary).

It was decided that the Committee's claim for expenses in connection with .'the epidemic be forwarded to the Health Department.

The resignation of Mr H. H. Cork as a member of the Committee was received with regret, and it was decided to place on record the Committee's sense of 'the value of the. service rendered the school by Mr Cork.

Mr J. W. Procter, who tied with Mr Short at the last election, was elected to fill the vacancy on the committee.

It was decided to call the attention of the Boards architect to the unsatisfactory nature of the ventilators installed at the school.

\_ On behalf of the W E.A. a refund is to be asked for in connection with 'the installation of gaslight in one of the rooms.

As no further word had been received re the continuation classes or ground 'improvements the meeting directed that the .Board be again written 'to on these matters.

The Board's attention is to be called to the dilapidated condition of the fence at the headmaster's residence, with a request for a. new fence.

Accounts amounting to £28 19s 3d were passed for payment.

Messrs Holdaway and Short were appointed visitors for the ensuing month.

12th July 1919 The Eastern Hutt School football team arrived in Levin' yesterday, and after lunch, they played their match with the local '.High School boys on the .Park Domain. The match resulted in a win for the home .team by 8 points to 3. The Levin boys had the advantage of weight, but the visitors showed a better knowledge of the finer points of the game. Their combination was a special feature of the game but .in the end weight told, as indicated by ,the scores. Mr W. Broughton controlled the game. The visiting team, which was in the .charge of Mr McBain, the Hutt headmaster returned home today, after a very pleasant outing.

16th July 1919 The average attendance at the Levin Secondary Department was 24

9th August 1919 The monthly meeting of the Levin District High School Committee was held on Tuesday evening, there being present Messrs W. Thomson (chairman) I W G. Vickers, T. Broome, F. Roe, I T. Hobson, G. Shortt, F. Procter, Rev. 'Haslam, and the headmaster ( Mr McIntyre) The Chairman welcomed Mr Procter, who took his seat for the first time and fills the vacancy caused by ii-' resignation of Mr Cork.

A letter was read from the Board re the continuation classes, stating that it was 'intended shortly to circularise various schools on the subject. The Committee decided to await the circular before taking action. A further letter was received from the Board intimating that it favoured the erection of two separate secondary classrooms not far from the cookery and woodwork room's.

The Committee decided to protest emphatically against the erection of a separate building and to press for additions to the present secondary building on the grounds (1) that the attaching of the additions to the cookery room will take up part of the playground rarely used; (2) that there is already formed a path from the main road to the secondary building and the committee's idea will save expensive ground formation; (3) that no alteration in plans is required or extra cost to give effect to the 'Committee's idea, which' on the grounds of convenience and appearance is superior to the Board's proposal of an additional separate structure.

5th September Mr H J Jones appointed assistant

2nd October 1919

LEVIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL. WAR LECTURE.

By LIEUT.-COLONEL. A. B. CHARTERS. C.M.G., D.S.O., M.A.[A prominent teacher aka as ABC

Subject: "With the N.Z. Division, from France to the Rhine."

CENTURY HALL, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor will preside

Interval: Short musical program.

Proceeds in aid of Peace Picnic Funds. Admission Is, children 6d.

W. THOMSON, Chairman [Levin School Committee.

9th October 1919 . The W.E.A. Economic Classes are held; every Friday at 7.30 p.m. at the ' Levin State School and are still well ' attended. 16 members being present at last week's meeting. Visitors and others interested are welcomed. The subject of last lecture was the ' Doctrine of Protection.....

15th October 1919 Mr H A W Gray Junior Teacher Levin resigned Wellington Education Board

18th October 1919 A combined meeting of the - Levin School Committee and teachers was held last night and was well-attended 'by members and their wives. The business was discussion of plans for the school picnic. It was decided to hold a shop day in aid of the funds on November 1. Mrs McIntyre was appointed to take charge of the arrangements with Mrs Vickers managing the competitions, Miss Beckett the sweets. and Miss Palmer the flowers. Canvassers were appointed to wait upon residents in the different sections of the town for donations.

23rd October 1919 The monthly meeting of the Levin School Committee was attended by Messrs W. Thomson (chairman), W. Vickers, F. G. Roe, N. Holdaway, G. Short and the Rev. J. H. Haslam. A communication was received from the Education Board notifying the appointment of Mr J. Casey, of Upper Hutt. as an assistant -teacher. Accounts amounting - to £18 14s 7d were passed for payment. The Chairman reported that the net profits of Lieut Colonel Charters' lecture were £8 5s. The Chairman was thanked for securing the services of the lecturer.

4th November 1919 Saturday's effort on behalf of the local school children's peace picnic fund was a great success, the sum of £83 12s have been netted and all concerned are to 'be heartily congratulated on the result. Where so many worked willingly it would be invidious to mention names, but the weight of the work fell on the shoulders of the chairman and members of the school committee, and the headmaster and his staff, who worked enthusiastically in a good cause. The large Supplies of produce, etc., proved insufficient to meet the demand, and before closing time everything was quitted. The weight-guessing competition caused a great deal of interest and these were some wild and wonderful efforts to assess the combined weight of the members of the committee. Mr C. S. Keedwell's scales recorded an aggregate of 102 stone 12 pound 2 ounces, and Mr Will Clark with 102 12 Lbs [Pounds weight] proved to be the eventual owner of the sucking pig. Mr P. Davies won the dinner, and Miss Tully the camisole.

Following are the details:— SCHOOL PICNIC FUNDS. £ s d

Cash Donations	4 13 9
Sales of meat	10 0 5
Flowers	5 19 4
Produce	23 11 9
Competitions	11 1 9
Weight Guessing	10 13
Sweets	12 0 0
Eggs	9 0 0
Total	87 0 0 '
Expenses	3 8 0
Total	83 12 0

. [Note 83 pound in 1914 is adjusted to \$8308. 06 in March 2020]

6th November 1919 The monthly meeting of the Levin District High School Committee was held on Tuesday evening and was attended by Messrs W. Thomson (chairman), W. G. Vickers, N. C. Holdaway, F. G. Roe, T. Broome, G. Short, T. Hobson and Rev. J. H. Haslam.

The Education Department wrote regretting the delay in refunding the amounts disbursed by the Committee during the epidemic and forwarding cheque for same. The Board stated further that the Committee's application for a\*subsidy had been approved.

With reference to the appointment of an assistant, the Board stated that Mr J. Casey's transfer would have to be delayed for the present, and Mr Rendle retained as relieving teacher:

The Manager of the Boys' Training Farm wrote asking that the conditions attaching to the competitions for the swimming shield be broadened to allow boys of 16 and under who 'have been pupils of a school and are still living in the district, to compete. The Manager also intimated that a team from the Farm would compete at the next carnival.

After consideration, it was decided to write to Mr J. Robertson, ex-M.P., the donor of the Shield for permission to draw up fresh regulations respecting competition for the Shield, and. to inform the Manager of the Farm accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Haslam it was decided that the Chairman act with the headmaster and Mr V Higgins in drawing up new regulations in event of the Shield donor's permission being received

An amended plan of additions to the School, embodying the Committee's suggestions, with minor alterations, was received from the Board and approved. Accounts amounting- to £26 4s 7d .were passed, for payment.

Messrs Vickers and Broome were appointed visitors for the current month.

It was reported that the proceeds of the Shop Day amounted to nearly £85. Which was considered very satisfactory.

6th November 1919 SCHEME SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED Mr D. S. Mackenzie, who some few months ago, formulated a scheme for the dental treatment of school children in Levin and adjacent districts, attended Tuesday night's meeting of the Levin School Committee for the purpose of reporting progress. Mr Mackenzie stated that he had secured the services of an old Levin school boy, Mr J. T. Bartholomew, and he had made arrangements to attend at once to 40 pupils of the school whose parents had fallen in with the scheme. There were 100 pupils in the various schools of the area selected who would receive attention between now and the holidays, and whose treatment, he hoped, would advertise and popularise the movement. A preliminary inspection of the children had been made and work would be done on successive Mondays during the school term. Mr Mackenzie was emphatic that his scheme was the only sound method of attaching an important problem relating to national health and efficiency. The Committee expressed pleasure at the report and promised Mr Mackenzie every assistance in its power.

29th November 1919 As a' results of the Levin Public School Examinations were made known yesterday and proved very gratifying to .all concerned. The successful scholars were moved into their new standards and it is that many of them will have their new school books on Monday Next Many new books are being adopted next year .and they are all obtainable at Aitken's Levin's Leading Bookseller.

2nd December 1919 RESULTS AT LEVIN SCHOOL The annual examinations at the Levin School have now been completed and the SCHOLARS promoted in accordance with the result. The promotions in the lower standards will be found on page 1.

The following gained Standard 6 Competency Certificates: Gladys Cotter, Mary Knight, Thelma Newman, Hector Buchanan, Ian Jamieson, William McCulloch, David Read:.

The following gained Standard 6 Endorsed Competency Certificates:- ' Eileen Bagrie, Rita Broughton, Francis Curtis, ' James .Middleton,

The following gained .Standard 6 Proficiency Certificates: Gordon Batt, Rowland Broome, Clement Dunford, Leslie Harris, Sydney Jones, Charles Laing Albert Poad , George Retter, Douglas Short, George Stevenson, James Stevenson, David Tatana, Hector Varnham, Norman Vickers. Henry Wells, Lawrence Watkins, James Street. Marjory Astridge, Winifred Boulton, Nellie Broome, Una Bull, Enid Denton, Rita Farland, Clara Frechtling, Mabel Keys, Elma Leger, Frances Pyke, Rita, Smith, Annie ?

Other class lists published on 2nd December Levin Chronicle

9th December 1919 AT THE RACECOURSE TOMORROW. The Peace Picnic arranged by the committee and teachers of the Levin District High School takes place tomorrow on the Levin racecourse, when the scholars are promised a rare treat. The Committee has made the most complete preparations for the enjoyment of the children, first with an excellent program in which all ages have been catered: for, and next with a supply of edibles without which no picnic is complete. The sports program is a long one, and the first event commences at 10.30

a.m. Dinner takes place at noon and tea at 4 p.m., and the school coaches leave at 5 p.m. As the attendance is bound to be a large one, the committee will be glad if car owners will assist in conveying the younger children back to town after the picnic. One of the features of the proceedings will be a treasure hunt

10th December 1919 Levin District High School assistant secondary Miss B G Armstrong.

18th December 1919 a Very pleasant Junction was witnessed at the Local school on Tuesday morning—the local school broke up for the summer vacation—when the Committee met the teachers and scholars for the distribution of school certificates of merit prizes won at the recent Peace Picnic, in the unavoidable absence of chairman, Mr Haslam presided and in very eulogist terms expressed appreciation of the scholars and staff on the good work of the past year. He then distributed the trophies and wished the scholars the compliments of the season and a good holiday. Mr McIntyre replied on behalf of the teachers and scholars and conveyed similar courtesies to the Committee. after which he called upon the scholars to give hearty cheers to show the happy feelings displayed towards that body. .Mr W. C. Vickery then rose and after a pleasing reference to the teachers called upon the children to acclaim their appreciation of their staff in general and Mr McIntyre in particular. This they entered into with great fervour. A pleasing item of the function was the presentation of the Dux Medal for the Primary Department, which honour fell to Mabel Keys. A particularly cordial and happy little function ended by the scholars singing the National Anthem.

The following pupils 'gained, good attendance certificates, i.e., absent not more than 5 half days during year. The great majority made a attendance during the year: Secondary Class.—Felicia Beverley Freda Collier, Annie O'Donohue, Stella Gibson.

.OTHER Classes NOT COPIED A very long list.

## 1920-1921

1921	540/39	Levin DHS	McIntyre	James	D	Head	£530.00	
1921	540/39	Levin DHS	Kibblewhite BA	Bruce	A	Assistant	£420.00	
1921	540/39	Levin DHS	Jones	Howard J	D	Assistant	£370.00	
1921	540/39	Levin DHS	Smith	Sara E Mrs	D	Assistant	£370.00	
1921	540/39	Levin DHS	Hitchcock	Mary L	C	Infant Mistress	£350.00	
1921	540/39	Levin DHS	Casey	John	C	Assistant	£340.00	
1921	540/39	Levin DHS	White	Angusina	D	Assistant	£240.00	
1921	540/39	Levin DHS	Milnes	Ruby O	B	Assistant	£220.00	
1921	540/39	Levin DHS	Frost	Eileen	C	Assistant	£200.00	
1921	540/39	Levin DHS	Deck	Florence V	B	Assistant	£190.00	
1921	540/39	Levin DHS	Ogg	Amy		Assistant	£150.00	
1921	540/39	Levin DHS	Christensen	Marie P		PT1	£125.00	
1921	540/39	Levin DHS	Dyer	Tui M		Probationer 2	£120.00	
1921	540/39	Levin DHS	Keys	Herbert J		PT2	£95.00	
1921	540/39	Levin DHS	Hooper	Alice M		Probationer 1	£95.00	
1921	540/39	Levin DHS	Best	Florence M		Probationer 1	£95.00	
1921	540/39	Levin DHS	Rockel	Cecil F	B	Secondary		
1921	540/39	Levin DHS	Armstrong BA	Beryle G	B	Secondary		

6th January 1920 The subject of Catholic education was dealt with in an outspoken manner by Archbishop O'Shea, at the Opening ceremony of a new school 'at Levin on Sunday afternoon. The new school, which is capable of accommodating 150 children, has been erected by the authorities of the Catholic Church in Levin., . . . . .

16th January 1920 The Prime Minister agreed to receive a deputation from the Levin School Committee during his visit to Levin yesterday. On learning that the chairman (Mr W. Thomson) was temporarily laid aside by illness, Mr Massey, with characteristic thoughtfulness, arranged for the interview to take place at the chairman's residence. A report of the proceedings will appear to-morrow.

17th January 1920 Owing to unforeseen developments in regard to the erection of additional classrooms at the local school arrangements were made through Mr W. H. Field, M.P., for the Levin School Committee to meet the Right. Hon the Prime Minister during his visit this week. Owing to the indisposition of the Chairman of the Committee, Mr Massey kindly consented to meet the Committee at Mr Thomson's residence, and the interview took place after the Prime Minister left the Show on Thursday. There were present Mr Massey and secretary (Mr Thomson, C.M.G.), Messrs W. H. Field, M.P., J. Kebbell, T. Hobson, F. G. Roe and G. Short. Mr Field introduced the deputation.

Mr W. Thomson said that early last year arrangements were made between the Education Board and the Levin School Committee for the erection of two additional classrooms to be added to the laboratory and cookery rooms for the purpose of providing better teaching facilities at the High School and releasing a class room in the primary building to cope with the ever-increasing attendance. Plans were submitted and approved by the Education Board and School Committee and in August last it was finally agreed that the work should be proceeded with at once. The increased roll for the High School last year warranted an additional teacher. the position being temporarily filled by a relieving teacher, and a permanent appointment being made last month. By letter dated December 21 the Board advised the Committee that, as the grant had not been made available, the work could not be proceeded with as the Board's offices had closed for the 'holidays it was impossible to get into communication with them, and considering the matter was one of 'extreme, urgency and' importance to the children of Levin, it was decided to place facts before the Prime Minister. Mr Thomson then explained the congested state of the primary school, the absolute necessity and urgency of the 'agreed additions' and the disabilities under which the teachers and the scholars worked and strongly urged the Prime Minister to have the work carried out without further delay, pointing out that the position was simply that, when the school resumed, there would be two teachers and about 36' High School pupils without a classroom for their accommodation; . .

In reply to Mr Field, Mr Thomson said it would not be possible to use temporary building in the town as the scholars in the secondary division required the constant use of the science rooms.

In reply to another question the Chairman stated that it now meant the High School pupils would have to be accommodated in the primary building and the old trouble of large and congested classes would have to be faced again to the detriment of the whole School.

Mr Massey, in reply, stated he fully realised the urgency of the case. If the attendance at the School was increasing accommodation must be provided. He could not understand, why

the work agreed upon had been held up in this manner. Parliament had voted large sums for school buildings and it could not be a question of want of money. It appeared to him as if the fault was with the Education Board. It was quite apparent something must be done at once to overcome the difficulty and he would go into the matter', immediately on his return to Wellington.

Mr Field started would, go into the matter with the Education Board and endeavour to find out the cause of the postponement of the erection of the necessary alterations.

Mr Massey was thanked for his courtesy in meeting the committee.

24th February 1920 Miss Christensen who has been on the teaching staff of the Otaki State School for the past year has been transferred to Levin

18th March 1920 The monthly meeting of the Levin District High School Committee was held on Tuesday, the members present being Messrs. W Thomson (chairman), Thos. Hobson, W. G. Vickers, G. Short, J. Procter, F. G. Roe, and the Rev. J. H. Haslam. Mr McIntyre, the headmaster, was also present. Before the commencement of the ordinary business, Mr Short expressed, the pleasure of the committee at the presence of the chairman, Mr Thomson., after his recent illness.

The chairman reported that he had met two officers from the Board by appointment at the school in reference to two additional rooms for the scholars and a rest room for the teachers. He had recently been in Wellington and had learned that the erection of the rooms would be put in hand almost immediately.

The chairman, on behalf of the committee, congratulated Mr Haslam on his transfer to the more important charge of Ponsonby, Auckland, and stated that the town as a whole would regret his departure.

The chairman's remarks were suitably acknowledged by Mr Haslam.

Messrs. Procter and Hobson were appointed a Visiting Committee for the ensuing month.

22nd March 1920 In an endeavour to enlist the more active sympathy of parents in the primary education of their children, Mr Jas. McIntyre, headmaster of the Levin School, has addressed the following letter to those who have children in the higher classes. "Your child is now in the senior division of the school, and it will be a pleasure if you take an active interest in his work. "Written homework' is not given, but one hour at least should be spent each evening in revising tables, spelling, recitation, history, etc.

"Will you help by asking to see your child's books, etc., once in a way? So many parents have no knowledge of what a child is doing except on receiving the quarterly report.

\* 'When a child reaches Standard, V. and remains at **school**, it is evident that the parents value education in some degree, and the taking of an interest on your part will spur the child to greater effort."

19th March 1920 At the last meeting of the committee of the Levin High' School strong exception was taken to the school being used as a polling-place for the recent licensing election, six hundred children thus losing a day's tuition. Mr. W. Thomson (chairman) moved: "That the Levin School Committee strongly resents the action of the authorities in closing the school for a day in connection with the licensing election, and. enters an emphatic protest against such arbitrary action without the school authorities being consulted in the matter." The committee also decided to point out that there were ' only forty voters, and that the Council Chambers, or one of the halls, would have served the purpose.....

7th April 1920 At the conclusion of last night's meeting of the Levin District High School Committee, being the final meeting of the year, occasion was taken by members to refer to the very fine work of the chairman, Mr W. Thomson. Mr T. Hobson said Mr Thomson had rendered excellent service in the interests of the School and education and was worthy of a warm tribute of thanks, which the speaker had pleasure in moving. This was supported by Mr F G. Roe and carried. Mr Thomson feelingly replied and stated; that whilst he would again offer his services as a committeeman, he would, if elected, have to decline re-nomination as chairman owing to other calls on his time. He appreciated very much the committee's kind references to himself. Mention was also made of the work of the secretary, the Rev J. H. Haslam, who was shortly leaving Levin and a vote of , thanks, together with the committee's best wishes, was passed to him, which was appropriately acknowledged by the recipient.

7th April 1920 . The last meeting of the present committee of the District High School committee was held last evening. The chairman Mr W Thomson presided and. other members present were .Messrs W C Vickers, F. G. Roe, J. W. Procter, G. Short T. Houston and Rev. J. H Haslam.

A letter was received from Mr R Macalister, hon. Secretary of the W.E.A., applying for the use of a room for the economies class, and also for Dr. Elizabeth Bryson's lectures.--Granted. Dr. Anderson, Director of Education, acknowledged the Committee's protest against the use of schools for electoral purposes, and stated the letter had been brought under the notice of the chief electoral officer. —Received.

The Education Board wrote in reference to the coming visit of the Prince of Wales, and stated that the following general arrangements had been made:

(1) Free railway transport of children standards 3 to 7, inclusive, will be provided to the appointed centre, also free travel for teaching staff, and, if necessary, such members of the School Committee for supervision as to allow 'one adult to twelve to twenty pupils:

(2) the Government provides 8d per meal per child towards the cost where in order to attend the ceremony) such provision is necessary; The Board is assured that at the centres of assembly the committees and school staffs will make quite adequate arrangements for the children's function.

(3) Flags for the children attending will be provided, but supply may be limited by shortage of available material.

(4) The same concession will be made to private and denominational schools. The Department asked the number of children likely to attend from Levin, the number to supervise and the centre of assembly. It was .stated that schools north of Otaki would assemble at Palmerston North on Monday, May 3, which would be the centre for this district.

[The headmaster (Mr McIntyre) agreed to collect and supply the information required by the Board.

The chairman reported that no tenders had been received for firewood supply on the conditions specified. After some discussion it was resolved to call for tenders on this usual conditions

Mr Hobson reported, on behalf of the Visiting Committee, that several minor matters .about the school required attention.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT. The Headmaster (Mr -McIntyre ) reported as follows:—

Roll.—The roll at the end of last December was: .Boys, 344 : girls, 287 — total, 631. At the end of March the roll was: .Boys, 326; girls, 248—total, 574. This showed a decrease of 43

only, notwithstanding the fact that 65 left in order to attend the new convent school. The ordinary entrant exceeded the ordinary withdrawal; therefore, by 20. The average attendance for the period was 541, which is 91 per cent of the average roll of 576

STAFF.—The average attendance for 1919 being 601, the school was raised from Grade VII B to Grade VII C. which allows of the appointment of two assistants. Misses Adkin (assistant) and Muir and Richards (junior [teachers] left at the end of the year, the former owing to ill-health, and two of the latter to enter the Wellington Teachers' Training College, Miss Armstrong, secondary assistant, commenced duty on February 19. Misses Brown, "Wilson and Phillips, relieving teachers, Miss Christensen, transferred from Otaki, and Misses Best and Aim. probationers commenced duty on the same date. Mr Robbie, probationer, commenced on March 22. The staff consists of headmaster, two secondary assistants, 10 primary assistants, two junior teachers and four probationers 10 in all.

19th April 1920 It is expected that about 800 children will go to Palmerston on the occasion of the Prince's visit from the following schools in the Wellington Education Board District: Koputaroa 46, Levin District High School 290, Makerua 20, Manakau 43, Muhunua east 8, Ohau 45, Shannon 150, Tokomaru 60, Waihenga 13, Levin Convent 40, Weraroa Farm 60.

27th April 1920 ANNUAL ELECTION TO-MORROW NIGHT. The annual meeting of householders for the election of a school committee in Levin will be held in the Century Hall tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. The chairman's report to be presented expresses pleasure that the working of the school has been carried out satisfactorily during the year. : (Thirteen committee meetings were held during the year, and were attended, as follows: Messrs W. Thomson, J. H. Haslam, F. G. Roe, G. Short and T. Hobson, each 12; W. G. Vickers and T. Broome, 9 each; N. O. Holdaway, 8; J. W. Proctor and H. H. Cork, 4 each. Reference was made to the removal of Mr Cork and the appointment of Mr Proctor in his place, and also to the removal of the Rev. Haslam, appreciation being expressed of both gentlemen's services. Other matters referred to are as follows:—

DENTAL TREATMENT. During the year Mr I. S. Mackenzie waited on the committee and propounded a scheme for regular inspection and treatment of the children's teeth by a competent dentist. Parents were circularised, and sufficient agreeing to the proposals, Mr Mackenzie commenced a method of treatment which should go a long way towards attacking an important problem relating to national health and efficiency.

W.E.A. ASSOCIATION. During the year the gas was installed in one of the rooms, and the use of the room and lighting were granted to the W.E.A. free of charge.

ADDITIONS TO HIGH SCHOOL] In June, plans for two additional rooms to be added to the present cookery and science rooms were submitted to the Education Board. An amended plan providing for the erection of two new rooms as a separate building was received from the Board. Your committee returned this plan strongly protesting against the suggested proposal. Later on, in consultation with the Education Board's representative, the Committee's objections were again strongly voiced. As a result, amended plans were received from the Board embodying the Committee's original proposals, which were agreed to and returned. Although the Committee had been given to understand that the work would be "gone on with at once, a letter was received on the 25th December stating that as the grant had not been made available, the work could not be proceeded with. In view of this reply, your chairman, through Mr W. H. Field, M.P., arranged an interview with the Prime Minister, Mr Massey, during his visit to

the- Levin show, and ' pointed out the urgency of further accommodation. Mr Massey promised to look into the matter and communicate with the Minister for Education. A visit to the school was made by Mr Spencer, of the Education Department, and Mr McDougall, of the Education Board, in connection with the matter, and it was again understood the erection of the two rooms would proceed promptly. However., nothing so far having been done, a telegram was dispatched to Mr Field and a reply was received that plans were completed and specifications being prepared, and that the delay had been caused by a shortage of members of the Department. Meantime temporary accommodation has been, procured in the Presbyterian Sunday school for the High School Scholars. Your Committee has also been instrumental in procuring a teachers' room, the erection of which will take place simultaneously with the completion of the. additional rooms to the High School. During .the year the 'telephone has been installed in the headmaster's office and residence, which should prove convenient to many-parents.

The school was closed for a day in connection with the licensing election and your Committee conveyed a. strong and emphatic protest to the secretary of the Education Department, against such 'procedure. A copy of the resolution was forwarded to Mr Field, M.P.

The incoming Committee is strongly advised to join -up with the Federated School Committee's Association. It is the desire to keep the Association s platform, which is as follows, prominently before the public —

- (a) Standardisation of school books.
- (b) Modernisation of school buildings and furniture.
- (c) Increased scale of capitation allowance
- (d) Free **school** books and. requisites, \
- (e) Establishment of Federation of Associations.
- (f) Thirty-five children the maximum in any data under one teacher.
- (g) Extension of open-air classes.
- (h) Provision for larger playgrounds.
- (i) Free and compulsory medical and dental treatment of children in State schools
  - () A complete and compulsory system of continuation schools up to the age of 18 years,
- (k) Teachers' remuneration being made sufficiently attractive to encourage the most able to enter the service.
- (l) Consolidation of schools in rural areas.
- (m) Appointment of teachers.
- (n) Subsidies on all free-will donations.

FINANCE. The financial position of the. Committee, taking everything into consideration, is satisfactory; the credit balance at the end of the year being £27 9/7. It must be pointed out, however, that careful administration of the funds will be necessary on account of the increasing cost of .fuel, stationery, labour, material, etc., the percentage of increase in such items being much higher than the increased capitation received e.g. capitation allowance increased 31 percent whilst cleaning increased 7-4 per cent, Fuel 109 per cent, lighting and sanitary 92 per cent, and repairs etc 100 per cent.

In conclusion the committee wish to thank Mr McIntyre and his staff for their co-operation and assistance given at all times to school affairs.

THE BALANCE-SHEET. The balance-sheet allows that the year commenced on January 1, 1919 with a credit of £68 5/8. Grants from the Education Board totalled £195 10/; £90 15/10 was received for the picnic fund and £10 12/ for hire of rooms. Other small receipts brought the total to £402 3/. The chief items of expenditure were: £127 4/ for cleaning, £22 '16/9 for fuel, £22 17 9 for lighting, water and sanitation, £16 6/6 for repairs, £27 17/7 for the improvement of the grounds, £5 17/ for books, maps and furniture, £28 4/2 for school prizes, picnic £80 4 '10, epidemic expenses, £18 15/5. A credit balance remained at the end of the year of £48 6/7.

29th April 1920 The annual election of School Committees in the Wellington Education District took place last evening. The meeting of Levin householders was held in the Century Hall, when there was a good attendance. Mr P. W. Goldsmith was voted to the chair.

The report and balance-sheet for the past year, which have already appeared in these columns, were read by Mr W Thomson, chairman of the committee, who moved their adoption, adding that the work of the committee had gone on smoothly throughout the year. The motion was carried unanimously.

NOMINATION'S FOR COMMITTEE. Nominations for the new committee were then invited, and the following received: Messrs. C. H. Bould, H. Denton, Rev. W. F. Grove, T. Hobson, N. C. Holdaway, F. C. Lemmon, C. H. Martin, R. McAllister, J. W. Procter, F. G. Roe, W. Thomson, W. G. Vickers, G. Short, Rev. Harris, and H. Blackburne.

The following committee was elected: Messrs. W. Thomson 68 votes, W. G. Vickers 64, G. Short 59, H. Denton 53, F. G. Roe 53, J. W. Procter 49, T. Hobson 47, C. H. Bould 46, and Rev. W. F. Grove 42.

EDUCATIONAL REFORM. Mr Thomson moved: "That this meeting of Levin householders urges upon the Government the great necessity for reform in the national system of education in regard to: (1) the extension of the school age and the reduction of the size of classes; and, (2) the securing of more trained teachers, and, to this end, the paying of much better salaries." Mr Thomson considered it would be a good thing to extend the school age, and, in Levin could be availed of by numbers of boys who now spent much of their time on the streets. In regard to the improvement of teachers' salaries, this appeared to be very necessary in order to attract the right people to the profession.

In reply to Mr H. Denton, Mr Thomson said the proposed extension of school ages was to 16 in the ordinary school, and 18 in the continuation classes.

Mr Denton asked if this would not interfere with boys apprenticed to a trade.

Mr Thomson said, they could still attend the continuation classes.

Mr Bagrie asked, where young people were employed eight hours per day, was it not long enough for them to be indoors without attending continuation classes.

Mr H. Jones replied and explained that it was not the intention that these pupils should work eight hours. Their hours were regulated to six or four per day, in order that they would be in a fit condition to take advantage of the continuation classes. (Applause.)

The motion was carried.

Mr Thomson moved pro forma: "That in order to give full effect to the above-named measures, a reform of the system of administration by establishing a national Education Board and local Education Committees," The proposal, said Mr Thomson, was 'in the direction of doing away

with education boards, and, having a national board, with the Minister at its head. \* The various districts would have local committees. For instance, Levin would be the centre of this district, which would take in Ohau, Muhunua East, Ihakara and Koputarua, and would generally control them.

Mr D W. Matheson seconded the motion pro forma.

Mr Jones stated that the teacher's liked the idea of a national board., on which they would have one representative. and they desired that- the educational authorities should fill two of the positions on this board. Regarding the proposed local •committees, he stated that the present committees had no powers whatever, whilst on the other hand the new proposition would give them authority to deal with matters now in the hands of the boards.

Miss Hayes stated that the recent meeting of teachers in Levin was not unanimous by any means in supporting. the proposal.

Mr McIntyre agreed that the motion was a move in the right direction —the doing away with the middleman in education, which was the education board. Any grants coming from the Department, he contended, should, be handed direct to the committee for expenditure, and he therefore thought the proposition was a good thing.

Mr W. M. Beckett questioned the wisdom of passing a resolution which was not fully understood, such as that before the meeting. The doing away of Education Boards meant centralisation, and this was not desirable.

Mr Thomson agreed that the motion was not as widely understood as could be desired, hut there was no doubt that reform was wanted. Personally, he did not favour the proposal, which was that of the Teachers' Institute. He thought more good was to be done by joining up with the School Committees' Federation. On being put, the motion was lost.

COMPLIMENTARY VOTES. Mr Henderson moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee- for their services during the year. In seconding the motion, Mr Bagrie paid a tribute to the Committee's work, referring to the success of the annual picnic, and the numerous other ways the committee had worked for the welfare of the pupils. He hoped Levin would. long have the services of such committeemen. The motion was carried with applause.

Mr Thomson returned thanks on behalf of the old Committee for the vote passed to them. It was very satisfactory lo see such a large attendance of householders, showing as it did a keen interest in the welfare of the school.

Mr Denton referred to the services of Mr McIntyre and staff, and moved that they be accorded, a vote of thanks.

Mr R. McAllister supported the motion and suggested it would be a good move to put a request to the Government for a new school. The district was progressing, and an up to-date school was required.

Mr J. McIntyre replied on behalf of the staff. He said that during the first six months of last year ho had been unable to undertake his duties and he wanted to take the opportunity of acknowledging the loyalty of the staff, which he appreciated very much, Regarding a new school, he would remind Mr McAllister that Levin was regarded as possessing the model school of the Manawatu.—(Laughter.) He had noticed that one of the Wellington Schools, fully -40 years old, had been referred, to by the Minister the other day in a highly complementary manner, so that it was reasonable to suppose that Levin would have to wait at least till after this school was rebuilt before we could expect a new one here. (Laughter.)

At a meeting of the new committee held afterwards, Rev. W. F. Grove was elected secretary. The election of chairman was postponed till the first ordinary meeting of the committee, Mr Thomson declining to again accept the position

1st May 1920 The interest in Dr Elizabeth Bryson's lectures under the auspices of the W.E'.A. continues to grow. On Thursday night there were sixty ladies present at the school, Dr. Bryson's subject being Food Values and Water Drinking as a Habit." Next Thursday the subject will be "Bad habits in Food, Body Posture and Dress." night's meeting "with the banner procured for use at the Prince of Wales' celebrations at Palmerston yesterday. The headmaster (Mr J. McIntyre) , stated that the banner would be kept the school in future ,and would be placed in the room of the class having the best attendance during each week. This would lead to a little competition, and do some good in that way

5th May 1920 NEW COMMITTEE MEETS. The first meeting of the new committee was held last evening, there being present : Messrs. W. Thomson Hobson, C. H. Bould, J. V. Proctor. F. G. Roe W. G. Vickers, G -Short, F Denton. And Rev. W F Grove (secretary).

The election of chairman, deferred from the meeting last Wednesday resulted in Mr Roe being elected, Mr Thomson declining nomination

Mr Roe returned thanks for his election. and in moving a vote of thanks to the retiring chairman, said Mr Thomson had done splendid work for the school. and the speaker doubted if ever the committee had had A better chairman.

Mr Hobson seconded the motion and expressed of all Mr Thomson had do in the cause of education in Levin.

In returning thanks, Mr Thomson briefly explained why he refused to take the chairmanship He stated that he had always been interested in promoting school sports and the improving of the baths . and several successful carnivals had been held at the baths the committee. assisted' by the teachers. Negotiations were in train between the committee and the Borough Council for improved seating accommodation at the baths. He was surprised however, to find when he was away on a health trip lately that the committee and teachers had formed. themselves into a joint carnival committee for the management of the swimming carnival, and that they took charge of the finances, which had until then been controlled by the school Committee.

He was still more surprised to find on his return that he with the secretary (Mr Haslem) had, been left out of all the executive positions. Personally, he was against the teachers handling any of the committee's funds. Instead of the receipts from the carnival being used to assist in improving the seating accommodation at the baths, it appeared that they were now to form the nucleus of a general sports fund. In these circumstances he felt- he could not accept the chairmanship. However. he intended going further with the matter at a future meeting;.

The chairman and Mr Hobson stated that no slight was intended. Mr Thomson said that his being left off the committee was quite inadvertent.

Messrs Bould and "Denton were appointed a visiting committee for the ensuing month.

It was decided to order ten cords firewood from Mr Paki. Other routine business was transacted.

6th May 1920 Mr A. Gray, son of Mr and Mrs A. Gray, of Ihakara, who has been connected with Wellington branch of the Sheldon Business Circle for some time past, has, been transferred to Perth, and. after remaining there over the winter will return to the Sydney quarters of the institution. Mr Gray who left last, week for Western Australia, was formerly on the staff

of the Levin District High School.[1912 to 1914] Ho volunteered early in the great war, and went to the Front as a private, winning his commission in the field.

1st June 1920 A farewell message from the Prince of Wales was read by the headmaster (Mr Jas. McIntyre) to the children of the Levin School this morning. The message was also read in every school of the Dominion at the same time, having been sent under seal to each headmaster.....

2nd June 1920 The monthly meeting of the Levin District High School Committee was held last evening, there being present: Messrs. F G. Roe (chairman), W. Thomson, C. H. Bould, W. G. Vickers, T. Hobson and Rev. W. F Grove (secretary). The meeting was largely confined to routine business, but before adjourning, Mr Thomson stated that last week-end the chairman of the Education Board and, Mr Field, M.P., had visited Levin, and no intimation of their visit had been received by either the headmaster or the chairman of the School Committee. As the visitors spent some little time in Levin, it would have been an excellent opportunity to have met them and discussed matters in relation to the school, and the proposed new school additions, and he thought the committee should write regretting this oversight on the part of the Board. Members agreed with Mr Thomson's remarks, and a motion to write to the Board on the lines suggested, was carried.

7th July 1920 Well-deserved praise was bestowed on Mr W. Thomson at last night's meeting of the Levin School Committee for his efforts in endeavouring to get a portion of the Mardi Gras funds for the improvement of the school grounds. Members unanimously agreed that the disposal of some of the money in this way would be thoroughly justified, and the children of the whole district would enjoy the benefits. Moreover, any sum granted would bear the Government subsidy. The necessity of connecting up the Kimberley and Gladstone Roads was again mentioned at the meeting of the Levin District High School Committee last evening, Mr Denton stating that it would be a big advantage in the conveyance of children to the Levin School, as a motor colliid then serve the requirements of both roads, whereas two vehicles were required now. The Committee decided to communicate with the County Council on the matter

The Levin District High School. Committee were the recipients last evening of a framed photograph of the school team which won the Robertson Swimming Shield at the last carnival, the donor of "Use photograph being Miss E. L. Bowles, of Levin. The team comprises N. Vickers, M. Paki, J. Gill and J. MacFarlane. The present was a most acceptable one, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Miss Bowles. -The photograph will be hung in the school. Miss JO. V. Hayes has resigned her position on the teaching staff of the Levin District High School owing to having accepted a position with tin; South Wellington School. Her resignation was accepted at last night's meeting of the Levin School Committee with regret, Mr T. Hobson stating that in the removal of Miss Hayes the school had suffered a distinct loss, as she was a teacher of considerable ability and great promise. On Mr Hobson's motion it was decided to write Miss Hayes conveying the committee's appreciation of her services and wishing her all future success.

10th July 1920 Mr T. Broome, who has been in business in Levin for some years, has left with his family to take up residence in the Auckland district. Mr Broome was a member of the Borough Council and School Committee and was a citizen who took his full share of public duty.....

The Levin School Committee is up in arms against the proposed action of the Education Board to cancel the additions to the local school. The board maintains that because a Catholic school was opened here recently, and the board having decided to erect a new school in a rural area near Levin thereby relieving the congestion at the main school, there is no need now for the additions. The committee can't see it in that light, and a strong protest has been forwarded to Wellington.

Miss E. V. Hayes, of the Levin school staff, has received an important appointment in the Wellington South school.

9th July 1920 The monthly meeting of the Levin District School Committee was held on Tuesday, the members present being: Messrs. F. G. Roe (chairman), T. Hobson, G. Short, W. Thomson, W. G. ' Vickers, J. W. Procter, C. H. Bould, H. Denton and Rev. W. F. Grove (secretary). The headmaster, Mr J. McIntyre, was also present. ' Mr W. H. Field, M.P., wrote thanking the committee for having nominated him again for a seat on the Wellington Education Board. He would be pleased to serve another term at this particular period, when so much required to be done in the great cause of education.

The Education Board recommended that Miss S. Beckett be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Miss Hayes, that Miss Malcolm be promoted to Miss Beckett's position, and that Miss Frost receive a junior appointment. These recommendations were confirmed.

Mr Denton reported on behalf of the visiting committee that several small matters at the school required attention.

Messrs. Hobson and Procter were appointed the visitors for the coming month.

The headmaster (Mr McIntyre) reported for June as follows: —Roll: The roll at the end of June showed an increase of 14 on that at the end of May, 590 to 604. The average roll for the month was 595. Attendance: The bad weather prevailing during June, together with the great number absent owing to sickness, had a disastrous effect on the average attendance, which was 491 for the month. This worked out at 83 per cent, or 7 per cent below the normal. Holidays: The school was closed on June 3, King's birthday. "Staff: Miss Armstrong was absent on sick leave from June 3 to the end of the month. No relieving teacher was sent in her place. Miss Hayes left on June 30 to take up a position at Wellington South School. Miss Frost is relieving in the vacancy thus caused. Health: There has been an unusual! amount of sickness during the month, more especially amongst the younger children. Over 200 have been absent one day or more, bad colds accounting for more than half the absentees. Repairs : Besides repairs pointed out- to visiting committee, several loads of metal were still required, and the chimney in the infant room still smokes very badly. It was decided to carry out the work mentioned in the reports of the head- master and the visiting committee.

12th July 1920 Otaki Mail There are now some 600 children on the roll of the Levin State school. The attendance at the school last month worked out at an average of 83 per cent, this low figure being due to the prevalence of colds, etc. On one day 200 children were absent from school.

12th August 1920 Dr. Ada Paterson accompanied by Nurses Blackburne and Bulkley, is on a professional visit to the Levin District High at School present. All the pupils enrolled this year are being physically examined. and the pupils of the whole school will be submitted to a dental elimination. The work will occupy three days.

18th August 1920 In this case the committee has adopted the prevailing custom by going on strike because it did not get its own way," said Mr. T. Forsyth, chairman of the Wellington Education Board this morning. He was referring to the resignation of the Levin School Committee because it had failed to get additional class rooms erected.

Mr. Forsyth explained that the Minister had decided to get a special report on the whole subject of the accommodation at the Levin School, and the committee had been advised of this. He did not think the board could do any more than it had done.

' Mr. C. I. Harkness said the decision of the committee was to be regretted. It failed to understand that it had not been the board which was stonewalling its application but the Department. Personally, he and Mr. Field had striven to do everything possible, and he did not consider they deserved the censure that had been passed upon them. Mr. W. H. Field, M.P., said the Department made a blunder by not going on with the additions to the school some time ago.

It was decided to request the members of the committee to withdraw their resignations.

28th August 1920 It is pleasing to be able to report that the Levin School Committee's persistent agitation for adequate housing at the local school has at last borne fruit. It will be remembered that the committee many months ago obtained a promise that the congestion at the school would be relieved, but on one pretext and another the essential improvements were deferred or refused, until the committee went the length of forwarding its collective resignation to the Board. The Board blamed the Department for the delay that had taken place and decided to ask the Committee to reconsider the resignation. Evidently the firm stand taken by the Committee has had the effect of speeding up the circumlocutory departmental methods, for the chairman, Mr F G. Roe, has now received a copy of a letter sent by the Minister of Education, the Hon. C. J. Parr, to the member for the district, Mr W. H. Field, M.P., who has kept closely in touch with the matter, and has been strongly representing Levin's educational needs to the Minister. The letter

With reference to your recent correspondence on the subject, I have pleasure in informing you that a grant has now been approved of £1978 for the provision of additional accommodation at the Levin School. The Education Board is being advised accordingly.—C. J. Parr, Minister for Education."

3rd September 1920 The Education Board has decided to go on at once with the building of two additional rooms to the Levin District High School, and a contract for their erection has been let to Messrs. Harvey and Co., of Levin. The new rooms, which will be used for the secondary classes, will measure 24 foot by 22 ½ ft each, and will be attached to the present science and cookery rooms, but between these latter compartments and the new room will be a large corridor, 10 foot wide, running the whole length of the building. -One end of the corridor will be divided into cloakrooms, one for the boys and one for the girls, The new rooms will be a welcome addition to the school, and, assist largely in removing the congestion which has prevailed for a considerable time past.

[24 feet = 7.31 metres. 10 feet = 3.048 metres]

9th September 1920 Owing to the dilatory methods of the Education Board, the position of the Levin School Committee is that its relation still stands. When the resignation was communicated to them, The Board asked the committee to reconsider it, and, the secretary of the board later telephoned and said the Board's request would be put in writing ; and, forwarded immediately. This has not come to hand yet, and therefore the committee did not meet this week to re-consider the position

15th September 1920 A special meeting of the Levin District High School Committee was held last evening to consider the reply from the Education Board in reference to the committee's resignation through the Board's dilatory attitude concerning the additions to the school.

Following a long discussion the School Committee rescinded its decision to resign.

27th September 1920 Mr Malcolm Robbie, who has been on the probationary staff of the Levin District High School, has resigned to take up a position with the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd. at Palmerston North.

27th September 1920 On Saturday Foxton (School journeyed to Levin to try conclusions with the local school in basketball [9 aside netball] and football. The Levin girls proved successful in the former, while the Foxton boys defeated the local team, by 9 to 8 (tries scored for the visitors by Christie two and Westwood one). Flood and Middleton scored for Levin, one of which was converted by Flood. Mr Rockel controlled the basket ball and Mr Bevan the football. Enjoyable afternoon tea was provided for the visitors for which Mr Furrie thanked the local -teams, Mr Rockel replying on behalf of the hosts. A cricket and a basket ball match will be arranged at an' early date.

6th October 1920 The monthly meeting of the Levin District High School Committee last evening was attended by the chairman (Mr F. G. Roe.), and Messrs. T. Hobson, W. G. Vickers, C. Bould, F. Denton. and Rev. F. W. Grove Secretary

Messrs. Harvey and Co. wrote that they had signed the contract for the additions to the school, and had had application in for the material, and hoped to make a start on the work as soon as supplies came to hand.

The chairman stated that he had seen Mr Harvey, who had stated that no time would be lost in making a start immediately material was received.

The chairman reported that Miss Ogg, of Petone, had been appointed to the vacancy on the teaching staff.

The Education Board wrote thanking the Committee for withdrawing its resignation. And for its willingness to continue to act for the remainder of the ensuing year. With reference to the design of the proposed addition - to the school, the original plan would be carried out. — Received.

Mr Denton stated that Mr McAllister, secretary of the Levin W.F. A., had informed him that the annual meeting of the Association would be held shortly, and it was desired that each public body of the town should be represented at the meeting by a delegate.

The chairman (Mr Roe) was appointed.

The headmaster (Mr McIntyre) reported that the present roll was 639. the figures at this time, and although! another school had opened, in the town since then, and a number of pupils had gone to the new school the deficiency was made up "December figures and now exceeded An invitation received from the senior girls to attend a social on Friday evening next, which was accepted by the committee with thanks

23rd October 1920 A very pleasant evening ""as spent at the Town Hall last evening when the pupils of the local convent paid a return compliment to the pupils of the District High School, by entertaining them at a social gathering. Games, dancing, and competitions were entered into with that heartiness -which is characteristic only of youth. Music was supplied by Mrs. Shennan and Miss Nash, and all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

5th November 1920 The parents of the school children of the district, at the invitation of the Levin School Committee, are taking a vote on the question of the location of the annual

picnic—whether it will be held, locally or at Plimmerton. The matter will lie considered at a special meeting of the Committee on Tuesday evening next

12th November 1920 The annual picnic in connection with the Levin District High School will be held at Plimmerton in February.

18th November 1920 (To the Editor.) Sir. - I notice in your last issue- an application from the School Committee to have machine-guns (called war trophies) placed in the school grounds.

My letter is to protest as a parent against this action, as I contend it would lend to introduce the military spirit into our school, and I believe the education authorities have ruled against this.

You may not agree with me, sir, but to my mind "trophies of -war" belong to the ages that are gone. We have much to remind us of the havoc of war without daily exhibiting these instruments of destruction to our arising generation.

The memory of Those -who have given their lives for what they believed to be right (for whom I have the greatest respect) -will certainly live without these guns as reminders.—

I am, etc., RICHARD It. HARRIS. Tai Pare, Levin

8th December 1920 The month]y meeting of the Levin District High School Committee was held last evening, Mr F G. Roe presiding. Other members present were: Messrs. T. Hobson, W. G. Vickers, H. Denton, C. H. Bould, G. Short, J. W. Procter, and Rev. W F Grove (secretary). Mr McIntyre (.headmaster) was also present.

A letter was read from the Borough Council stating 'that it was favourable to a portion of the war trophies being placed at the disposal of the committee.- -Received.

Miss S. Beckett wrote forwarding her resignation from the teaching staff, same to take effect from January 31.

Mr Grove moved that the resignation be accepted with regret. The speaker paid a tribute to the valuable service .Miss Beckett had rendered the school in her capacity as a teacher and thought that a letter expressive of the committee's appreciation of such service should be forwarded her. The motion was .supported by Mr Vickers and carried.

Mr G. L. Stewart , secretary of the Wellington Educational Board, forwarded the following brief report of the inspector's recent visit to the school: "The inspector's report on the condition of the school is very satisfactory, much of the standard work being specially commended." . The chairman said the report was very satisfactory indeed and reflected greatly to the credit of Mr McIntyre and the staff. He moved that Mr McIntyre convey to the staff the committee's congratulations Other members of the committee in similar terms, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The headmaster reported for the month as follows: Roll—The roll decreased during the month from 653 to 643. The average roll was 652 Attendance—The average attendance was 544, which is only 83 per cent of the average roll. This very low attendance was caused by an epidemic of measles and a few cases of mumps. The first half of the month an average attendance of 570 was maintained. Staff — Miss Best, who was away on sick leave for three weeks, resumed duty on December 2. Miss Christenson has been absent since December 2. and is applying for leave till the end of the year. Mr Higgins is also applying for sick leave till the end of the year. Inspection : The report of the inspectors' visit on October 5, 6, 7 and 8 is now to hand. There are no repairs of pressing urgency. A record was also submitted showing how

the attendances were affected by sickness on certain days during October and November in the primary classes: October 1. 521; 8th, 560 [Others not copied] Absent through measles patients and contacts : December 2. 140; 3rd. 150; 6th, 180.

Mr McIntyre explained that the effect of the irregular attendances owing to sickness meant that the school would suffer in securing the additional teachers which their roll numbers warranted. A movement was on foot among the headmasters of the Wellington schools to have the staffing for the coming year based on the average attendance of 1019 instead of the present year.

Members agreed with this suggestion, and it was decided to recommend to the Board that the staffing for 1921 be based on last year's averages. Mr Grove stated that some of the parents had informed him that owing to the epidemic it was inadvisable to hold the shop day in aid of the picnic fund during the next week, and that it should be postponed. For the same reason the picture benefit should also be put off.

On Mr T Denton's motion, it was decided that those functions be held at the beginning of the first term in the new year.

The chairman stated that for the picnic to Plimmerton in February next it was proposed to leave Levin at 9.30 a.m. and arrive there at 11 o'clock, leaving again at 5 p.m. and reach home at 6.30.

Mr McIntyre said that according to the roll about 600 children would make the trip. The chairman stated that the asphalt in the grounds required attention, and it would be a good time to do the work during the holidays.

Mr Hobson stated that the Beautifying Society had appeared favourable to making a grant for improvements to the grounds. The society was holding a meeting shortly, and it might be as well to write the society and inquire if it was intended to do something to improve the school grounds, it was decided to make inquiry.

24th December 1920 Mr B Denton, a member of the School Committee, was the recipient of a silver-mounted inkstand, suitably inscribed this week from his fellow members on the eve of his marriage.....The members of the Levin School Committee this week presented Mr W. Thomson with a silver-mounted pipe, Mr Thomson having resigned earlier in the year from the position of chairman of the committee, of which he had been a member for seven years.

16th December 1920 The teaching staff at the Levin District High School assembled this morning for the purpose of making a presentation to one of their number, Miss Shirley Beckett, who closes her association with the school at the end of the present term to-day. In addressing the teachers, the headmaster, Mr J. McIntyre, said there were three qualifications that might render a teacher subject to a presentation. They were long service, the power of endearing oneself to other members of the staff, and proficiency in the practice of the teaching profession. Miss Beckett possessed all those virtues, and also the additional qualification that she was about to get married, and the staff wished to mark their appreciation of their pleasant association. Mr McIntyre asked Mr Hobson, a member of the School Committee, who happened to be visiting the school during the morning, to make the presentation, and the latter handed over the memento, a handsome silver teapot, with a few felicitous words. The gift was fittingly acknowledged. Advantage was taken of the occasion to say good-bye to one of the junior teachers, Miss Palmer who is severing her connection with the staff, and to wish her well in the future. In 1921 Miss Palmer was at Blenheim School.

21st December 1920 A meeting of the Levin School Committee was held last night. The chairman (Mr K. G. Roe) presided, and there were also present- Messrs. W. Thomson, B. Denton, G-. Short. C. H. Bould, J. W. Procter, W G Vickers, T. Hobson and Rev W. F. Grove (secretary).

Advice was received from the Board of a 12 per cent increase in capitation, the grant for the quarter being £64. The Board advised that a sum of £18 had been allotted for asphaltting and improving the school grounds, and asking for details of what the committee proposed to do and a sketch of what was required. The Committee decided on Mr Thomson's motion, to ask Mr Channings to provide a plan covering the whole of the work required at the ground, the committee to meet at the school and go into the matter with Mr Channings. Mr Grove urged that an effort should be made to improve the most urgently-needed part of the ground during the coming holidays.

5th February 1921 The Levin school's annual outing will take the form this year of a railway excursion to Plimmerton, and the date selected is Friday, March 4. A special meeting of the committee was held last night to consider ways and means of raising the funds required. Benefits will be held at both local picture theatres, by the kind assistance of the proprietors, the first being at Farland's Theatre on Wednesday next. A shop day will be held on ' Saturday, February 19, and a guessing competition (weight of committeemen) run in conjunction therewith. The committee hope to be able to pay the whole of the children's railway fares and provide various conveniences at Plimmerton. The cost will amount to at least £60, but a confident appeal is made for public assistance, either at the benefits or the shop day. The committee will meet again on Friday, February 11 and 18.

16th February 1921 A ladies' committee, consisting of Mesdames' Vickers, Procter, Roe and Hobson, is working in conjunction with the School Committee to make Saturday's shop day for the school excursion a success. The ladies are promoting a sponge cake competition in three classes: For school girls, old school girls, and the general public, prizes being offered for each class. Mrs Procter has donated a goose, vegetables, etc., for a dinner competition, and tickets may be obtained at the shop on Saturday

12th February 1921 Yesterday afternoon, Mr A. Leigh Hunt, of Wellington, addressed about 300 pupils of the upper standards the Levin School on "Captain Scott's Last Expedition." The lecture was followed with great interest and illustrated by an 'excellent set of views The Rev. W. F. Grove presided, and at the conclusion of the lecture a motion of thanks was passed the speaker on the motion of Mr H. Jones

18th February 1921 At the meeting of the Wellington Board of Education on Wednesday the resignation of Miss S. Beckett, assistant teacher at the Levin District High School, was accepted.

18th February 1921 Miss M L Hitchcock appointed Infant Mistress. Mr Miss F V Deck appointed second secondary assistant.

21st February 1921 The Shop Day on Saturday in aid of the proved highly successful and although there was a large quantity of goods donated, a complete clearance was effected. The competitions created a lot of interest and resulted as follows: Goose dinner, Mr H. J. Jones; poultry dinner, Mr W. M. Beckett; breakfast, Mrs Keedwell; picture, Master Hope Lucas; brooch, Mrs Keedwell; basket of fruit, Miss E. Clark; guessing weight of committee, Miss L.

Hussey; blouse, Miss Procter. The Committee wish to thank the many donors for their generous assistance, and the purchasers for their liberal patronage.

26th February 1921 The animal swimming carnival in connection with the Levin District High School will take place in the borough baths on Wednesday next, -March 2, commencing at 1.30 p.m. A good programme, as usual, has been , drawn up, and should provide a capital day's sport. Competitions are provided for beginners (boys and girls), and the more expert in the art, up to the championship events. Among the more important races are the boys' and , girls' championships, old girls' race, old boys' race, Whirokino State school ,championship, and 1 relay race for Robertson Challenge Shield. There are also several novelty events, including plate diving, undressing in 'water and swimming 25 yards, and various classes of diving- Entrance to all events is free, but scholars who have completed a two-years' course in secondary classes are ineligible for competition. Afternoon tea will be obtainable at the baths, and altogether the carnival should be quite, a success.

2nd March 1921 MONTHLY MEETING. The meeting last evening was attended by Messrs. F. G. Roe (chairman), T. Hobson, C. H. Bould, J. W. Procter, W. G. Vickers, W. Thomson and Rev. W. F. Grove.

The headmaster (Mr McIntyre) reported as follows .—Roll: Since opening 50 new names have been added to the roll, and 66 have been struck so that the roll at the end of February was 10 less than that at the end of January. The average roll for the month was 625. At Attendance; The average attendance, owing principally , to the fine weather, has been excellent (588) which is nearly 95 per cent of the average roll. Staff: The staff has been increased by the acquisition of another junior assistant, Miss Deck. Miss Ogg, who was appointed some months ago, began duty on February 1. Miss Beckett, assistant, and Miss Palmer, left as at the end of January. An appointment has not yet been made in Miss Beckett's place, but Mrs Brown, who was relieving in Miss Ogg's position, is now relieving in the vacant position left by Miss Beckett. Miss Keg, pupil teacher, and Miss Dyer, probationer, are new appointments. Miss Hooper, probationer, is retained on the staff pending the results of the teachers' January examinations. The total staff is now 20. Health: A few cases of mumps have been reported, but otherwise the health of those attending is good. Accommodation: The secondary class is still obliged to work in unsuitable rooms, the seniors in the laboratory and the juniors in the Presbyterian schoolroom. If the delay in building the new secondary rooms continues the heating of the rooms now used by the secondary scholars will have to be faced. The chairman stated that the various appeals on behalf of the school excursion had been responded to most generously by the public, with the result (that over £100 was now in hand, with several small sums still to come in. It was a very satisfactory position, and a vote of thanks should be passed to all who had assisted, Mr Bould moved, and Mr Vickers seconded, that a vote of thanks be accorded to all who had contributed to the picnic funds, either in money or in kind. This was carried.

9th March 1921 A good deal of satisfaction exists among the residents of Gladstone Road at the fine motor service provided for the carriage of the children to school by Mr F. O. Astridge. The service is both quick and punctual and meets the wants of the scholars in an exemplary way.

12th March 1921 Stunning!" was the expressive adjective used by a sunburnt and sandy small boy as he made his way from Plimmerton beach to the railway station yesterday afternoon after the school picnic. It was a description that, will be endorsed unanimously by nearly a thousand

adults and children who joined in the excursion. Circumstances seemed to conspire to give, the young people a happy outing. ! The weather was perfect as warm as midsummer, and there was only a trace of a breeze at intervals during the day. The Levin station presented an animated spectacle as the excursionists were assembling between 7 and 8 o'clock. They filled nineteen long carriages and reached Plimmerton after a two-hour run. Camping places were quickly found, and the visitors soon made themselves at home. The committee's arrangements were very complete, and, unlimited supplies of tea, „milk and soft drinks were available shortly after the arrival of the train. The boys and girls found plenty to engage their attention, some, in the "splendid bathing facilities, the tide being at its height about 11 in the morning; others paddling in the rock pools or playing, in the sand, and still other parties in climbing the adjacent hills. During the afternoon, there was a treasure hunt, and a liberal distribution of fruit and sweets, and after another dip, a start was made for the train about 4.30, after a day that had proved about five hours too short for, most of the boys and girls. Levin was reached soon after seven, and the excursionists were met by nearly 50 cars and 25 vehicles. The whole excursion passed off without a hitch of any kind, and the teachers and school committee are to be congratulated on the excellence of their arrangements and the execution thereof.

15th March 1921 Several complimentary references have reached Mr McIntyre, headmaster on the Levin School of the excellent conduct and discipline of the pupils on the occasion of the recent excursion to Plimmerton, the orderliness of embarking and disembarking coming in for special mention. A Plimmerton resident wrote that of the 14 school excursions to that resort this season, the Levin children stood out for exemplary conduct. Mr McIntyre conveyed these messages to the school yesterday upon which the staff and pupils are to be warmly congratulated

21st March 1921 The team of swimmers' that went from Levin District High School to the Centre's meeting at Palmerston North on Saturday have every reason to be satisfied with their showing at the first championship meeting the representatives of the school have attended. The championship events were for girls and boys who had not attained the age of 14 years on October 1 preceding. The distances were\* 50 yards and 100 yards for boys, and 25 yards for girls. Three out of the four Levin competitors qualified for finals.....

6th April 1921 The monthly meeting of the Levin School Committee was held last evening: The chairman (Mr F. G. Roe) presided, and the other members present, Rev. W. F. Grove (secretary), Messrs. Hobson, Thomson, Vickers, Short, Procter, Denton, Bould and McIntyre (headmaster).

The secretary reported that the, sum of £50 voted by the Beautifying Society for ground improvement would be available after next meeting.

THE SCHOOL PICNIC. The statement of accounts in connection with the recent school picnic showed that the receipts from all sources including fares, shop day, picture benefits and donations, totalled £186 16s 9d. The expenditure was £154 12s. £106 of which was for fares for the children, and the balance for the provision of milk, hot water, tea, and expenses in connection with the shop day and benefits, leaving a credit balance in the picnic fund of £32 4s, a result that was considered Very satisfactory.

The chairman said the- picnic had been a very enjoyable outing, and he hoped it would be made an annual one at Plimmerton. Thanks were due to the committeemen and their wives, the teachers and children, for assistance in raising the funds, and on the day; and also the public-

who gave gifts. He felt next year that it should be held as soon as possible after the school resumed after the holidays.

Mr Thomson said that, speaking as a railwayman, he wished to say that all the officers who had anything to do with the picnic were unanimous in the opinion that the children were the best controlled and best behaved who were ever landed in Plimmerton, a fact on which the teachers and committee both could be congratulated.

**THE SWIMMING SPORTS.** The swimming sports balance-sheet showed a -deficit of £3 12s 6d, due to the weather affecting the attendance and the closeness of the event to the picnic. The amount will be taken from a small reserve fund held over from the previous year. It was 'agreed that next year it would be advisable to hold the sports at a longer interval after the picnic. The thanks of the committee were passed to the staff for their work in connection with the sports.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEES' FEDERATION.** A letter from Mr A. C. Holms emphasising the advantages of forming a 'branch on this coast, of the New Zealand School Committees' Federation, which had been held over from a previous meeting owing to the absence of several members, was considered, and the suggestion was referred to\* the incoming committee for their favourable consideration.

**POROUTAWHAO COACH.** It was decided to make representations to the contractor as to the inadequate accommodation on the Poroutawhao coach for the children using it. The coach is overcrowded and some scholars have to walk to school.

**GENERAL.** It was decided to provide some shelving required in the infant school. The secretary reported that the contractor would commence the long awaited additions to the school on Monday, and announcement that was received with applause.

**VALEDICTORY.** The chairman said it was the last meeting of the committee before ' the elections, and he took the opportunity of thanking the members for the support they had given him and the interest they had taken in the school. \*He would have liked to have seen the additions and the concrete work further advanced, but it seemed as if some progress was about to be made. Financially the Committee was in a very satisfactory position.

Mr Hobson, on behalf of the Committee, acknowledged the chairman's references, and said he thought it was largely due to Mr Roe's good generalship that the committee had been such a happy family. He moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was carried unanimously. The Committee then adjourned.

12th April 1921 For the Levin District High School Committee elections, to be held at the householders' meeting on Monday evening next, thirteen nominations have been received as follow: Rev. W. F. Grove, Dr. J. G. Gow, Messrs. Howard Andrew, C. H. Bould, H. Denton, T. Hobson, C. H. Martin, J. W. Procter, F. G. Roe, G. Shortt, R. T. Smith, W. G. Vickers and A. E. Williams.

Nine members are required for the committee, so that an election is necessary, and the town may congratulate itself on the fact that a number of progressive citizens are prepared to devote their time and energies to the welfare of the children.

16th April 1921 The following report will be submitted to the annual meeting of householders to be held on Monday evening next, when the election of a new Committee takes place: Roll.— At the beginning of the year the roll was 631 and at the end of the year 632. The average roll for the year was 605: Attendance—The average attendance from various causes, chiefly

sickness, was only 546. That is 90 per cent of the average roll. This is low compared with previous years, viz., 1919, 93 per cent; 1918, 93 per cent; 1917, 93 per cent

Conveyances.—The three services from Kimberley Road, Gladstone Road and Poroutawhao respectively are now working smoothly, except that in the latter a better and bigger vehicle is needed, which the conductor has been asked to supply. Your Committee early in the year met the settlers of the three districts with a view to their subsidising the amounts paid by the Beard to the contractors. The settlers were adverse to making any payment and the matter was eventually settled by a flat, rate payment to each contractor of £1 per day. Health.—The year opened badly with an epidemic of influenza and instead of commencing work on February 1, the School was not opened till February 20, and during the March quarter things were normal as the percentage of 94 for the quarter shows. In June quarter there was only a little sickness, but from July to the end of the year, epidemics of measles, and chicken pox were rife and at one time over 150 children were absent from one or other of these causes. Visit of the Prince of Wales.—On May 4, 300 children—Standards 111 to Secondary—accompanied by teachers and 8 members of the Committee went by special train to Palmerston North to see the Prince of Wales. The day will long live in the memory of the children and will accentuate the loyalty to the Crown that is incubated at school. The Committee cannot speak too highly of the general appearance and excellent behaviour of the scholars on this occasion.

Swimming Sports.—The annual swimming sports were held on March 2. The day proved unfavourable, the gate receipts being greatly affected, £7 being taken against nearly £14, the previous year. The gathering here-to resulted in a loss of a little over £1. The usual swimming classes have been carried on during the summer months, viz., six classes averaging 15 members each, who are given lessons in swimming twice weekly and a marked improvement has been noticed in the physique of those to whom the lessons are given. Fifty children (this season gained either Learners' Certificates or Certificates of Proficiency that are issued by the N.Z. Amateur Swimming Association. On 19th March, four pupils were sent to Palmerston North to represent the School at the School Champion Swimming Sports. The whole four won their respective heats and so qualified for the finals. Iris Phillips was placed third in the final 25 yards and third in the final 75 yards, in the former the three placed competitors broke standard time), and Filmer Phillips was placed second in the diving event. Picnic to Plimmerton.—The picnic on March 11 was a great success, 150 making the trip, including children, teachers, committeemen and parents. After a most enjoyable day had been spent at the seaside 150 picnickers arrived home about 7 p.m. unanimous in the opinion that it should be made an annual fixture. The headmaster and staff are to be congratulated upon the discipline and management of the children; also thanks are due to the headmaster and staff for help, the proprietors of the picture shows, and those who promoted the shop day, also all the ladies and gentlemen and general public who assisted in collecting funds to make the trip. School additions—Owing to the delay in not erecting the two extra rooms promised, and trying to shelve the question, your Committee sent in their resignations to the Board, which had the desired effect. The Committee were asked to reconsider their decision, which they did and the money was granted. Most of the material is now on the ground and the incoming committee will have to use some drastic means to have the rooms completed forthwith.

Asphalting.—A quantity of asphalting requires to be done around the main building and infant school. Plans have been prepared for same and have been submitted to the Board for

their approval. This requires an expenditure of about £150. The Board having promised £48 towards same and with the £50 donated by the Beautifying Society, which will carry a subsidy of another £50 will carry out the work proposed. Inspector's Report—The Chief Inspector's report upon the working of the School for the last 12 months is very satisfactory.

The whole Committee seeks re-election except Mr Thomson, whose decision is to be regretted, seeing that he has rendered seven years' of good service.

Finance. —The financial position of the Committee is satisfactory. The credit balance is £1:52 6s 8d, and there is also £31 13s 5d to the credit of the Picnic Fund.

19th April 1921 The annual election of school committees in the Wellington Education District took place last evening, the meeting of Levin householders being held in the Century Hall. Mr W. Thomson presided and there was an attendance of over 70.

REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET. The annual report and balance sheet as already published, was then read by the secretary (Rev. W. F. Grove) and their adoption was briefly moved by the Chairman of the Committee (Mr F. G. Roe).

Mr D. W. Matheson said the report and balance sheet were most creditable and the committee were deserving of thanks for the management of the funds. As regards the report, he thought it was highly creditable that the scholars from the school who had taken part in the swimming sports at Palmerston North had done so well—a result that was largely due to the care and attention of teaching staff. \

Mr Howard Andrew said he assumed that the credit balance from the picnic fund would be kept for the next picnic. The Chairman: That is so.

Mr Andrew added that that was only right. He thought that when the money was being raised that the committee was gathering a very large sum but he was now convinced that they were acting quite right. When he saw how the children were enjoying themselves at the picnic he did not think any sum too large to spend on their enjoyment in that way, and he was glad to see that ways and means were being provided for next year's outing

The chairman explained in connection with the balance sheet, that the credit to-day was £87 9s 11d with no outstanding accounts, but £32 represented the balance of the picnic fund, so that the actual credit to the school account would be £50. The chairman added that the money derived from sports, etc., or raised for the picnic was kept separate and used only for the purpose' for which it was raised The credit to the picnic account would be used as a nucleus for the next picnic.

Mr Roe's motion for the adoption of" the report and balance sheet, being seconded by Mr T .Hobson, was the' put and carried.

#### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

The Chairman referred to the improvements about to be carried out at the school—the additional room and the work of asphaltting the grounds The asphaltting would be large enough to form a tennis court, besides having paths leading to the different entrances treated also, which it was hoped would prevent any of the children becoming wet footed in reaching the school. The sum of £48 had been granted by the Education Board, and a donation of £50 was' to be made by the Beautifying Society, which would carry a subsidy of a like amount.

A PARENT'S COMPLAINT. Mr J. Lemmon stated that one of his children got a severe cold through having to lie on her back on the ground in order to do physical drill. If that was the effect of physical drill, He thought the drill should be cut out.

The Chairman said they could hardly deal with the matter that evening Complaints should have been made and Committee and full enquiry would have been made.

Mr Lemmon said he had complained to the headmaster and had also spoke in Mr Grove, the secretary.

Mr Grove said that was so and I asked Mr Lemmon to put his complaint in writing and send it to the committee, but he had not done so

Mrs Walker referred to the danger of children getting wet-footed in long grass while playing hockey and mentioned a case where a girl had suffered a long illness from this cause. It would be a great advantage if the ground could be asphalted.

The Chairman said they could hardly have the hockey or football ground asphalted, although the Committee recognised the value of asphaltting in an increased area. would be covered this year, as he had already stated.

Mr Lemmon made another complaint. He said he had been informed that infants were' placed in draughty corridors during school hours. This was not right as they were liable to catch colds. He thought the infants should have better attention than this.

The chairman objected to the statement and said it was not fair to come to a meeting like that and make these charges. "I have been connected with the committee for eight years," he said, "and as Chairman frequently visited the school, and have always found the children well looked after by the teachers. In my opinion the school is as good as any in New Zealand in this respect." (Applause). He considered the statement made was an aspersion on the teachers who really deserved credit for the way they looked after the children.

Mr Lemmon: No reflection on the teachers.

Chairman: Yes there is.

Mr Lemmon: No, it is on the corridors.

The Chairman; Weil, Then you can't keep, children in glass eases in school.

TEACHERS' ROOMS WANTED. Mr D. W.' Matheson said it had come to his knowledge that as a large number of children remained at the school during the lunch hour and had their lunches there, the teachers took turns at having their lunches at the school also in order to attend to the children. The teachers had no special room and he thought it was desirable that a rest room should be provided for their use. He thought such a recommendation should he made for the favourable consideration of the incoming committee, who should, approach the Board on the matter. ,

The Chairman explained that a room for the teachers had been included in plans for additions to the school on several occasions but had always been cut out by the Department.

Mr Matheson considered they should persevere with it, and he moved that the incoming committee write the Education Petard requesting that teachers' rooms be provided in the secondary and infant departments. The motion was seconded by Mr Lemmon and carried. THE NEW. COMMITTEE. Thirteen nominations were received for the nine positions on the committee, the successful candidates being as follows:

F. Roe ... 67

Rev. W. F. Grove 65

W. G. Vickers 62

C. H. Bould ... 62

T. Hobson 61

J. W. Procter ' 57

Dr Gow 56

H. Denton ... 52

G. Short ... 46

The unsuccessful candidates were : C. H. Martin 44, Howard Andrew 35. A. E Williams 22, R. T. Smith 21.

GOOD SERVICE RECOGNISED. Mr T. Hobson, in briefly returning thanks for his re-election, referred to the retirement of Mr Thomson from the committee. He said it was only possible to gauge such work as Mr Thomson's by the period of service. Mr Thomson had been eight years on the committee and no words of his could adequately express what Mr Thomson had done for the cause of education in Levin. He had hoped that appreciation might be expressed in some tangible form of the work done on behalf of the school.

The motion was seconded by Mr F G. Roe, who said that Mr Thomson had done very excellent service during his eight years' connection with the committee.

In returning thanks Mr Thomson said what he had done was on behalf of the children. He had enjoyed his eight years' work on the committee and the many wordy bouts he had had as chairman with the Board. He had made up his mind to retire this year, but next year he might be found among the candidates again (applause).

COMPLIMENTARY VOTES. Mr Roe moved a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr McIntyre, the headmaster and staff. Mr Bagrie seconded the motion and said the school and town were fortunate in having such a staff as they possessed (applause). Mr Howard Andrew supported the motion and paid a tribute to the interest and attention paid the children by the staff whose influence would go far in moulding the character of the rising generation.

Mr McIntyre briefly returned thank and said he fully appreciated the kind things that had been said and thanked the meeting most heartily on behalf the staff and himself.

Mr Andrew; moved that a vote of thanks be passed to the outgoing committee for their past labours and wished the new committee a successful year. .

At the instigation of Mr Matheson. it was also placed on record the good work of the committee and teacher in connection with the school picnic at Plimmerton. At a subsequent meeting of the new committee, Mr Roe was re-elected chairman and the Rev Mr Grove secretary

Reports of several interesting discussions at the meeting are held over till to-morrow

20th April 1921 HIGH SCHOOL PROPER. A matter of some educational importance to Levin and the adjoining centres was mentioned by Mr D. W. Matheson at the annual meeting of householders in Levin on Monday. He said that the matter was of some importance to the parents of the district and to the town of Levin and concerned the status of their District High School. He said that between Paekakariki and Tokomaru there were some 40 or 50 pupils who were attending the Palmerston North High School, all though the regulations stated that they could only travel to the nearest high school and in this case it was Levin. As regards railway facilities, the pupils could get here from both North and South by 9 o'clock each morning, as against 11 by the time they got to Palmerston. The afternoon trains to the south were suitable for the return journey and if arrangements could be made for the return north by an afternoon train it would be very convenient and could perhaps be arranged.

The chairman (Mr W. Thomson) said he thought this was a big proposition. Children who were eligible could go free to Palmerston, whilst in the case of others the cost was only 12s 6d per

quarter to travel to the high school at Palmerston, though they might be entitled to free travel to the Levin school.

Mr Matheson said the point he wished to make was that if it was possible to get these children to come here and raise the status of the local school, it was their duty to make an effort to do so. If they increased the number of their High School scholars it would necessitate the employment of a full High School staff. This would increase the status of the school. The chairman: We must have 70 scholars before we reach a high school proper. We have 50 now. Mr Matheson: What is the position if we get a guarantee? The chairman said the way to get a high school proper was to guarantee 70 scholars.

Mr D. S. Mackenzie said that was so. If they wanted the status of the school raised they must get the requisite number of pupils.

3rd May 1921 A meeting of the Levin School Committee was held last evening, the members present being: Messrs. F. G. Roe (chairman), T. Hobson, J. W. Procter, G. Shortt, H. Denton, C. H. Bould, W. G. Vickers and Dr. Gow. Leave of absence was granted to Rev. W. F. Grove. Mr C. I. Harkness was present at the invitation of the committee in regard to the proposal to raise the status of the High **School**. He stated that he quite agreed with the proposal and said it would be necessary to get a signed requisition from parents requesting the Board to change the course of the local **school** from rural to academic. Naturally this would have to be backed up by the Committee. When pupils commenced at the local high **school**, two years elapsed before they could start on their academic course, a boy having to spend these two years in rural instruction, and in the case of a girl she would have to receive cookery instruction during the same period. Where the pupils had to receive these courses, four were necessary before they could matriculate, whereas they could do so in two if these were cut out. If any wanted to take up the agricultural course they could do so at the agricultural college to be established here after they had matriculated.

After consideration, the matter was held over for further discussion at next meeting.

The necessity of a teachers' room was also brought before Mr Hardness, who stated that this was a matter for finance, but he would press the matter on the Board with a view to its being granted.

4th May 1921 Miss White, of Masterton, who has been appointed sixth assistant in the Levin District High School, took up her duties on Monday. Angusina White started teaching for Wellington Education Board at Reikiorangi in 1911 and taught at Mungaroa, Te Maru, Johnsonville, Masterton and in 1923 was at Karori School.

6th June 1921 At a ceremony of saluting the flag at the Levin school on Thursday, the chairman of the committee (Mr F. G. Roe) said he would give two copies of the Prince of Wales' book on his travels for competition by the scholars, the subject to be an essay on loyalty.

4th June 1921 Prior to the Levin District High School closing on Thursday afternoon, the scholars assembled in the grounds for the ceremony of saluting the flag in honour of the King's Birthday. The children's, with the headmaster, Mr J McIntyre, teaching staff, and chairman (Mr F. G. Roe) and members of the School Committee, were grouped round the school flagstaff.

At the headmaster's invitation, Mr Roe addressed the children, reminding them that on the following day they would have a holiday because it was their Sovereign's birthday. The King loved his people, and his people loved the King, and that loyalty and love was shown when the

Prince of Wales recently visited New Zealand. He trusted that such feelings would always exist in this country.....

8th June 1921 It was stated at the meeting of the Levin District High School Committee last evening that 250 ex-pupils of the school had served in the late war.

8th June 1921 MEETING OF COMMITTEE. The monthly meeting of the committee was held last evening, the members present being Messrs. F. G. Roe (chairman), H. Denton, G. Short, . W. Procter, T. Hobson, Dr. Gow, and Rev. W. F. Grove.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS. The Education Board wrote in reference to the question of a teachers' room, which was mentioned in an interview with Mr C. I. Harkness. The Board asked that a sketch of what was desired be forwarded for consideration. Regarding the question of heaters, the Clerk of Works was arranging for a supply of portable heaters.

The chairman stated that the Board's architect was in Levin during (he recent vacation and had stated that the new 7 rooms would be available for use in six weeks from then. By the progress that was being made the work would be completed by then.

The chairman also referred to the want of a teachers' room. This was as a great necessity at the school, seeing there was a staff of nearly 20 teachers. He moved that the attention of the Board be drawn to the matter, and that a plan of the room be forwarded to the Board.

This was supported by Mr Procter and carried.

On the suggestion of Dr. Gow, the headmaster agreed to interview the teaching staff and ascertain if one large room, or two smaller ones would be the most desirable. A letter was read from the Education Board stating that the sum of £48 had been granted for asphaltting and concreting the grounds, and that the work would be gone on with on the completion of the additions to the school. The chairman stated that the Beautifying Society had made a grant of £50, and as this would carry a subsidy there would be a total of £117 altogether for the work. A plan of the work to this amount had been prepared. On the motion of the chairman, it was decided to write the Board stating that the building contract was as nearing completion, and to make application for the subsidy to the grant from the Beautifying Society. POROUTAWHAO COACH SERVICE. Reference was made to the inadequacy of the present coach to meet the requirements of the Poroutawhao pupils, and the necessity (that existed for a larger and more up-to-date conveyance.

The headmaster stated that some parents were not sending their children owing to being dissatisfied with the present coach service. It was decided to write the Board pointing out the want of a better service and asking that arrangements be made for a more efficient transport.

HONOURS BOARD. The chairman stated that, in his opinion, an Honours Board should be provided at the school. He stated that the sum of £17 had been collected by the children on Armistice Day and handed to the Mayor, and this money was still in hand. He thought this sum should be used to form the nucleus of a fund to provide an Honours Board for the school as a memorial to the pupils who had served in the war.

Mr Hobson said that the suggestion was a good one, and he moved that a committee consisting of the chairman, secretary and Dr. Gow wait on the Mayor with the idea of getting the money for the purpose stated. The motion was seconded by Mr Denton and carried.

THE PICNIC FUND. On the motion of the chairman it was decided to place the balance of £35 from the picnic fund in the Post Office Savings Bank for the use of future picnics.

**ASPHALTING WANTED.** The chairman said eighteen months or two years ago the Borough Council had expressed its intention of tarring the footpath as far as Mako Mako Road. The work had not been done, and it was a great necessity in the interests of the children. The committee decided to write the Council, drawing their attention to the matter.

**VISITING COMMITTEE.** The Visiting Committee, Messrs. Denton and Short, reported that the trees at the back of the school should be topped. The roofing of the saddle shed wanted repairing, and the committee expressed the opinion that saddle trees be placed in the shed instead of the present arrangement. • It decided to call tenders for topping the trees, and to get an estimate for erection of saddle trees; also that the roofing of the shed be attended to.

**IMPROVING SCHOOL FRONTAGE.** Mr Grove suggested that the hedge in front of the school be removed. This would throw the school open to the full view of the public. The front grounds should be improved, and the pupils, he thought, would thus be encouraged to take greater interest in the appearance of the grounds, and also of the school. A low wall with chains connecting up (the concrete posts could replace the present hedge and be a great improvement. The speaker also stated that motorists passed at present without knowing where the school was, and if they could see the school they would naturally slow up. He thought the idea should be taken up, and the work gone on with. The chairman stated that the suggestion was a very good one and estimates for the work should be got. The committee agreed, and Dr. Go\v moved that the chairman, secretary and Mr Bould be a committee to go into the matter and report to next meeting. Messrs. Grove and Bould were appointed a visiting committee for next month.

24th June 1921 Yesterday was the Prince of Wales' birthday, and to mark the occasion, a suitable ceremony was held at the school. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the scholars were assembled together with the headmaster and staff, and Messrs.-F. G. Roe (chairman), T. Hobson, H. Denton, C. H. Bould and J. Procter, members of the School Committee.

Mr Roe in a very appropriate speech explained the reason for the gathering—to do honour to the Prince on the occasion of his birthday. The occasion was taken as opportune for the presentation of the swimming certificates gained by the pupils during the past season. Their names were as follows:

Learners' Certificates, 50 yards and under 220 yards.—Dorothy Avery (50), Grace Blair (50), Vina Douglas (50), Nina Finlay (50). Ethel Gray (50), Lynetta Hislop (50), Flora Leitch (50), Jessie Macintosh (50), Katie Murray (50), Kathleen Merritt (50), Keith Mulinder (50), Marsh Ponauha (50), Joe Ponauha (50), Ivy Rockel (50), Jack Scobie (50), Tutu Winiera (50), Florence Walker (50), Rita Yuile (50) Clem Glassford (50), Kenneth Matheson (75), Kenneth Read (75), Brian Rockel (75), Winifred Channings (100), Mavis Ingram (100), Audrey Jones (100), Archie Woollett (100), Bevan Gill (125), Kenneth Roe (125), George Short . (125), Keith Drysdale (150), Jack Graham (150), Annie Plaster (150), August Winiera (150).

Certificates of Proficiency, 220 yards to 1 mile. —Aileen Connor (225), Edna Kingsbeer (250), Strafford Beverley (450), Eunice Melton (450), Clarence Wilebore (450), Martin Winiata (475), Jack Gill (475), Mua Paki (575), Leslie Harris (700), Winifred Apps (900), Felicia Beverley (900), Rita Hearle (900), Clive Hobson (900), Nepja Thompson (900), Kyra Todd (900), Gordon Vickers (900).

After the Chairman had handed out the certificates he called on Mr T. Hobson to address the assemblage. Mr Hobson impressed upon the pupils the necessity for loyalty on the part of all

citizens for/ the welfare of the British Empire as a whole. He referred to the Prince of Wales, who was an example in his observance of duty, and duty after all was the best form of loyalty. The speaker advised the children to adopt the motto of the Prince, "I serve," and pointed out that it implied the Prince's good faith to his subjects and King, and the children should follow his example. To further impress upon them what might be meant by loyalty to King and Country the speaker quoted the great speeches made by General Smuts, of South Africa, and the manner in which our enemies of the war in South Africa had stood loyally to during the late war. Mr Roe having donated three prizes to the upper standards for the best essay on "Loyalty," and the headmaster (Mr McIntyre) a similar prize to Standard 5, the chairman announced that the awards had been made as follows: — Secondary classes. — Felicia Beverley and Edna Keall (Otaki) a special. Standard VI.—Vernon Thomas. Standard V.—Oreti Stallard. The scholars then sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." Three ringing cheers were given for the Prince, and a pleasing little ceremony was concluded by the unfurling of the flag- and the singing of the National Anthem, during which the gathering stood at the salute, and afterwards gave three cheers for King and Empire.

27th June 1921 The monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held this even Amongst the matters to be discussed is the question of establishing a High School proper in Levin

30th June 1921 The boys of the Levin School have been divided into three teams, named the Huia, Weka and Kahu, and an interesting competition is now in progress between them. So far the Kahus have won 3 and lost 1 game, the Wekas have 3 wins and 1 loss, and Huia has lost all its matches. Yesterday's game between Kahu and Huia resulted in the former winning by 11 to 8. Weka. and Huia meet next week.

5TH July 1921 last month's meeting of the Levin School Committee, the Rev. W. F. Grove made the suggestion that the hedge along the school frontage in Oxford Street be removed, and a concrete fence substituted. The idea was gene\* rally approved, and Mr Grove and Mr C. H., Bould were appointed a subcommittee to go further into the matter and report.

At last night's meeting Mr Bould stated that he had considered the matter of a concrete fence to replace the hedge in front of the school and estimated that the cost would be about £20 per chain. The frontage was 10 chains long, so that the job would be a fairly expensive one, approximately £200. Mr Grove said the Committee should not be afraid to tackle a job like that because of the cost. £200 was not such a large sum considering there were over 600 children attending the school and more than 2000 people in the borough. People passing the school had no idea of the grounds that were laid out in front, of the school. If the hedge were down passers-by would be able to see the beautiful row of oak trees In the grounds, and the change Would alter the whole aspect of the school frontage. He' hoped that the proposal would not be turned down, but that the Committee would see what steps could be taken to raise the money to carry out the work.

Mr Bould supported Mr Grove. The substitution of the hedge by a concrete fence would be a vast improvement, even if only a portion of the fence had to be done at a time. The removal of the hedge would be an advantage in that it would minimise the danger of motorists colliding with pupils coming out of school,' as the removal of the hedge would give an unobstructed view. It had to be remembered, too, that if a concrete fence were erected, it would be permanent. The chairman stated that he was in favour of the work; cost was the principal consideration.

After further consideration, it was decided that the same sub-committee (Messrs. Grove and. Bould) consider the matter further and get a specification and estimate of the cost.

A suggestion was made that a working bee be arranged to remove the hedge, and this was agreed to. A date will be arranged later, when the citizens will be invited to assist the Committee in the work.

1st July 1921 The question of the present inadequate transport of the Poroutawhao children to the Levin school was mentioned at the recent meeting of the Education Board. The Board decided that the establishment of a school there was necessary, and that the Department be urged to purchase a site for the building. [Opened 1924]

5th July 1921 The Levin District High School Committee received no less than ten tenders at last night's meeting for the work of topping and trimming the trees round the school. It was reported at the meeting of the Levin School Committee last night the the new rooms would be ready for use in a fortnight's time

6th July 1921 The monthly meeting of the Committee last Monday was attended by Messrs. F. G. Roe (chairman,) T. Hobson, W. G. Vickers, J. W Procter. H. Denton, C. H. Bould, G. Short and Rev W. F. Grove. An apology was received for the absence of Dr. Gow;.

Mr C. I. Harkness wrote that he would be pleased to support the proposal to erect a teachers' room at the school when the matter came before the Education Board.—Received.

The Education Board wrote in reference to the improvements to the saddle shed that arrangements were being made with the contractor, Mr Harvey, to cover the roof with iron. Received.

The Board informed the Committee that the grant of £48 would be paid in due course.

A further letter was received stating that the Board was in negotiation with the Government to provide the necessary money for a site and school at Poroutawhao, as the number of pupils was now somewhat greater than can be conveniently conveyed to Levin. The financial condition of the country was unfavourable to large expenditure, but the Board was urging that the work should be advanced. The chairman stated that he was informed that it was proposed to erect a school at Otara to meet the requirements of the Poroutawhao district. That was some miles beyond Poroutawhao, on the Foxton road, and would necessitate a conveyance just the same as ,was required now to bring the pupils to Levin. That would be of no advantage to the Poroutawhao district. It was decided to call Mr Harkness's attention to the matter, so as to stress the committee's viewpoint to the Board.

A letter was read from the Levin W.E.A. asking if the committee would affiliate, with the local movement.—It was decided, as no grant could be made to the funds of the W.E.A.. that the Committee do not affiliate.

Messrs. Short and Vickers were appointed a Visiting Committee for next month.

It was decided that the lowest tender be accepted for topping and trimming the trees round the school.

3rd August 1921 It was stated at the meeting of the Levin School Committee last evening that the recently-erected addition to the school would be completed in about a week's time. The Levin District High School Committee received from the education Board at its meeting last evening an enlarged port rail of the Prince of Wales, together with a facsimile of the letter which the Prince wrote to the children of the Dominion prior to his leaving the Dominion on

his return to England. It was decided to have the portrait and letter framed and hung in the school.

4th August 1921 Mr V. Higgins, first assistant at the Levin District High School for the past three years, has received the offer of the first assistant-ship of the Petone School, and will probably accept it. [He did]

4th August 1921 the meeting on Tuesday evening was attended by Messrs. F. G. Roe (chairman), G. Short, T. Hobson, H. Bould, Dr. Gow and Rev. W. F. Grove. CORRESPONDENCE. Mr A. C. Holms, of Levin, wrote directing the Committee's attention to the annual Dominion conference of the School Committees' Federation, which will take place during October or November. If the Committee saw fit to convene a meeting of representatives from the various committees within the Horowhenua county and adjacent centres forming part of the Wellington Education District, in August or not later than September, then participation in the conference would be possible. There was every reason to believe that the representations of the Federation had been very helpful in promoting improvements having an important bearing on various phases of educational progression, and the value of local and national unity on the part of committees was being clearly demonstrated. For the inaugural meeting for this district, he would suggest inviting the attendance of delegates on the following basis: Committees with nine members, seven members 3, and five 3.

The chairman said the Committee should join up, even if they formed a federation among the schools in this district, as there were benefits to be derived from such a movement. It was decided, on the chairman's motion, that copies of Mr Holms' letter be forwarded to the School Committees, from Shannon to Paekakariki asking their support to form a district federation.

Mr G. L. Stewart, Secretary Wellington Education Board, acknowledged the Committee's plan of the proposed teachers' room for the school. On a previous occasion the Board drew plans for such a room but was informed that a grant would not be approved, to the meantime fresh plans had been drawn, but he regretted to say that a similar application elsewhere had recently met with no encouragement by reason of the financial stringency. The letter was received, the chairman remarking that the Committee would have to keep on agitating till it got the room.

The chairman stated in regard to an improved service for the conveyance of the children from Poroutawhao, he had written to Mr Harkness on the matter, pointing out that it would be some considerable time before a school was erected at Poroutawhao, and the Board should endeavour to make better arrangements for the carriage of the children, as the present conveyance was unsuitable. If an accident happened, the chairman said he thought the onus would rest on the Board, and something should be done at the next Board meeting. The chairman stated that so far he had received no reply to his letter.

Mr Grove reported regarding the proposed new concrete fence for the front of the school. The sub-committee thought that expense might be reduced by having a coping instead of a fence, as was used in the gardens at Palmerston North. It fulfilled the purpose and looked quite effective. Members mentioned the stray stock nuisance, and suggested concrete posts linked up with chains. There would be no trouble in having the posts donated, which could serve the purpose of memorial posts in connection with the war. It was decided to defer further consideration till next meeting.

Mr Short., for the Visiting committee, drew attention to the quantity of surface water lying about the grounds yesterday. The sooner something was done to make an improvement the better. Mr Hobson said he had visited the 'grounds that day, and could bear out what Mr Short, had said. In front of the cycle shed there was a large pool, in which the children got wet-footed in getting their machines in and out. The chairman said the Proposed asphaltting work would take in part of the grounds. In the meantime he would see the contractor and have something done at the front of the cycle shed.

10th August 1921 The average attendances for the year 1920 at the district high schools, in the district were: Carterton, 42; Eketahuna, 40; Greytown, 10; Hutt, 31; Levin, 38; Masterton, 109; Pahiatua, 26; Petone, 53; total 439. At Martinborough, which is about twelve miles from the railway, the educational needs have, justified the establishment of a district high, school, opening in February, 1921. The board heartily approves of the recent acquirement of sites at Lower Hutt and Masterton for secondary schools to be erected in the immediate future, and the decision to establish a second Girls' High School in Wellington, as being on the lines of immediate need '

[Horowhenua College was not opened until 1940]

Dr. Gow and Mr Bould were appointed a Visiting Committee for next month

15th August 1921 The members, of the Levin School Committee formed themselves into a working bee this morning and commenced the removal of the high hedge along the Oxford frontage of the school. This is a preliminary step prior to the erection' of a low concrete wall, which should be a decided improvement on the old conditions.

18th August 1921 The strong desire in Levin for the rural course at the local school to be discontinued and replaced by a matriculation course was conveyed to the Wellington Education Board yesterday by Mr W. H. Field, who stated that numbers of children were now leaving Levin and attending the Palmerston North and Wellington secondary schools. Those going to Palmerston North were seriously inconvenienced. "There "was absolute unanimity against, the continuance of the rural course," he remarked.

Mr C. I. Harkness also spoke in support. "They want," he said, "the same opportunities as you have in the city to go for the goal, and a definite goal." The present rural course was a hindrance, and it was recognised by residents that a matriculation course was essential.

Mr Bakewell, the senior inspector, pointed out that it was simply a matter of regulations, the intention of which was to ensure preliminary scientific instruction in the staple industry of the Dominion. Whatever the Chambers of Commerce might say, the Agricultural and Pastoral Societies had been insistent in their demands for this instruction. He did not see any chance of the board's getting behind the regulations. He protested against the suggestion that matriculation after two years' course in secondary work was desirable or conformed to the true spirit of education. When the post-primary course was firmly established the parents would have an opportunity of selecting their children to follow. In the meantime he thought that no useful purpose would be served by tinkering with the present system. In the opinion of the chairman (Mr T. Forsyth) the whole thing rested with the people of Levin, if they could find 70 pupils and the teachers. It was agreed that Mr Bakewell [Senior Inspector] should visit Levin to place the position before the residents.

19th August 1921 The departure of Mr V. Higgins to take up his new appointment at the Petone High School has been delayed till October 1.

19th August 1921 SHELVED FOR THE PRESENT. The question of a school for Poroutawhao came up for consideration at the meeting of the Wellington Education Board this week. A letter was read from the Department stating that no money was available for this purpose, and it could not go on with the purchase of a site or the erection of a school in the meantime. Mr C. I. Harkness said that being the case, would better coach facilities for the transport of the children to Levin school be provided? The reply was that nothing could be done in this matter also. It has now been decided that a deputation from the district concerned, with the member for the district, wait on the Minister with a request that better transport be provided.

9th September 1921 Mr B. M. Kibblewhite, who has been appointed first assistant teacher at the Levin School, will take up his duties there at the beginning of next month. Bruce Kibblewhite was a Probationer at Hutt DHS in 1907 and 1908 and didn't work for the Wellington Education Board until being appointed Deputy Principal in 1921 in 1912 he was at Gisborne School with a B A and in 1915 at Dannevirke South School

21st September 1921 The opening paragraph of a long article on the curriculum at Levin DHS That the residents of the Levin district are in earnest in backing up the Levin School Committee and the Chamber of Commerce in their endeavour to secure an alteration in the instructional course at the school 'by the elimination of the rural course and the substitution of a purely matriculation course, was very evident at the meeting called on Monday evening to hear an address on the ; matter by Mr F. H. Bakewell, senior Inspector of the Wellington Education district. The century Hall was completely 'filled with an audience that was thoroughly representative of the town and the immediate' localities.

Mr F. G. Roe, chairman of the Levin School Committee presided, and in opening the meeting said all were aware of the dissatisfaction that .existed in connection with the agricultural course, and it was the general wish that there should be a change to the matriculation course. The question had been brought before the Education Board by Mr W. H. Field, M.P., and Mr C. I. Harkness, the local representative on the Board. The result was that Mr Bakewell, the senior inspector, had been asked to come and explain the position. The chairman added that he had received several apologies from residents who were unable to attend the meeting.

3rd October 1921 Mr V. Higgins, who has been assistant master at the Levin District High School for the past three years, and who has l\*en transferred to' Petone was the recipient prior to his departure of presentations from the Horowhenua Rugby Union and from the members of his class at the school.

5th October 1921 The monthly meeting of the Committee was held last evening, the members present being Messrs. F. G. Roe (chairman), W. G. Vickers, u. Short, J. W. Procter - , C. H. Bould, H. Denton, T. Hobson and Rev. W. F. Grove (secretary).

A DELAYED GRANT. The Wellington Education Board informed the Committee that the application for a subsidy of £50 as a subsidy to the Beautifying Society's grant had been approved and would be paid at once. In reply to Mr Hobson, the chairman stated that the Board had not yet forwarded the £48 promised for asphaltting the grounds.

It was decided, on Mr Hobson's motion, that application be made to the Board for the money. THE SCHOOL FRONTAGE. The Beautifying Society wrote staling that the decision of the Committee for the improvement of the school frontage had been approved, and when an

estimate of the cost of the rockery work was submitted the Committee was prepared to make a grant.

Mr Hobson said he was present at the Beautifying Society's meeting when the matter was dealt with. It was stated that there was a quantity of rock in Bath Street which might be available for the proposed wall in front of the school, and he moved that the Committee make application for the rock for use in erecting the wall. This was agreed to.

Mr Bould considered that the rock mentioned would be quite sufficient for the erection of the proposed wall. Mr Grove and the speaker had inspected a piece of work in the Cambridge Street gardens, similar to what was intended at the school, and it was quite satisfactory. The cost was only £1 per chain, so that £10 would cover the whole cost of the school frontage. In regard to the danger of stray stock, Mr Grove said he did not think there was much likelihood of trouble from this source.

Mr Vickers said if trouble of this kind arose the rock wall might be raised.

Mr Grove then moved that the hedge in front of the infant school be removed and that the rock wall be erected along the frontage of the whole school.

Mr Bould seconded the motion, and said he considered the hedge in front of the infant school should be removed and so make one job of the frontage wall. '

The chairman said he was against the removal of the hedge in front of the infant school until the ground at the rear of the hedge was planted. .

Mr Hobson supported the chairman and pointed out that if the work at the main school proved satisfactory, then the ground in front of the infant school could be prepared in the autumn and the ground planted and the hedge removed. He considered that the Committee should not rush into this work when they had to go to the Beautifying Society for the money.

Mr Procter said that the money raised by the Beautifying Society was for beautifying work, and he did not think the Committee was out of place in accepting a grant from the society.

Mr Grove said if the further length of hedge were removed it would be an incentive to go on further with the whole of their improvements.

Mr Short moved as an amendment, that the wall be extended along the frontage of the main school, and that the hedge in front of the infant school remain for the present.

Mr Vickers supported the amendment.

Mr Bould pointed out that the difference in the cost of erection of the wall along the whole length was only £3, therefore they should do the whole job at once. On being put, the amendment was carried, and the chairman, secretary and Mr Bould were empowered to have the wall erected over the length of the main school frontage.

N.Z. WEEK. The Chamber of Commerce wrote that it was the intention of the business people of Levin to observe a New Zealand industries shopping week in November, from 3rd to the 9th, and amongst the suggested that, if possible, school swimming sports be arranged, and it was decided to approach the Committee with a view to securing its cooperation, also for the Committee and the school staff to organise suitable swimming sports, in which children attending neighbouring schools might be invited to compete.

Mr Hobson said the ensuing quarter would be a busy one with the children, as the examinations were coming on. Besides, he considered the water would be too cold for the holding of the sports. He moved that the Chamber of Commerce be informed that the Committee could not

support the proposition on these grounds, otherwise the Committee would be glad to fall in with the Chamber's proposal.

The chairman said that he was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and had been deputed to mention the matter to the Committee. He thought the shopping week a good idea, but the points raised had to be taken into account, Mr Hobson's motion was carried.

OTHER BUSINESS. Messrs. R. Bayliss and Son wrote offering to do the asphaltting of the school grounds at 3s per yard. The tender was accepted, and Messrs Hobson and Bould were appointed a visiting committee to report on any further asphaltting that might be necessary. In regard to the proposal to give a lantern lecture to the school children by Mr J. W. Gibson, the secretary was Instructed to interview Mr Gibson and get further particulars of the proposal. Mr Proctor, reporting for the visiting committee, stated that the quality of the asphaltting put down in the recent Board contract was poor. The concrete steps at the new school room were rough and were commencing to break off and required attention.— It was decided to call the Board's attention to both matters.

3rd November 1921 The headmaster of the Levin School recently took a vote of the parents-of pupils on the question of the location of the next school picnic. Plimmerton. favoured by 250 and Levin' by 61, while one parent voted for no picnic at all.' "The school committee has decided to hold the picnic at Plimmerton .

4th November 1921 Another case of typhoid developed at Poroutawhao yesterday, and the on the children attending the Levin School from that district, which it was intended to' remove today, has been re-imposed and will remain for another period. The Health officials visited the pah yesterday when the new patient was discovered. The epidemic is evidently proving more stubborn than was anticipated. So far as Muhunua, West is concerned, no fresh cases are reported, although the children are still confined to the pah, and not allowed to attend school.

2nd November 1921 The monthly meeting of the Committee was held last evening, the members present being Messrs. F. G. Roe (chairman), T. Hobson, J. W. Procter, C. H. Bould, G. Short, W. G. Vickers and Dr. Gow. An apology was received for the absence of the Rev. W. F. Grove. '

SUPPLY OF SCHOOL REQUISITES. The Board wrote in reference to the proposed scheme for the supply of school requisites, and .stated that the question was before -the Board at its last meeting. As the Board was unwilling to abandon its proposals, although some preliminary difficulties had been encountered, it had decided to consult, the teachers, which was being done. The chairman stated that this question had been under consideration at the School Committees Conference, and the Canterbury delegate had stated that the Canterbury schools got their school supplies from Canada and were effecting a great saving thereby.

SEX EDUCATION. Mr A. C. Holms wrote suggesting that the address recently delivered by Dr. Gow to Levin boys be sent to the Minister of Education (who was at the present time giving special attention to the dissemination of knowledge re sex hygiene), recommending that the address be included in a future issue of the School Journal, in order not only to reach the scholars, but all parents. The matter so judiciously handled merited, wider publicity than possible through local mediums. On the motion of Mr Vickers, .it was decided to thank Mr Holms for his suggestion, and to act upon it accordingly.

PICNIC AT PLIMMERTON. The chairman slated that the headmaster had taken a vote of the parents of the district on, the location of die next school picnic, which had resulted as follows: Plimmerton 250, Levin 61, no picnic 1, papers not returned 22. On Mr Hobson's motion it was

resolved that the picnic be held at Plimmerton, and it was resolved to hold a shop day on December 10 in aid of the picnic fund.

SCHOOL COMMITTEES' CONFERENCE. The chairman reported that he had attended the recent School Committees Federation conference, and stated that a further meeting of the Horowhenua delegates would be held in Levin on Friday afternoon next in furtherance of the local association, and that it would be necessary to appoint two delegates from the local committee in addition, to the chairman and secretary. Dr. Gow and Mr short were appointed. On the motion of Mr Vickers, a vote of thanks was accorded the chairman for attending the conference.

GENERAL. Accounts to the amount of £14 7s 11d were passed for payment.

The Levin Borough Council wrote stating that the stones lying in Bath Street, outside the public garden, were not required by the Council, and the School .Committee may remove them for use in the proposed wall along the .school frontage—Received.

A letter was read from the Board stating that the Inspector's report on his recent visit to the school was that the school was decided to write the Board inquiring what was being done in reference to the proposed coach service from Hokio; also that the asphaltting of the school grounds required attention in places, and the concrete steps to the new .secondary school.

Messrs. Vickers and Procter were appointed a visiting committee for next) month.

2nd December 1921 At the meeting of the Levin District High School Committee last evening, the chairman (Mr F. G. Roe) stated that information had been received from the Education Board stating that it had been decided to reduce the capitation grant to schools by 10 per cent per quarter. The grant to the Levin School, the chairman stated, was about £53 per quarter and the reduction would reduce" that sum by £5 or £6 [£53 IN December 1921 value is equivalent to \$5031.95 in June 2020]

2nd November 1921 Mr F. G. Roe, chairman of the Levin District High School Committee, stated a.t the meeting of that body last evening that the exhibit of war trophies would arrive in Levin next Monday, and would be displayed in Milne's garage for a week. It was hoped that every effort would be made to give the pupils ample opportunity of inspecting ft.

9th November 1921 The exhibit of war trophies at Mr J. C .Milne's garage, and held in conjunction with the New Zealand Industries Week, Is proving an attraction to a large number of people, and up till this morning had been viewed by between 500 and 600 people. During the forenoon to-day batches of pupils from the Levin School were marched up in charge of their teachers and spent a most interesting and instructive time inspecting the many different objects on view. The captured German aeroplane, the monster shells, sea mine and aerial torpedoes, together with the other strange devices of war, naturally created wonder in the juvenile minds, and an object lesson that is not without historical value.

25th November 1921 The final term-examination of the Levin District High School was commenced this morning.

28th November 1921 The Minister of Education slates that the question of whether, the 10 per cent reduction in the salaries of public servants shall apply to school teachers, has not yet been decided by Cabinet.

3rd December 1921 The School Committee has made a start with the removal of the fence along the school frontage in Oxford Street and is replacing it with a double row of boulders.

The cutting out of the former high hedge has been an immense improvement, and the Committee's innovation, whilst departing from old-fashioned stereotyped standards, will be approved by those with an eye for the artistic.

The Education Department's publication, the Education Gazette, contains an advertisement inviting applications for the position of first assistant of the secondary department of the the District High School, Mr Rockel having accepted the position of headmaster of the Ward school, Marlborough. [ Marlborough schools were in the Wellington Education Board area from 1915]

6th December 1921 PROFICIENCY AND COMPETENCY. The following gained the certificates mentioned at the recent Levin School examinations:— Leonard Astridge, Strafford Beverley, Henry Durham, Arthur Dempsey, Keith Drysdale, Jack Gill, Estevan Gapper, Brad Hayes, Fred Hislop, Clive Hobson, Robert Knight, James MacDonald, Daniel Mac Kain, Leonard Mokey, Keith Mullinder, Donald McNiven, Mua Paki, Norman Rapley, Phillip Read, George Short, Sydney Taylor, Sebastian Wilson, Martin Winiata, Herbert Woollett, Hubert Weldon, Eric Wisnofski.

Dorothy Avery, Winnie Channings, Aileen Connor, Doris Curtis, Althea Dew, Joyce Gibson, Freda Gordon, Lillian Greenfield, Lynette Hislop, Thelma Laing, Iris Phillips, Kathleen Precious, Rita Sloman, Ella Tomlinson, Barbara Webb, Rita Yuile.

COMPETENCY CERTIFICATES. Stanley Harvey, William Hassal, Laurence Howard, James MacKenzie, Gordon Procter, Matthew Spencer, Vernon Thomas, Clarence Wildbore. Olive Cottle, Bema Gill, Kathleen Gettins, Dorothy Hooker, Lavinia Jennings, Mary Poad, Mavis Poad, Edna Sherlaw.

7th December 1921 LAST MEETING OF YEAR. The last committee meeting of the year was held last evening, the members present being Messrs. F. G. Roe (chairman), J. W. Procter, W. G. Vickers, C. H. Bould, H. Denton, T. Hobson and Rev. W. F. Grove. Apologies were received for the absence of Dr. Gow and Mr G. Short. CORRESPONDENCE. Mr G. L. Stewart, secretary of the Education Board, wrote stating that at a recent meeting, ..the Board had before it the committee's letter of September 20, re the rural course. As there was overwhelming evidence of the success of matriculation candidates attending other schools which undertake the rural course, the Board was of opinion that matriculation work and the rural course were not incompatible. It may, of course, be that pupils do not remain long enough at the Levin School to reach the matriculation standard. The Board was, however, looking into the whole question, and would address the Committee more definitely at a-later date.— Received. The Education Board wrote slating that the grant of £48 for ground improvements had been paid into the Committee's account.—Received, the chairman stating that it was satisfactory to note that the grant had at last been paid.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Committee's letter of November 7, with reference to the reduction of the education grant. Needless to say, the letter stated, the Board very much regretted the necessity for reducing the amounts payable 'to school committees, but it had no option. As was explained in the Board's circular, the amount received by the Board from the Education Department for this purpose was inadequate, and there appeared to be no prospect of an increase. After making the 10 per cent reduction -which the Board had decided upon, the amount paid to school committees this year would be considerably in excess of the amount received for the purpose. There was no doubt that the Board would revert to the higher rate as

soon as it was possible. As illustrating the extent to which the Board had gone, it was mentioned that in the case of the Levin School, the amount of the grant for the current year provided by the Department was £187, whereas, according to the Board's scale, the Committee received £215. The 10 per cent reduction would reduce the Committee's annual grant to £196, £9 in excess of the amount received by the Board. In view of this, it would be agreed that the Board was liberal in its treatment of committees. It appeared that the only way in which the position could be met was by the Committee closely scrutinising its expenditure with a view to reduction where possible.—The letter was received.

The Minister of Education acknowledged receipt of a copy of Dr. Cow's address on sex hygiene. He did not know that it was altogether suitable for reproduction in the School Journal, as suggested by the Committee, but it may be possible to utilise it in connection with the Education Gazette, which had recently been investigated. He would, however, be very pleased to submit the committee's suggestion to the editors of both publications.

Mr C. F. Rockel, assistant, secondary department, informed the committee that the Board had offered him a position in the Ward School, which it was his intention to accept as from February 1.

The letter was received, and it was decided to write Mr. Rocket, and wish him all success in his new position.

Mr Smithson, caretaker, applied for a fortnight's holidays.—Granted.

The chairman referred to the proposed shop day in aid of the picnic fund. It had been proposed to hold it on Saturday next, but that day had been taken up, and he moved that the shop day be held on the following Saturday, December 17, and that the Committee make a canvass as was done last year for donations for the shop. It may be advisable to hold a benefit entertainment also, at a date that could be arranged later. This was agreed to.

**SCHOOL "BREAK-UP."** The chairman stated that the school would "break-up" for the Christmas holidays on December 22, and it was proposed to hold a fitting gathering in the afternoon of that day at which the certificates and medals won during the year would be presented. He thought that the Committee and their wives, as well as parents, should be present on the occasion. The committee agreed with the suggestion, the headmaster stating that the function could be held in the grounds, which would be the most suitable place for such an event.

**THE NEW FRONTAGE.** Mr Bould reported that the work of constructing the new boulder frontage at the school was going on satisfactorily.

Mr Grove stated that between the two rows of boulders flowering plants would be planted later on, and when in bloom the frontage would present a pretty appearance. **STRAY STOCK.** Mr Hobson asked if any provision was being made to deal with any stray stock that might get into the grounds now that the fence had been removed. The chairman stated that the only provision was to impound,

Mr Hobson pointed out that the ranger would have to get instruction from the Committee before he could take stock off the school grounds. He moved that the ranger be given such authority, and to press for heavy damages where stock was found in the school grounds. The motion was carried.

In reply to a question, the headmaster said that two cows had been found in the grounds lately.

VISITING COMMITTEE. Mr Vickers reported that he and M Procter, as a Visiting Committee, had visited the school, that day, and recommended that a double gate be erected at the entrance to the horse paddock, also that the saddle rack be put in order in the shed. The; also suggested that the horse paddock be ploughed up and laid down in grass. Mr Procter had kindly offered to lend a horse and plough for the work.

Mr Denton stated that he thought the committee should concentrate on the work in front of the school and get that finished first. He thought that the seed for sowing the paddock would be an expensive item. The chairman said he thought the work could stand over till February or March, as the Committee was not in a position to undertake the expense. It was decided to defer this work meantime, and to attend to the other matters referred to.

17th December 1921 The "break-up" of the Levin District High School has been altered to Wednesday instead of Thursday of next week

22nd December 1921 The "break-up" of the Levin District High School for the Christmas holidays, and distribution of the prizes and certificates won during the year, took place in the school grounds yesterday afternoon in the presence of members of the School Committee, Mr McIntyre (headmaster) and his staff, and a number of parents and friends.

THE CHAIRMAN'S GOOD WISHES. Mr F. G. Roe, chairman of the School Committee, presided, and in his opening remarks stated he was sure the scholars were glad that that day had arrived, so that they may be relieved of their duties for the Christmas holidays. "We hope," he said, "that you will all have a pleasant time, and that you will all enjoy yourselves, and when school re-assembles in February you will be able to start the New Year with renewed vigour. In a few years hence you boys and girls will be called upon to assist in carrying on our glorious country and our Empire, and I ask you all to do the very best you can whilst you are at school, as it is only by hard work and obeying your teachers and parents that you will succeed and make a name for yourselves." He went on to say that he had a number of prizes, medals and certificates to distribute that day. Some would, perhaps, be disappointed in not getting a prize, but he advised these scholars to make up their minds after returning to school that they would be amongst the prize-winners next year. Mr Roe referred to the prizes presented by the Levin Chamber of Commerce for schools along the coast for the best essay on New Zealand-made goods, also the three handsome medals donated by Mrs Pyke for the same purpose. Of the 12 awards, eight had come to the Levin District High School, which was a very creditable reward. The three medals given by Mrs Pyke had all come to the school. It was regretted that, owing to indisposition, the donor of the medals was unable to be present that afternoon.

#### THE YEAR'S WORK.

Touching on the work of the year, Mr Roe said it had been very satisfactory. The attendance during the year had been excellent, the March quarter showing 92 per cent of the pupils were present, June quarter 90 per cent, September quarter 92 per cent, and the December quarter 91 per cent. Considering that the average percentage of the Dominion was 88 per cent, there was nothing to complain of in the local figures. The examination results had also been good. In Standard I. 74 pupils had been presented and 71 promoted; Standard II., 63 and 59; Standard III., 98 and 93; Standard IV., 69 and 65; and Standard V., 69 and 65. In these classes 352 had been promoted out of 372, or 97 per cent. Of the 64 scholars in Standard VI., 42 had gained proficiency and 16 competency certificates. This year there were two dux of the school, the

gold medal presented by Mr Higgins going to Dorothy Avery with 324 points, and Mr McIntyre's medal was won by Norman Rapley (330 points).

SCHOOL PICNIC FUND. Mr Roe briefly referred to the Shop Day held last Saturday in aid of the school picnic fund. On behalf of the school he thanked all who had made donations to the shop and had assisted to make it a success, specially mentioning Mr Marriott, of the Boys' Training Farm, for goods supplied and his assistance in other directions.

#### ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES.

The chairman presented the prizes as follows, commencing with the attendance certificates:—  
P. 1., 11., III.: K. Eyes, Mervyn Wilson.

P. IV.: Osborne Keedwell, Arthur Coleman.

Standard I.: Byron Harvey, Albert Lamb, Vernon Stallard, Leslie Wilson, Mavis Morgan, Dulcia Channings. Standard II.: Flora Malcolm, Jack White, Corbett Wallace, Gerald Mudgway, Leslie Leger, Leslie Wilson. Jack Lock, Reg. Hosie. Standard 111 A: Dolly Parsons, Herbert Claridge, Leslie Mudgway, M. Stallard, Arthur Williams. Standard III.B: James Hesp. Martin Harvey, Alex. Malcolm, Doris Allen, Jean Fraser, Rita Macdonald, Betty Percy.

Standard IV.: Stanley Atkins, Edmund Rapley, Ian Goldsmith, Keith Bould, Robert Sunley, Leslie Jennings, James Jamieson, Edwin Locke, Nancy Andrew, Isabel Connor, Mary McDonald, Elsie Denton, Vera Young. Standard V.: Edna. Kingsbeer, Irene Robertson, Annie Knight, Oreti Stallard, Eunice Melton, Stanley Mudgway, Filmer Phillips, Kenneth Read, William Tout, Harold Terry, Ernest Grey, Archie Woollett. Standard VI.: Joyce Gibson, Lynette Hislop, Ella Tomlinson, Marjorie Melton, Winnie Channings, Aileen Connor, Jessie Macintosh, Norman Rapley, Matthew Spencer, Leonard Makey, Jack Gill, Henry Durham, Leonard: Astridge, James Mackenzie, Philip Read. Secondary girls: Rita Hearle, Eileen Bagrie, Anita Chapman, Grace McFarlane, Dora Tomlinson.

Secondary boys: Percy Cornish, Hartland Bull, Oswald Gray. DUX PRIZES, Dux girl (Mr Higgins' medal): Dorothy Avery. Dux boy (Mr McIntyre's medal): Norman Rapley. SPECIAL PRIZES. Presented by Miss Milnes, Standard I, for best kept exercise books: Mary Allen. Presented by Miss Ogg, Standard 11, for good conduct: Flora Malcolm, Corrick Swanwick. Presented by Miss Thorpe, secondary class, for general knowledge: Jas. McAllister.

ESSAY COMPETITION. The Levin Chamber of Commerce essay competition in connection with New Zealand industries week in Levin, open to schools along the coast district, and for which prizes were presented by the Chamber, resulted:— Standard V.: Julia Innes (Levin D.H.S.) 1, Eunice Cornish (Otaki Convent) 2, Dulcie Deans (Paekakariki) highly commended, A. Woollett (Levin D.H.S.) commended. . Twenty entries. Standard VI.: Donald .McNiven (Levin D.H.S.) 1, Edith Groom (Muhunoo) 2, Ethel Porte (Waikanae) highly commended, Joe Harkness (Ohau) com- ; mended; 2(5 entries. I Secondary Department: H, Beckett

(Levin D.H.S.) 1, P. Cornish (Levin D.H.S.) t, Edna Keal (Levin D.H.S.) highly commended, V. Boulton (Levin D.H.S.) commended. Eleven entries. The winners of Mrs Pyke's medals were:— Standard. V.: Julia Innes. Standard VI.: Donald McNiven. Secondary Department: H. Beckett. The second prize in this competition, presented by Mr McIntyre, was won by P. Cornish. Competency and proficiency certificates were also presented, the list of winners having already been published. On the call of Mr Roe, cheers were given for Mrs Pyke and Mr McIntyre and staff, and a similar compliment was paid Mr Roe. The Union Jack was then run

to the top of the flagpole, the children saluted, and concluded the ceremony with the National Anthem.

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1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Foss	Reginald J	B-31	Head	£500.00
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Kibblewhite	Bruce	A-86	Assistant	£415.00
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Jones	Howard J	C-106	Assistant	£385.00
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Hitchcock	Mary L	C-104	Infant Mistress	£353.00
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Casey	John	B-146	Assistant	£335.00
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Smith	Sara E Mrs	D-117	Assistant	£333.00
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Robbie	Ann Mrs	D-143	Assistant	£243.00
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Perry	Catherine	D-163	Assistant	£215.00
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Frost	Eileen M	C-212	Assistant	£185.00
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Dove	Sylvia E A	C-209	Assistant	£175.00
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Britland	Eleanor S	C-213	Assistant	£175.00
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Hearle	Rita V		Probationer 1	£113.00
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Perry	Jean R M		Reliever	£105.00
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Leger	Elma M		PT2	£85.00
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Beverley	Felicia M		PT1	£83.00
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Kingsbeer	Thelma L		Probationer 1	£83.00
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Harris	Leslie G		Probationer 2	£83.00
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Marsh	John	B-133	Secondary	
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Armstrong	Beryl G	B-163	Secondary	
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Milnes	Ruby O	B-185	Secondary	
1923	586/91	Levin DHS	Aplin	Grace M	B-196	Secondary	

21st January 1922 At the recent matriculation 'examinations, A. W. Beckett and Edna V. Keall pupils of the Levin District High School, came out very creditably, the former passing the matriculation, solicitor's general knowledge and medical preliminary, whilst the latter passed the matriculation and solicitors' general knowledge. Three ex-pupils of the Levin District High School, who have been continuing their studies at the Palmerston North High School, have also acquitted themselves well. Miss Edna Pink achieved a good performance in passing the matriculation, solicitors' general knowledge and medical preliminary, a result of which she can well be proud. Harvey Thomson passed his matriculation examination, and H J Keys gained a partial pass. Ella K. Bertram and Marion E. Smith, two former Levin pupils now attending the Wellington Girls' College, are among the successful candidates, the securing a pass in matriculation, solicitors' general knowledge and medical preliminary, and the latter was successful in matriculating.

25th January 1922 Miss Edna V. Keall, daughter of the Rev. R. P. Keall, of Otaki, has been "successful in passing her matriculation examination, held at Wellington, and has also gained a senior National scholarship. The young lady was for two years at Woodville, and for the last; year has been at the Levin High School.

7th February 1922 Mr Marsh , of Tawa. Flat School has been appointed first assistant master at die Levin High School. .Mrs Robbie, of die Ihakara School and Miss Thelma Kingsbeer, of

the Tokomaru School, have also been appointed to the staff, whilst Miss Reta Hearle will commence as a probationer, and Miss Felicia Beverley as a pupil teacher.

8th February 1922 The Levin District High School Committee met last evening. Present: Messrs. F. G. Roe (chairman), T. Hobson, G. Short, Dr. Gow, H. Denton, Rev. W. F. Grove, and the headmaster, Mr McIntyre. The Education Board advised of the appointment of Mrs Bobbie and Mr Marsh to the school staff, and Misses Hearle, Beverley and Kingsbeer as probationers. It was decided to hold the school picnic on Friday, February 24. Arrangements were made for the picture benefit to be held on Friday, February 17, and also for the picnic at Plimmerton.

11th February 1922 Information has been received from the Railway Department that Wednesday, March 1st will be the most suitable date to provide a special train for the Levin school picnic at Plimmerton. The picnic will therefore be held on that date.

13th February 1922 The motor service for the conveyance of the Hokio children to the Levin school commenced with the reopening of the school and is proving a boon as compared with the old-fashioned things.

21st February 1922 The swimming sports of the Levin District High School, to be held in the local baths to-morrow afternoon should provide some keen competition and excellent exhibitions of the natatorial art. Admittedly there is no finer exercise for calling all the muscles of the body into play, and the encouragement of swimming among school children is worthy of support. In Levin the children have good baths at hand and many of them have become proficient swimmers; some, indeed, have become adept and developed fair turns of speed in the water. A lengthy programme will be gone through, and children of all ages will be seen displaying their prowess. Also there are races for old girls and old boys. Entrance to all events is free, and a splendid assortment of trophies donated by generous townspeople is to be distributed among the winners. Afternoon tea will be available during the afternoon.

28th February 1922 Readers' indulgence is asked tomorrow for Chronicle, runners, who will be enjoying themselves at the school picnic at Plimmerton. Wednesday's issue will be delivered early on Thursday morning, or subscribers may obtain their copies from the office up till 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, or at 7 p.m. after the return of the picnic train.

The Levin School picnic is to be held at Plimmerton to-morrow, and a special train to convey the picnickers has been arranged to leave Levin station at 7.45 a.m. The tram leaves Plimmerton on the return trip at 5 p.m. Carriages will be reserved in the front of the train for adults, but parents who wish to do so may take children under Standard 1. into their carriages with them. Each child is required to provide its own lunch, but hot water, tea, milk and sugar will be distributed gratis at the beach.

1st March 1922 Eleven cars and six sealed waggons were required to convey the big crowd of parents and children and their friends to the Levin School picnic being held at Plimmerton today. The train actually carried 1055 people. A start was made at 7.45 a.m., and the train leaves the seaside resort at 5 p.m. on its return journey.

8th March 1922 The monthly meeting of the Levin School Committee was held at the School last night. Present; Messrs. F. G. Roe (chairman), T. Hobson, H. Denton, W. G. Vickers, C. H. Bould, Dr. Gow and Rev. W. F. Grove (secretary). An apology was received for Mr Procter's absence.

The Department wrote stating that as the expenses at the recent picnic picture benefit exceeded 20 per cent of the receipts, amusement tax would have to be paid. The secretary pointed out that children's sixpenny tickets did not carry the tax. The Committee was only liable for tax on the adult tickets.

**THE SWIMMING SPORTS.** A balance-sheet was submitted of the recent swimming sports. Tire receipts totalled £30 4/11 (balance 1/9, gate £11 18/1, afternoon tea £4 1/4, cash trophies £14 4/). The expenditure was: Prizes £16 14/6, seating £1 10/, printing £2- 7/6, sundries 11/6, leaving a credit balance of £9 1/5. A further guinea for trophies would reduce this to £8. This result was considered to be very .satisfactory. On Mr Hobson's motion, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies who had provided the afternoon tea at the sports.

**THE PICNIC.** The chairman submitted an approximate statement of receipts and expenditure in connection with the school picnic. The receipts included: Tickets sold £74 14/6, shop day £25, egg day £3 15/, picture show £29 16/6, total £ 133 6/. The expenditure included; Picture Show £7 10/, Railway Department. £121 10/5., tickets, advertising £1 18/6, arrangements at Plimmerton £15 5/, provisions, fruit, etc., £10 0/1, total £149 4/. To meet the deficiency, £18 18/ had been drawn from the picnic reserve from last year, in the Post Office Savings Bank, which was thus reduced to £15. Considering the fewer fund-raising efforts, this was considered satisfactory. **COMPLAINT AGAINST RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.** The chairman said the picnic was very satisfactory in spite of the weather. Over 1100 individuals went to Plimmerton, and there was no hitch or accident, while the behaviour of the children was excellent. He felt very disappointed, however, at the action of the Railway Department in sending a number of waggons to Levin to take the passengers, especially as the Department, had plenty of carriages on hand, and no other picnic had been compelled to take waggons. He had protested to the Traffic Manager and got an unsatisfactory reply. He then rang up the Minister for Railways but got no more satisfaction there. In answer to his representations the Minister telegraphed as follows: "I have had inquiries made, and regret exceedingly no more cars are available owing to necessity providing special immigrant train for Auckland to-morrow. Every effort has been made by the Department to meet your requirements, and steps have been taken to batten up doors of waggons, and stipulation made that one adult must be placed in charge of each waggon." Mr Roe said when he saw the waggons he felt inclined to cancel the whole thing, and, would have done if arrangements had not gone so far. He had apologised to the people who were compelled to sit in them.

Members of the Committee considered the waggons were not fit to take people through tunnels in, and that the Departmental explanation was very unsatisfactory.

10th March 1922 At last meeting of the Levin School Committee it was stated that the arrangements hitherto existing for the instruction of pupil teachers had been altered so far as their venue was concerned. Up till the present teachers in the Wellington Board's schools on the allowance of 30/ each being made to cover fare and expenses. As a measure of economy it has now been decided to hold these classes in Levin as the train arrangements for the district affected—from Tokomaru to Paekakariki—are very suitable and satisfactory arrangements can be made for instructors.

10th March 1922 At the last meeting of the Levin School Committee it was decided, on the application of the local Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian ministers and the Salvation Army officers, to take a referendum of the parents of children attending the school as to their

willingness to allow the children to attend a half-hourly religious lesson once weekly. Power was recently given to school committees to allow such a referendum. The instruction is to take place during school hours and to be of a general character, eliminating dogmatic or doctrinal touching.

30th March 1922 The referendum of parents to decide whether religious instruction should be included in the curriculum of the Levin School, the teaching being given by ministers and accredited teachers "of the four denominations making application, resulted in the proposal being agreed to by a large majority of parents—75 per cent, of them recording their votes as in favour of it.

5th April 1922 it was mentioned by the chairman (Mr F. G. Roe) at last night's meeting of the School Committee that— over £600 had been handled by the secretary during the year in connection with school activities, maintenance and improvements. This was the biggest sum that, had been handled so far, and yet there was a credit balance after paying accounts amounting to £55 11/2 of £16.[£600 in March 1922 = \$59175.81 in March 2020]

6th April 1922 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE. A meeting of (the committee of the Levin District High School was held on Tuesday night. The chairman, Mr F. G. Roe, occupied the chair, and others present were: Dr. Gow, Messrs. Hobson, Denton, Procter, Vickers and Bould, and the secretary, the Rev. F. W. Grove. PHONOGRAPH AS TEACHER. Mr Ken Aitken wrote drawing attention to the value of music in schools and suggested that the phonograph could be used with advantage in this connection. Military records could be used when children were marching in and out of school, and for instructional purposes records of speeches of great statesmen could be obtained. To allow the Committee a trial of a machine he would be pleased to place one at their disposal for half an hour a week for four weeks. The headmaster said the school had a piano. However, the gramophone was not a new departure for schools. Some schools already had them in use for very brief periods. Dr. Gow moved that the communication be received, and this was agreed to.

ELECTIONS THIS MONTH. The Board wrote stating that the annual elections of School Committees in the district would be held on Monday, April 94.—The secretary reported that he had engaged the Century Hall for the householders' meeting at 7.30 on the evening of that date. It was pointed out that on this occasion all nominations had to be in the hands of the secretary a week beforehand. None would be accepted at the meeting.

HIGH AVERAGE ATTENDANCE. The chairman reported that all the teachers had taken the oath of allegiance in conformity with the Act. As this was the last meeting of the present committee, he took the opportunity of saying that during the year the school work had progressed well. Everyone had worked in harmony, and the attendance had been kept at a high level. There were 612 children on the roll, and the average attendance was 95 per cent. In the secondary department there were 67 pupils who had kept the attendance figures during the year up to 65

WORK IN STORE. "The next committee will have a busy time ahead of them with the introduction of the post-primary system," said the chairman. He added that he was sure it would take some considerable time and trouble to get the system into working order. The headmaster mentioned that the scheme would first be put into operation in the centres, and it was probable that it would not be introduced in Levin for some time after, when the school would have the benefit of the others' experience.

BEAUTIFYING THE GROUNDS. The secretary reported that he had drafted a few recommendations to the incoming Committee. Those included providing a teachers' room and an honours board. Another dealt with the machine-guns. He thought they should be repainted and mounted in front, of the flagpole on an asphalted stand that could replace the present plot and would tend to show off the lawn in front to advantage.—it was agreed that those matters should be submitted to the incoming Committee

In connection with the condition of the grounds in front of the school, Mr Bould said he had been congratulated as a member of the Committee by a resident of the town who had been away for 12 months, on the improvements noticeable. Mr Bould's own opinion was that in not having the hedge cleared earlier the Committee hid their light under a bushel, and people had not been able to see what was being done. VOTES OF THANKS. On the motion of Mr Vickers., a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for his services during the past year, and the wish was expressed that he would be able to resume the chair after the election. Similar compliments were paid to the secretary, the fact that his position had required him to handle accounts in one year amounting to over £600 being specially commented on as a big job for one who gave his services gratis.

6th April 1922 The headmaster of the Levin School (Mr McIntyre) will retire on superannuation at an early date. Mr McIntyre has been connected with the school for 30 years past.

7th April 1922 There are 612 children on the roll of the Levin School, and during the past year the average attendance was 95 per cent.

19th April 1922 Nominations closed last night of candidates for election to the Levin School Committee, and as the number does not exceed that, required, the necessity for an election at the householders' meeting on Monday evening does not arise. The following will constitute the new Committee:—

Messrs.. C. H. Bould, U. Denton, D. J. Gardiner, T. Hobson, J. W. Procter, F. G. Roe, J. S. Wilson, W. G. Vickers and Dr. Gow. From the old Committee there are two defections, Rev. W. F. Grove and Mr G. Short, who would not allow themselves to be again nominated. Their places have been filled by Messrs. Gardiner and Wilson. During his term of office on the Committee, the Rev. Mr Grove carried out the duties of secretary in a very able manner and worked unstintingly in ensuring the success of the annual picnic and other activities of the school, in which the Committee were directly interested. Mr Gardiner, one of the new candidates, only recently took up his residence in Levin. He has had previous experience of educational matters, having acted for some time as Commissioner in lieu of a school committee in a Main Trunk line centre. The other new nominee is Mr J. S. Wilson, of Beach Road.

The lack of interest taken in the election by parents as a whole is scarcely creditable to them, and while it might be taken as indicating satisfaction with the retiring Committee's management, it is to be feared that the real reason is sheer indifference to the work of educational local government. The chairman of the Committee, Mr F. G. Roe, expressed his opinion forcibly to a Chronicle representative this morning. "This is the first time for a good number of years," said Mr Roe, "that we have had no election for the School Committee. One always takes it that in receiving a number of nominations that it shows the parents are taking a great interest in the work of the school. I feel that the apathy displayed by the parents in this school election does not give the Committee much encouragement. The responsibility is

theirs. The school is for the people, and the future of the children depends on the education which they demand for them," added the chairman.

21st April 1922 LEVIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

PARTICULARS OF YEAR'S WORK. THE ANNUAL REPORT. The following report will be presented -at the annual meeting of householders of Levin, to be held in the Century Hall on Monday evening;—

Roll.—For the year ended March 31, 1922, there was an increase of 60 on the roll number during the year, i.e., 620 to 680. The average roll for the year was 643, as compared with 618 average roll for previous year,

Attendance.—The attendance for the year was 592, or 93 per cent of the average roll, while during the previous year it was only 80 per cent. As the district percentage is 90, and the Dominion percentage 89, 93 must be considered as exceptionally good.

Secondary Class Roll.—There has been for the March quarter of 1922 a large increase in the secondary roll, fully justifying the erection of the two new rooms for the secondary department. The average attendance for the quarter was 65, which is a long way in excess of corresponding quarters in previous years:— March, 1919 33 March, 1920 30 March, 1921 47 March, 1922 '65 Nearly 50 per cent of the Secondary Class pupils reside out of Levin.

Examinations.—Favourable reports were received from the inspectors on their visits of June and September. The results of the November examinations were: one- candidate passed Matriculation, Solicitors' General Knowledge and Medical Preliminary; another candidate passed Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge and gained a Senior Scholarship; six were,, granted Senior Free Places and two passed partially in two groups for the Teacher's "D" Certificates.

Staff.—The number on the staff is similar to that of last year, but providing the present average attendance is maintained till the end of June, the school will be entitled to another Secondary Class teacher and another Primary Class teacher.. Changes in the staff were as follows; Mrs Brown left May 2, Mr Higgins September 30, Mr Rockel, Misses Ogg, Hooper, Christenson, Best and Dyer left on December 21. Mrs White began duties on May 2, Mr Marsh and Kibblewhite on October 3, and Mrs Robbie, Misses Kingsbeer, Beverley and Hearle on February 7.

Health.—With the exception of an epidemic of typhoid fever among the native children towards the end of 1921 the health of the children has been good, as evidenced by the good attendance during the year. It is the exception now to find a child absent unless the absence is caused by illness.

Conveyance.—During 1921 separate conveyances brought in children from Poroutawhao, Gladstone Road and Kimberley Road. At the beginning of this year the two latter were combined and a new service to Hokio was instituted. The numbers conveyed by each are: Poroutawhao 19.. Kimberley and Gladstone Roads 45. Hokio 30 A total of 94. Poroutawhao is the least satisfactory of these services, and a motor bus would be preferable to the present dilapidated coach. The Board has purchased a school site at Porotawhao and purposes erecting a school before the end of the year [Didn't open until 1924].

Swimming.-- The annual swimming carnival was held on March 1, when Levin, for the fourth year in succession, won the Robertson Challenge Shield for the relay race. The affair showed a profit of 8 pounds. The trial for swimming certificates was held on March 29, 30 and 31 when

certificates were gained as follows: Learners' certificates, 50 yds to 220 yds, 26; proficiency certificates, 220 yds to 1 mile, 24; certificates of merit, over 1 mile, 1—total, 51.

Religious Instruction.—A referendum of parents to decide whether religious instruction should be included in the curriculum of the school, resulted in the proposal being agreed to by a large majority of parents.

Governor-General's Visit.—On November 28 1921, about 300 of the school children assembled in front of the Post office, Levin, to welcome Lord and Lady Jellicoe, and the school was granted a holiday on account of their official visit to Levin.

The picnic to Plimmerton on March 1 was another success, about 1100 making the trip, including children, teachers, committeemen and parents. After an enjoyable day by the seaside they arrived home about 7 p.m. The Headmaster and staff are to be congratulated upon the discipline and management of the children, and, thanks are due to the Headmaster and staff for help at the show day and picture show, and also all the ladies and gentlemen and general public who assisted the funds to make the trip possible. The funds collected were not sufficient to cover the expenses, and a sum of £12 16/6 was drawn from the Post Office Savings Bank account, leaving still a credit balance of £18 17/10 this fund.

School Improvements. —The macrocarpa hedge and wire fence in front of the school has been removed, throwing the school open to the full view of the public, and this has made a great improvement to the appearance of the school. Asphalt around the main school and infant school has been completed, and we have now a good asphalt tennis court. All trees around the grounds have been lopped and primed, which greatly adds to the appearance of the grounds.

School Committee's Federation. - The formation of a School Committees Federation, comprising all schools between Makerua and Paekakariki, and called the Horowhenua School Committees Association, was accomplished during the year. Headmaster's Retirement. —We all regret that our Headmaster, Mr McIntyre, retires on account of ill-health about the end of May, after 30 years' service at the Levin School. I feel sure that both Mr and Mrs McIntyre will be greatly missed, not only at the school, but in many other ways, as they have always taken such a deep interest in almost everything in connection with the welfare of Levin.

Committee,—As the number of nominations received does not exceed the committeemen required, there is no occasion for a ballot. The Rev. Mr Grove and Mr G. Short are not seeking re-election. Both these gentlemen have taken a great interest in school matters, and we regret they were unable to offer their services again. This is the first time for some years we have had no election, and I feel that the apathy shown by the parents is not very encouraging.

28th April 1922 Before the meeting of the Horowhenua Rugby Union concluded on Wednesday evening, Mr F. Whibley, of Foxton, referred to the retirement of Mr J. McIntyre from the position of president owing to his removal from the district.

29th April 1922 The Wellington Education Board has accepted the resignation of Mr J. McIntyre, head teacher of the Levin District High School

4th May 1922 The first meeting of the newly-elected Committee of the Levin District High School was held on Tuesday evening, the members present being Messrs. F. G. Roe (chairman), T. Hobson, C. H. Bould, J. W. Procter, H. Deaton, J. Wilson, D. J. Gardiner and Dr. Gow. The chairman stated that a secretary had not been appointed at the annual meeting,

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and that was their first duty, that evening. Messrs. Hobson and Bould were nominated, but both declined owing to pressure of other business, but Mr Hobson eventually agreed to accept. Before the formal business commenced, the chairman welcomed the new members, Messrs. Gardiner and Wilson.

**CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS.** Mr E. Newman, M.P., informed the Committee, that a married man with four children of school age would be taking up his residence at the writer's property at Kai Kai, on the Foxton Road, and asked if there was a service for the conveyance of the children to the Levin school. It was stated that Kai Kai was a few miles beyond Poroutawhao. The chairman stated that the present Poroutawhao service for bringing the children to school was quite unsatisfactory. He asked if it would not be possible to get the Foxton mail car to bring the children in. The difficulty, of course, would be to get the children out again.

Other members agreed that the present service was not satisfactory, and something better was wanted. It was decided that the chairman reply to Mr Newman, pointing out the unsatisfactory nature of the Poroutawhao service, and inquire if some improvement could not be effected.

**DENTAL SCHEME FOR CHILDREN.** A circular letter was read from Mr D. S. Mackenzie, of Levin, stating for the past two years he had been doing dental work at several schools in the district, and now had several hundred receiving treatment every four months. In this, the third year, there had been a great increase in applicants for treatment, and he was seriously thinking of engaging further assistance for the extension of the scheme if parents desired it. Experience was proving that once a child was placed in order there was not a great deal of work required to maintain that standard if regularly attended once every four months. Of the patients receiving treatment when the work was commenced over two years ago 90 per cent were suffering from dental disease of the permanent teeth, and to-day over 90 per cent were dentally fit. The schools being visited were Levin, Manakau, Otaki, Waikanae and Paraparaumu, and the charges per annum for those under 9. Children coming in over that age were subject to a higher rate for the first year only, such charges being made according to dental fitness. The information was placed before the Committee, as it was considered the Committee should know that, something could be done to deal with this defect if required. The chairman stated that Mr Mackenzie was treating 90 children in the Levin school, and 400 in the whole district. Mr Mackenzie was doing very good work. The chairman said he understood that the Government was training lady dentists to undertake work at 11 schools in future, and Mr Mackenzie welcomed such work being undertaken by the Government, it was worthy of note that this was the only district that was receiving attention in this way at the present time in this portion of the North Island, and Mr Mackenzie was to be commended on his scheme.

In reply to Mr Denton, the chairman said from Mr Mackenzie's letter the charge for attention was based on the state of the children's teeth, with a minimum of £1 per annum. He thought if a small room were provided at the school it would be a great convenience to the dentist. Mr Wilson considered that £1 per year should be a sufficient charge, as there were some whose teeth required very little attention.

Members pointed out it was only those children whose teeth really required attention who joined in the scheme, and that the charges on that ground were quite reasonable.

The letter was received, members considering the scheme a very satisfactory one.

**BEAUTIFYING SCHOOL GROUNDS.** The chairman stated that something was required in connection with the stone fence in front of the school. Soil should be placed between the two

lines of stones, and the space planted with shrubs. He moved that application be made to the Beautifying Society for a further grant. Such money' would carry a subsidy' from the Education Board.

This was seconded by Mr Denton, who said, some planting should be done in the grounds. Mr Hobson pointed out. that some asphaltting round to the bicycle shed had been left over from last year. There was also some similar work to be done at the infant school.

Dr. Gow suggested that the Committee should commence by helping themselves to improve the grounds. The members themselves should procure 'Drees and shrubs for planting. He thought they should use native trees as much as possible.

The chairman agreed and thought members should do their share. The motion to apply to the Beautifying Society was carried. SEATS IN GROUNDS.

The Chairman said that members had remarked that if seats were placed under the trees in the grounds they' would be a boon to the children during the lunch hour, and especially' in winter. Mr Gardiner had kindly promised the timber required, and Mr Vickers would have the seats constructed, and before long the children would have seats provided for them in the grounds.

GENERAL. Messrs. Denton and Procter were appointed a visiting committee for the coming month.

4th May 1922 Old pupils of the Levin School from the year 1892 to the present time are invited to attend a meeting to be held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Oxford Street, on Saturday evening at 7.30, the object of the meeting being to make arrangements for a re-union Of old pupils on the occasion of the retirement of Mr James McIntyre, headmaster of the Levin School. .

27th May 1922 Mr R. J. Foss, headmaster of the Carterton District High Echoed, has been appointed headmaster of the Levin District High School in succession Mr McIntyre .

Reginald J Foss was a pupil teacher at Dalefield School, south west of Carterton from 1889 to 1891. He then moved to Carterton school as a pupil teacher until 1894 and then spent one year at Otaki as a pupil teacher From 1896 to 1905 he was sole teacher at Waikanae School. Promoted to Fernridge in 1906 he was there until 1915. He was not teaching in 1917 at any state school. In 1919 He was head of Eketahuna and by 1921 he was head of Carterton

7th June 1922 It was mentioned at the meeting of the Levin District High School Committee last evening that the headmaster (Mr J. McIntyre) indisposed and confined to his room. Members expressed the hope that he would soon regain his usual health.

The Education Board informed the School Committee last evening that the appointment of Mr R. J. Foss to the position of head teacher of the Levin District High School had been confirmed. Mr Foss has had 33 years' service and at present is head teacher of the Carterton District High School.

7th June 1922 The monthly meeting of the Levin District High School Committee was held last evening. Present; Messrs. F. G. Roe (chairman), W. G. Vickers, H. Denton, T. Hobson, D, J. Gardiner, J. W. Procter and Dr. Gow.

GAS CONNECTION. The Education Board notified that the Levin gasworks lender of £13 15s for connecting the school with the gas main was accepted. Members drew attention to the rough condition in which the grounds were left after the laying of the gas pipe, the earth covering the pipe being fully eight inches above the level of flic ground. It was unanimously decided to draw the attention of the Borough Council to the matter.

ALTERATION IN TRAIN SERVICE. The Hon. Mr Nosworthy replied on behalf of the Minister for Railways to the Committee's representations that the 9.25 train from Wellington should be delayed two hours to suit the convenience of secondary pupils returning home to stations north of Levin. The Minister's letter said; "With reference, to the representations made urging that the departure of the 9. 25 a.m. Wellington Palmerston North mixed train be delayed until 11.25 a.m. to enable the children from the surrounding district attending the Levin School to reach their homes at a reasonable hour I have to Inform you that the train in question has been running at the present time for many years, and is the only means by which passengers can reach certain stations in the morning. Apart from this, it is a connecting link for the transportation of perishable goods for the Main Trunk, Wanganui and Hawke's Bay districts, it will be evident, therefore, that it could not be delayed without, causing inconvenience to suburban passengers at the Wellington end, and dislocating the through goods service. In these circumstances it is regretted that in running time of this train cannot be altered as desired. Mr Howard J. Jones has been advised to this effect."

The chairman said it seemed a peculiar thing that this train was reserved for the carriage of perishable goods to Hawke's Bay and the Main Trunk. It would be expected that the express trains would be used for that. However, if it was not intended that the matter should be dropped, and further representations were to be made.

#### CARRIAGE OF POROUTAWHAI PUPILS.

A letter was received from Mr W. Hotchen stating that if the Committee wanted a better means of transit for children to school from Poroutawhā, he offered his services. His lorry was fitted with well-made seats and was in every respect capable of conveying the children comfortably to and from school, he would be prepared to start at the beginning of July.

Mr Procter considered that the present coach service was anything but satisfactory, and the children were inconvenienced through adult passengers being carried, when the coach was crowded enough without adults.

Members strongly favoured the employment of a motor service, and if it was decided to forward Mr Hotchen's letter to the Education Board, with a recommendation that a motor vehicle be adopted.

FREE SUPPLY OF TREES, The Education Board informed the Committee that, at its meeting on May 17, it authorised the free supply of hedge plants and shelter trees to school committees who undertook to plant and protect them. The Levin Committee was therefore invited to apply for a supply if it was desired to take advantage of the Board's offer. The chairman said this was an excellent offer, and the Committee should take full advantage of it. They should take advice as to the most suitable trees and shrubs to get.

Members agreed with the chairman, and it was decided to secure the services of the borough gardener in making a selection of trees.

SCHOOL FRONTAGE. Mr Hobson drew attention to the weedy condition of the space between the stones in the wall along the school frontage. This should be cleaned, and if more soil were put in between the stones it would be an improvement.

It was decided to inquire if the caretaker could not attend to the clearing of the weeds, and if possible, procure a load or two of soil.

R.S.A. CARNIVAL. Dr. Gow inquired what, was being done by the Committee in connection With the R S A Carnival.. A. carnival. He reminded the meeting that comparatively little time remained for arrangements to be made and the Committee's organisation to be got going.

Mr Vickers stated that his district was being organised. A meeting had been held and everything was in readiness.

Mr Hobson said his district was having a meeting this (Wednesday) evening, and Mr Roe stated that a meeting would be called this week in his district.

Dr. Gow stated the returned men were much disappointed at the want of interest shown by the Levin Committee, which was in marked contrast to what was being done in the outside districts. There was only a fortnight left after this week, and everyday lost now was a loss to the carnival, and at the same time it prejudiced the chance oi the Levin School securing the money prize offered to the most successful school. He hoped that no further time would he lost.

Mr Hobson pointed out that some of those appointed to the organising committee were very busy men but would do their best. He thought the R.S.A. organiser should be kept in touch with the different organisations, which Would be a big help.

Dr. Gow and Mr Procter stressed the necessity of the school doing its best to win the prize-money offered, as it was badly wanted to improve the grounds. Dr. Gow added that the R.S.A. representatives were already at work, and he. Hoped to see everyone in the district backing them up.

VISITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT. Mr Denton, for the Visiting Committee, reported that some necessary work required attention in the urinals. The oak trees in the grounds required pruning, and holes about the schoolgrounds should be filled in. At present they became full of water after rain. The fence between the main and infant schools was in a dilapidated condition and should be pulled down. The committee also suggested removing the plants and shrubs in the beds near the machine-guns and placed elsewhere. The guns could be moved back and the ground covered with screenings. This would much improve the appearance of the grounds. The guns were rusty in places, and a suggestion was made that the boys might oil the guns occasionally. Attention was also directed to the quantity of waste paper lying about the grounds.

15th June 1922 At Monday night's meeting of the Carterton School Committee reference was made to the projected departure of the headmaster (Mr R. J. Foss), and he was complimented upon securing a school such as the Levin District High School. The meeting decided to place on record its high appreciation of the services rendered to the Carterton school by Mr Foss, who suitably acknowledged the compliment.

26th June 1922 Mr Jas. McIntyre, who for thirty years has been headmaster of the Levin District High School, retires at the end of the month. Mr and Mrs McIntyre intend to reside subsequently in Wellington.

28th June 1922 The re-union of old pupils of the Levin District High School, and complimentary social to Mr and Mrs J. McIntyre take place in the Cosmos Theatre this evening.

30th June 1922 SOME INTERESTING REMINISCENCES. At the social to Mr and Mrs .James McIntyre on Wednesday evening, Mr P. G. Roe, chairman of the Levin School Committee, gave an interesting survey from the period when Levin opened its first school, up to the present time, rioting on route the progress and development that had been made from time to time.

The first school in Levin was opened, Mr Roe stated, on February 24 1890, in Queen Street, and consisted of one unlined room, known as the central room. The Education Board made a grant of 50 pound for its erection, but the existing Committee had to provide the best internal accommodation it could. The first master was Mr Pope, and the school opened with three scholars. At the end of the first quarter there were 23 on the roll. Owing to the standing bush around the school attracting mosquitos, the children had to be turned out occasionally, so that the annoying insects could be smoked out. In December, 1890, Mr Pope resigned, and Mr B Stuckey—now Inspector of Schools for the Wanganui district—took charge. The attendance now had increased to 36 scholars. In July 1891 Mr Stuckey resigned, and the Rev. H. E. Tinkley took charge and held the position till March, 1892 by which time the roll had reached 57. On March 25. 1892, Mr McIntyre was appointed, and at the end of 1892 the attendance had increased to 90, two new rooms being added, to the school.

#### SCHOOL AT STATE FARM.

In 1889 the Government acquired a large block of land from the natives comprising over 2000 acres. The land was then covered in dense bush and is now known the Horowhenua Village Settlement and Central Development farm. Eight hundred acres of this was set aside for a State farm, the balance being sub-divided into various areas and thrown open for settlement. The Labour Department had large gangs of men felling the bush on the 800 acres, and soon families arrived and settled on the farm. An agitation was got up for a school, and the Labour Department erected one on the farm, Mr Plunket Cole being the first master. Families began to settle at this time on the Horowhenua Village Settlement and they also agitated for a school. In 1898 the Education Board purchased the school at the State Farm from the Labour Department, and had it removed on to the Education Reserve in Beach Road, now occupied by Mr F. Swanwick.

THE NEW CENTRAL SCHOOL. After a few years it was found the accommodation for both schools wanting increasing, and the education authorities decided to erect the present school in Oxford street, being central for both ends of the district. The school at Weraroa was closed, and the building removed to the present site, and is now used as a science room. The new central school was opened in July 1903, by the Hon. (now Sir James) Carroll, the Premier the late Hon. R. J. Seddon being unable to attend. The following gentlemen were also present: Messrs. W.H. Field, Flatman and-Hogg, M.H.R.'s, Hon. J. Rigg, Mr F. W. Brady (chairman of the Education Board) and Mr Allen member of the Board). The visitors were met at the station by Mr W. C. Nation, chairman of the Levin School, and Mr Ivor James, chairman of the Weraroa School. The number on the school roll then was 300.

As showing the advancement that had been made from the opening of the Central School to the present time, Mr Roe quoted the following table, which shows the increases in the school roll in subsequent years and the necessary additions to the staff:—

Year	Roll No	Staff
1906	412	9
1908	482	10
1914	500	11
1922	690	17

5th July 1922 Mr James McIntyre, who has retired from the position of headmaster of the Levin District High School, was presented with an illuminated address and a substantial wallet of notes from former pupils, while Mrs McIntyre received a travelling bag.

5th July 1922 LEVIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

#### MEETING OF COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting last evening was attended by Messrs. F. G. Roe (chairman), C. Bould. H. Denton, W; C. Vickers, D. J. Gardner, T. Hobson, and J. W. Procter.

CONVEYANCE OF CHILDREN. A petition was received from residents of Kohitiere with children attending the Levin school asking if it was possible to have some alteration in the running of the bus that conveyed the children to school. "It seems to us," the petition stated, that the picking up of our children so early in the morning and taking them to school via Gladstone Road is not in the best interests of the children. If it is necessary for the one bus to take two trips to get the children to school it should only be reasonable that one trip went direct from this district. There are 21 children going to school from here, and surely that is sufficient to have a coach direct, instead of it running five or six miles out of the way. We have had a direct service for the last ten years, and that is all we ask for now. Thirteen children are picked up at the creamery in Kimberley Road, or nearby, and eight get in at the Training Farm, and if it is possible to have them run direct to school it would be much appreciated by their parents. The petition was signed by Emily Gapper, H. Gapper, A. J. Edginton, Rhyna Edginton, Myrtle Hunter, John Hunter, B. Calloway, Pearl Galloway, W. Makcy, L. Woodmass, Bertha Wisnofski and A. Allen.

The chairman said he did not think the Board would put on a separate conveyance for Kimberley Road.

In reply to Mr Bould, it was stated that one or two of the families named were in the Ohau school district, and the earliest the children were picked up was 8 o'clock. Members considered that these children were really better off than those who had to walk half a mile, as they were carried comfortably, and landed dry at school in wet weather. The contractor was carrying out his duties very conscientiously.

Mr Gardner moved that the petitioners be written to and informed that all that can possibly be done is being done now. This was seconded by Mr Procter and carried.

Heatherlea residents, including M. J. Lenihan, G. Short, G. Barrie, H. Davies, H. Humphrey, Leslie McDonald, J. Goldsmith, B. Sorenson, A. Krivan and A. J. Mark wrote stating that the time had arrived when some suitable conveyance should be provided to take their children to and from school from their district, and recommended that as Mr G. Elliott was prepared to put on a motor vehicle if sufficient inducement offered, that he be engaged. The chairman stated in regard to Heatherlea that Mr Hotchen had previously offered to undertake the carriage of the children. He (the chairman) had seen Mr Harkness on the matter, and they had forwarded Mr Hotchen's application to the Board. It was decided to hold the letter over until Mr Hotchen's had been dealt with by the Board.

#### HEADMASTER'S RESIDENCE.

Mr R. Foss, of Carterton, the newly appointed headmaster of the Levin District High School, wrote asking the Committee to make representations to the Board pointing out the necessity for remodelling the residence of the headmaster, which was no longer commensurate with the status of the school. The Committee, he felt confident, would agree

that while the timber of the existing building was in a good state of preservation, the accommodation provided for the school's headmaster was quite unsuitable in the case of a district high school of the highest grade. Many quite small schools were better served in this respect.

The chairman said he and Mr Harkness had looked through the headmaster's residence, and with the exception of four rooms, the building was not up to date or convenient. On 'Mr Vickers' motion it was decided to draw the Board's attention to the matter.

GENERAL. The chairman reported that a gift of seats suitable for the school grounds -had been made to the Committee by the Fosella estate through Mr D. Smart. The gift was accepted with thanks.

It was decided to forward a list of trees suitable for the school grounds to the Board, which had promised to make a gift of some to the Committee.

The secretary stated that it would be necessary to forward notification of the gift from the Beautifying Society to the Board in order to get the subsidy, but that a plan upon which the Board's money was to be expended should be submitted.

It was reported that the sanitary condition of one of the lavatories was not satisfactory, and the attention of the Board is to be drawn to the matter.

Mr Gardner reported for the Visiting committee that the tennis court and several other matters about the school required attention. Messrs. Roe and Hobson were appointed the next visiting committee.

13th July 1922 Horowhenua Rugby Union Mr Kibblewhite, of the Levin District High School staff, wrote that a team from the Palmerston North High School would visit Levin next Saturday and meet the Levin High School team at 9.30 a.m. He asked the Union to supply a referee for the match. This was granted.

17th July 1922 On Saturday morning the Palmerston North High School team visited Levin and played the local High School team. The boys gave a fine exhibition of combined play, the match being full of interest from start to finish. The class of football would, in fact, do credit to higher grades. The match was closely contested from start to finish, and ended in favour of the home team by 9 points; to 8. Mr Rhodes was the referee

19th July 1922 European and Native residents of the district waited on the Minister of Education to-day and asked him to provide a school at Poroutawhao, near Levin. With the deputation were Mr. W. H. Field, M.P., Sir Maui Pomare, M.P and Mr. E. Newman, M.P; The case" was described as the most urgent in the Wellington Education Board's list. The Minister said the funds at his disposal were limited for use in the provision of schools in the backblocks where no schools existed, and in the making of additions to overcrowded city schools. The request of the deputation came within the former, and he would have much pleasure in making a grant for a building.

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24th July 1922 Levin District High School girls' basketball team had a pleasant outing on Saturday, when, in charge of their teachers, Mrs Bobbie and Miss Armstrong, they travelled to Palmerston to play the Girls' High School there. The visitors were met by the home team and several teachers, who with Miss Mills, the principal, were most attentive in endeavouring to make the visit an enjoyable one. The party proceeded to the splendid new school in Fitzherbert Street. Here an interesting match followed, the scores being: First half, Palmerston

8 points, Levin 4 points; second half (a hard fought contest), Palmerston scored 3 more goals, while Levin scored 3 goals and one penalty goal, the match resulting in a win for Palmerston (14 points to 11 points). Afternoon tea, dancing and songs followed, and a set of Lancers concluded a very enjoyable time. The home team escorted the visitors to the station, and the outing concluded with mutual good wishes and an invitation to the Palmerston team to pay a visit, to Levin shortly.

26th July 1922 Otaki Mail: A basket-ball match between Levin High School and Palmerston on Saturday resulted in a win for the latter by a goal to nil, after a fine game. Miss Joan Lowry and Miss Joan Percival, both Otaki-ites, played splendidly for the Levin School. [Basketball was the precursor for netball. 9 aside each played stayed in their own third of the court]

29th July 1922 The teaching staff of the Carterton District High School presented the headmaster, Mr R J Foss with a silver-mounted walking stick suitably inscribed, as a token of esteem upon the occasion of his departure for Levin. .

29th July 1922 Mr AND MRS McIntyre FAREWELLED. The series of complimentary functions to Mr and Mrs James McIntyre on the occasion of the retirement- of Mr McIntyre from the position of headmaster of the Levin District High School, was brought to a conclusion with a public send-off and presentation in the Cosmos Theatre last evening. The committee in charge of the function had made excellent' preparations and the hall was nicely decorated for the occasion. The attendance was large and representative, and the function as a whole spoke ' eloquently of the high place occupied by the guests of the evening in the esteem of the whole, community, and a recognition of the many years of service rendered as public-spirited citizens in the interests of the town. The honour done Mr and Mrs McIntyre is well-deserved, and they will leave Levin with the Knowledge that they carry with them the hearty good wishes of old and young,

The Mayor 'Mr D. W. Matheson presided over the gathering, which took the form of a social, and in a few preliminary remarks read apologies from the Hon. Mr Parr (Minister of Education), Mr W. H. Field, M.P., Mr Erskine secretary of the N.Z. Educational Institute, Mr L. H. Arcus 'secretary Horowhenua Educational Institute. and several local citizens who were unable to be present but extended their good wishes to Mr and Mrs McIntyre. The Mayor expressed the wish that all would enjoy themselves and take advantage of the occasion to meet Mr and Mrs J McIntyre, he had pleasure in welcoming Mr Forsyth, chairman of the Wellington Education Board, and, Mr I Bakewell, chief inspector. Whose presence that evening was much appreciated.

Under the direction of Mr J Casey a musical programme, interspersed with dancing, followed, which served as an excellent introductory measure to the speech-making and presentations that followed.

' The Mayor was the first speaker and said that the gathering that night was great tribute to the regard and esteem for Mr and Mrs McIntyre throughout the district. Mr McIntyre came here as a teacher 30 years ago. When Levin was a little bush town and the splendid record he had established was well known to them all. The Mayor expressed the hearty congratulations of the whole community to Mr McIntyre on his retirement accompanied by the good wishes of all. To his mind, one of the principal results of Mr McIntyre's wonderful work as a teacher in [Too hard to transcribe the next section] then

The Mayor also referred in the remarks made by one of Mr McIntyre's earliest pupils who stated, that in his young days as a teacher: Mr McIntyre was Known as 'Scotty McIntyre but in more mature years that, was .changed to "Old Mac" — ; , laughter and applause; the Mayor creating laughter by remarking that Mr McIntyre's improvement set in when his good wife took him in hand as a pupil, he referred to Mrs McIntyre's interest in the work of the school and the work of the scholars ; to which she endeared herself by many little kindnesses. (Applause.) - In conclusion the Mayor asked Mr and Mrs McIntyre to accept from the School Committee . the Bowling Club. - the, Druids' Lodge, and the public generally a cheque as a token of good .. will, "and mv their behalf said the , Mayor, "I wish you both every happiness in your years of retirement," t (Prolonged applause.) [More not copied from Horowhenua Rugby Union]

Mr F. O. Roe, chairman of the Levin School Committee, briefly referred to Mr McIntyre's long record of good service In Levin, and the interest he always manifested in the of the town.

Mr Forsyth, Chairman of the Wellington Education Board was the next speaker. He expressed his delight, at the opportunity of being present to do honour to Mr and Mrs McIntyre to. who had taken a. prominent - part in the life of Levin during the - last 30 years. The speaker regretted that the Hon Mr Parr was not able to be present and remarked that our educational system was out to do the very best for the children of the district. . Mr Forsyth referred to the new master, Mr Foss, who would have a hard row to hoe to follow Mr McIntyre, but he could say that Mr Foss was one or the best teachers with the Wellington Board, and had a record and credentials that would be equal to In's upholding the prestige of the Levin District High School. (Applause.) The speaker next touched on the work on the teachers and said that because their duties were apparently five hours a day. it did not imply that they were having an easy time. A teacher who was worthwhile did ai least eight hours' work a day, did extra time being spent in studying and preparing lessons. Referring to Mr McIntyre, the speaker traced the record as a teacher earlier, and the growth and development of the Levin school. As chairman of the Education Board, he could say that in Mr McIntyre the Board had a teacher of exceptional worth, and who was now retiring with . splendid record, of which the gathering that evening spoke volumes. (Applause.) He concluded by congratulating Mr and Mrs McIntyre and trusted that they would ' have God's richest blessing and many years oi happiness in their retirement. (Loud applause.) [The rest too difficult to copy]

29th July 1922 AT THE School. Mr McIntyre took his leave from the school yesterday.

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1st August 1922 Mrs A Robbie appointed

2nd August 1922 Mr and Mrs .J. McIntyre took their departure from Levin by the Napier mail yesterday afternoon. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were on the platform to bid them farewell. Through the courtesy of the new headmaster school was dismissed at 3 p.m, enabling the whole, of the staff and a. large number of scholars to attend the station. Rousing cheers were given for Mr and Mrs McIntyre as the train steamed out

7th August 1922 Evening Post Mr. James McIntyre, who last week retired from the position of headmaster of the Levin District High School after more than 30 years' service, having seen the school grow from, a small two roomed structure housing ' some 40 scholars to the largest school under-the jurisdiction of the Wellington Education Board outside the metropolitan area, was, together with Mrs. McIntyre, the recipient of almost a deluge of presents prior to his departure. Cheques were received from old pupils; the Druids, Bowling

Club, School Committee, and townspeople combined; the Levin Club ; and the Masonic Lodge. ' The school staff gave a rug; the scholars a leather suitcase, a Doulton tea-set, a silver mounted umbrella, a Maori mat, a handbag, a silver fruit knife, and a Shelleyware hot-water jug; the old pupils an illuminated address and a leather dressing case; the Druids a gold-mounted fountain pen; and the Horowhenua Rugby Union a tantalus and a silver manicure set. Mr. and Mis. McIntyre intend to live in Wellington. ,

11th August 1922 The Levin School Committee is organising a working bee to assist In the planting of the consignment of shrubs and trees, which is expected to come to hand shortly - from the education Board.....The winter vacation at the Levin District High School will begin from Friday, August 25, and school will resume on Tuesday, September 11. The same period of holidays will be observed in all the district schools. The vacation is a week earlier than usual, it having been so arranged to coincide with the teachers' examinations to be held; in Wellington. Hitherto those examinations have been held in January.

12th August 1922 Mrs C. E Robbie, of the Levin District High School staff, has been appointed to the position held by Miss White, who has resigned. -Miss Tolly has joined the staff as relieving teacher.

The want of teacher's room at the Levin School, which has long been advocated, is to be realised at last. Mr Forsyth, chairman of the Education Board having given the Committee an assurance to this effect.

18th August 1922 Wellington Education Board Mr C. E Harkness asked what was being done in connection with the teachers' room at the Levin District High School, the improvements to the headmaster's house and the additions to the latrines, etc. As regards the teachers' room it was stated that although the Board had offered to pay half the cost, (lie Minister had not yet approved of the work, contending that the rebuilding fund should not be used for this purpose.

26th August 1923 The district representative of the Education Board (Mr C. Harkness has been interesting himself for -some lime in the secondary department of the Levin District High School, with the object of having the staff increased' to three. There is every probability of the object now being achieved, for the names of candidates for a third permanent, appointment are to be submitted to the committee for consideration.

31st August 1922 Miss Minnie Eason, who has. been transferred to Levin School from the Lower Harbour School (Dunedin), was entertained by parents and pupils before her departure. A presentation of a travelling bag was made, and Mr Powell, chairman of the school committee, paid a tribute to Miss Eason's work, and expressed the regret of all at her departure.[ In 1923 Miss Eason was at the Shannon School and not Levin]

6th September 1922 The Levin School Committee believes in the principle of self-help and will hold a "painting bee" at an early date to renovate some of the property at the school grounds..... The Levin High School is the highest graded under the jurisdiction of the Wellington Education Board," said Mr Foss, headmaster, at last night's meeting of the School Committee. Masterton, Mr Foss added, is the only other school of the same grade under the Board..... At the meeting of the Levin High School Committee, last evening, the headmaster (Mr Foss) staled that a quantity of wire netting and pipes were required to place at the end of the school tennis court to prevent the balls going off the court, The material would cost over £9, but Miss Armstrong had undertaken to raise the money, and asked the

Committee's [ approval to do so. This was readily granted, and it was decided to thank Miss Armstrong for her interest in the matter.

6th September 1922 Part of a long article MUST BE MAINTAINED. TO RETAIN PRESENT STAFF. Reporting to the Levin District High School Committee last evening, the headmaster (Mr R. J. Foss) stated that during the past month the primary attendance at the school had been 573, or 93 per cent of tire roll, while the secondary classes had registered 59, or 92 per cent of the average roll. The report continued: "I should like to point out to. parents of secondary students the necessity for maintaining the attendance in this department from now on till the end of the year, when the question of retaining the third secondary assistant will again come up for consideration.

8th September 1922 The usual monthly meeting on Monday evening was attended By Messrs. F. G. Roe (chairman), T. Hobson, J. W. Procter, D. J. Gardner, J. S. Wilson and Dr. Gow. The headmaster Mr Foss was also present. The Board notified that Miss W. M. Hunt had been appointed to the position of secondary assistant, and Miss G. B. Scott to assistant.

SCHOOL REPAIRS. The Education Board wrote that at a recent meeting the Board had under consideration the best means of getting completed a number of the smaller works of the district which it was very desirable should proceed. These were not chargeable to maintenance, but as many were urgent it was decided if the Government would grant a subsidy of £ for £ the Board would find the remainder of the money required from its Rebuilding Fund. Additions to conveniences at Levin, teachers' room and some improvements to the residence had been included in the list, and on receipt of the necessary assent of the Department in relation to its proportion of the money required, the Board would be pleased to put same in hand. Mr W. F. Field, M.P., telegraphed as follows: "I accompanied deputation of the Education Board executive to Minster of Education last Friday asking contribution half cost various urgent works, including Levin conveniences, teachers' rooms, and remodelling headmaster's residence. Minister now agrees comply all these requests."

The chairman stated when the Prime Minister was in Levin he brought the local school requirements under the Minister's notice, and he promised to look into the matter on his return to Wellington. The chairman added that Hie result appeared to be quite satisfactory.

TRANSIT TO Poroutawhao The Board informed the Committee that it had arranged with Mr W. A. Hotchen to undertake the conveyance of children by motor from Poroutawhao on the re-opening of the school on September . In reply to Dr. Gow, the chairman slated that, the bus would run as far as the hill just below Hie Poroutawhao church. Mr Procter stated that there were some families who resided about, two miles beyond that point, and it would be a good tiling if Hie conveyance could go out Hie extra distance. At present, some of these children were riding on horseback to the Koputaroa school. The chairman staled that it would be a boon to these children if the bus could bring them to the Levin School, he would bring the matter under the notice of the contractor and see what could be done.

OTHER MATTERS. The Inspector of Nuisances reported that gully traps were required for the drains at the headmaster's residence, and an air vent into the septic tank.—Referred to the-Board.

The chairman and Mr Procter were appointed to interview the local picture proprietor with a view to promoting a concert to raise funds for improving the school grounds. The chairman

stated that the bulk of the capitation was absorbed in the purchase of firewood, and limits would have to be raised for ground improvement. Mr Wilson, for the Visiting Committee, stated that the grounds required to be kept free of stray stock. Trees and shrubs had been considerably damaged by wandering horses. Dr. Cow and Mr Gardner were appointed a Visiting Committee for next month.

HEADMASTER'S . Mr Foss reported as follows: I have the honour to report that I assumed charge here on the 1st ult., on which date Mr McIntyre handed over to me, everything being in good order. My predecessor, I found, had gone to considerable trouble to facilitate my first month's work here, for which courtesy I wish to express my appreciation.

Visits.—The school has been paid the customary annual medical visit. Dr. - Elizabeth Gunn having attended on two days when with the nurse's assistance and the co-operation of the staff she examined the primary classes. Several parents took the opportunity of interviewing the doctor. End of Second Term.—The school was dismissed for the vacation on the 25th August. Previous to this the school was examined and term reports issued based on the results obtained. Resuming School.—School will reassemble on Tuesday, September 12, on which date it is expected that the two newly appointed assistants will take up their duties. Caretaker.—I have to report that the caretaker has given the premises an efficient "spring" cleaning, every department of the school having been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected in a very creditable manner.

Sport—With the approach of the cricket and tennis season, arrangements are in train to make a suitable opening when the time arrives. Mr Hobson said it was very pleasing to see that Mr McIntyre had left things in a satisfactory state for Mr Foss. Mr Foss stated that there was a want of cricket material for the school, and the Committee unanimously granted £7 10/ from the sports fund for this purpose. The report was adopted.

20th September Wellington Education Board Authorised. Levin Teacher's Rooms alterations to Residence authorised

22nd September 1922 The children attending Levin School from the Poroutawhao District are now served by the same excellent means of transit as those in the Gladstone and Kimberley Roads and Hokio. Mr W. Hotchen has provided a fine, roomy motor for the Poroutawhao run, and the service is giving the greatest satisfaction to all concerned.

23rd September 1922 The Levin District- High School is making marked progress of late, evidence of which is to be seen in the staff increases in both secondary and primary departments. An additional permanent appointment in the secondary has still to be made, while in the primary division the staff has been strengthened by the arrival of Miss E. Betts, and also of Miss C. Perry, both of whom reported for duty During the current week. Misses Betts and Perry are fully .trained teachers of experience, who bring excellent credentials from English educational authorities.

3rd October 1922 This morning the Prime Minister visited the Levin School for the purpose of presenting that institution with a New Zealand ensign, on behalf of the Government. to replace the flag subscribed by the scholars and forwarded to the New Zealand Division when in France. 'the children were mustered in front oi the school, and in addition to the Minister, Mr W. H. Field, and several Parliamentarians were present, also the School Committee and a number of local residents. After the Minister had been welcomed by .Mr F. G. Roe, addresses were given by Mr Field and Mr Massey. The gift flag was then run up the flagpole and "broken out" by

the Prime Minister. The scholars saluted and cheered, and the National Anthem concluded the ceremony. The children being given a holiday in honour of the Minister's visit. A full report of the proceedings will appear tomorrow [Not copied]

4th October 1922 The Levin School Committee has received a consignment of trees from the education Board, and it was decided at last night's meeting to hold a working bee on Wednesday, October 11, to plant the trees.

4th October 1922 . The monthly meeting of the Committee held last evening, was attended by the chairman (Mr F. G. Roe), and Messrs. T. Hobson, W. G. Vickers, H. Denton, D. J. Gardner, J. S. Wilson and Dr. Gow. Mr Foss, headmaster, was also present.

REPAIRS TO RESIDENCE. The chairman reported that, departmental officers had visited Levin during the month and submitted plans for the alterations of the headmaster's residence. The alterations were not considered adequate by the Committee, and no decision was come to, but since then Mr Foss had drawn a plan for alterations, and this has been submitted to the Board. No reply has so far been received about the plan

A letter was read from Mr C. I. Harkness, the local member of the Board, stating that the members were visiting the site of the Poroutawhao school owing to a complaint that had been received regarding the proximity of the manure works. On Mr Harkness's representation, it had been arranged that, the Board inspect. the Levin teacher's residence during the visit, to Poroutawhao.

SCHOOL PICTURE ENTERTAINMENT The chairman stated that he and Mr Procter had interviewed the local picture proprietor for a picture entertainment in aid of the school picnic fund. Mr Cassie agreed to assist in every way possible, and October 13 was the date fixed on for the entertainment. Mr Cassie also agreed to give two trophies for the next school swimming carnival.

It was unanimously decided to thank Mr Cassie for his offer and assistance with the entertainment.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Mr Hossack for the use of his lorry at the flag function on Tuesday morning

#### EXTENSION OF MOTOR SERVICE

Mr Vickers said he had been asked by parents in the Poroutawhao district, to endeavour to get the lorry to run to the junction of the Koputaroa Foxton road. It would be a mile and a-half further, but would suit several families in that, direction, and lie convenient for their attending the Levin school.

The chairman said they should be careful not to- take children away from the Koputaroa school. As a matter of fact the coach was fully loaded at present. He suggested visiting the district and making an inspection. Mr Foss stated he had the names of all children coming to school by coach and was inquiring into their qualification for travelling by coach. He would thus find out who were entitled to travel by coach or otherwise. The chairman said if there was insufficient transit accommodation, they would have to put on another coach. Hear, hear.)

#### STAFF APPOINTMENT.

The Board notified that Miss Milnes had been appointed to the secondary department, of the school. The Board stated that an increase of 5 per cent had been made in the grant, for incidental expenses la committees.—Received. HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

The headmaster (Mr Foss) reported that- for the month of September the school maintained an average attendance of 94 per cent, of the roll—695. As evidence of the steady growth of the school, he stated the average attendance for the whole of the September quarter was 646, as compared with 580 for the corresponding period last year. On the whole the attendance of the school would be classed as very good. The absentees were attributable to genuine cases of sickness, 'together with one or two cases at present under close scrutiny. These latter constitute only a sprinkling of those absent and were possibly -cases for being brought to book.

The school had been, visited by the Board's architect in connection with the new works at the main school and residence. The senior inspector of the district was now paying his annual visit of inspection. The headmaster thanked the Committee for its co-operation in making suitable arrangements for the reception of the distinguished visitors on the occasion of the formal handing over of the presentation flag. On Mr Hobson's motion, it was decided that a holiday be held on November 3—Palmerston show day.

Mr Gardner, for the Visiting Committee, suggested grassing the present garden plot fronting the main gate. It would be much more suitable. The suggestion was adopted.

7th October 1922 Inspectors Bakewell. Burns and Blackie have been conducting the annual inspection of the Levin District High School during the week. The inspectors' holiday will be observed on Monday.

9th October 1922 In order to encourage cricket at the Levin School, Mr J. W. Procter has presented a bat for competition among the boys, and it will be awarded to the most improved player during the season. The game is being taken up keenly this year, and already about 50 boys are in practice with the teachers. In the event of a junior competition being instituted by the Horowhenua Cricket Association, the school should be able to put a creditable eleven in the field.

10th October 1922 Wellington Education Board Mr R O Milnes appointed

14th October 1922 There was a crowded house at the People's last night for the entertainment in aid of the local School Picnic funds. A splendid picture programme was presented, and this was supported, by vocal items by Mr Abel Rowe, New Zealand's favourite tenor, who was passing through Levin and was secured by the management to help make a success of the entertainment. Mr Rowe also introduced his "Community Interlude," which was much appreciated by the audience, particularly by the younger members, who joined in lustily. During the interval Mr F. Roe, chairman of the School Committee, in thanking the public for their support of the entertainment, which was a financial success, wished to thank "Mr Abel Rowe for his kindness in stopping at Levin to enlarge the enjoyment of the gathering. Mr Roe also tendered to Mr Cassie the Committee's sincere thanks for the manner in which he had met the Committee, and the able assistance rendered. He announced that arrangements were in hand for another entertainment in a month's time in aid of the School ground improvement fund. This was due to the Government capitation being smaller this year, :

19th October 1922 The dance held in the Druids' Hall last evening- in aid of the school sports fund proved a great success. The attendance was the largest that has assembled in the hall for a long time, fully 120 couples being present, among whom the young people predominated. To the excellent music of the Misses Williamson's orchestra the evening passed merrily, and one and all enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The dance was organised by Mr and Mrs J. W. Procter and Miss Procter, who are to be commended on the success of the evening.- The supper

arrangements were supervised by Mesdames Procter, Phillips, Sherman and Tlney, and were all that could be desired. During the evening the Procter Cup, presented by Mr Procter for the winners of the fourth grade in the Horowhenua Rugby competitions, was handed to the Levin High School team by Mr W. Thomson, who congratulated the team on its win. A contribution towards the supper from the Tennis Club was much appreciated by the management.

25th October 1922 At the meeting of the Education Board last week it was decided to call tenders for renovating the headmaster's residence at the Levin District High School.

27th October 1922 The raising of funds for the purpose of erecting a wire-netting fence at the rear of the tennis courts at the school has been quite successful, and the work will be put in hand at once

30th October Horowhenua Chronicle B JAMES MCINTYRE. News was received in Levin this morning of the unexpected death of Mr Jas. McIntyre, which occurred at his brother's residence, Lower Hutt, yesterday. The intelligence naturally caused a shock locally, for it was only four months ago that Mr McIntyre retired from the headmastership of the Levin District High School, and though his health was not satisfactory, it was expected that the respite from the daily strain would ensure for him the long period of leisure that his thirty years' service in Levin entitled him to. He took up his residence in Lyall Bay, and recent reports indicated an improvement in health, but the end came with comparative suddenness.

Mr McIntyre came to the Dominion in infancy with his parents, and they settled in Wellington. He was educated at the Mt. Cook Boys' School, subsequently becoming a pupil teacher and going to the Training College, where he passed his examinations with credit. Mr McIntyre's first appointment was to the Petone School, where he spent two years. In 1890 he was transferred to the Newtown School, and two years later was promoted to the headmastership of the Levin School. The school had been opened in 1800 with 22 scholars, and during its first two years it had three masters. Messrs. Pope, Stuckey and the Rev. Tucker. When Mr McIntyre took it over in March, 1892, it had 58 pupils. Local residents at his farewell function in June last keenly enjoyed his humorous account of his arrival in Levin, search first for the town in the dense bush, and eventual discovery of the little school. Shortly afterwards Levin commenced to make progress rapidly, and ten years later, in 1902 the average roll at the school had grown to 181. In 1903 the Weraroa and Levin schools were amalgamated with a roll of 303, In 1912 the attendance had reached 402, and in 1922, when Mr McIntyre retired, it was 690. Through all those years Mr McIntyre presided over the destinies of the institution, and always maintaining high standards of education and worthy ideals of conduct. At the same time Mr McIntyre associated himself with many movements in the growing town. As a Rugby footballer of proved prowess in the field, he was one of the first referees and founder of the Horowhenua Rugby Union, retaining the position of president, up to his removal from Levin. He took a prominent part in establishing the Druids' Order on this coast, thinking no distance too great to travel to advance the interests of Druidism. He was also a member of the Masonic craft. As a bowler he not only took an active part in the game, but for long time carried out the duties of secretary. In many other capacities the late, Mr McIntyre did his part as a citizen in the years when his health permitted more active participation than towards the end of his residence here. He was a man of no uncertain temperament and personality, and one who, dealt justly not only with those who came under his influence educationally, but in the wider field of local affairs. Strict and exacting where discipline was called for, he yet received and held

the respect and affection of his pupils, associate teachers, and fellow-citizens, and on his departure from Levin was the subject, with Mrs McIntyre, of a really remarkable series of tributes to his character and qualities. The news of his death will bring genuine sorrow hosts of his old pupils whom he taught to play the game, as well as flic more particular essentials of education. while the community at large will hear with sincere regret of the passing of one who, for so many years, was such a familiar figure in the life in it. To Mrs McIntyre and her three sons the heartfelt sympathy of the people of Levin will go out in the sad bereavement they have sustained.

Advice was received in Levin today stating that the funeral would leave Lower Hutt at 10.30 a.m. tomorrow for the Karori Cemetery, Wellington.

8th November 1922 It was reported to the Levin District High School Committee last evening that Miss A. Ogg, of the teaching staff, had resigned, and the resignation had been accepted by the Board.

8th November 1922 The usual meeting of the Levin District High School Committee was held last evening. The members present were Messrs. F. G. Roe (chairman), W. G. Vickers, T. Hobson, J. W. Procter, J. S. Wilson, D. J. Gardner and Dr. Gow. Mr Foss (headmaster) was also present.

CORRESPONDENCE. A letter was read from the responsible department remitting the amusement tax on the recent picture entertainment .-in aid of the school picnic fund. — Received. —

Mr Hobson stated that the sum of , 26 pound 16/ had been the result of the entertainment, from which the expenses had to be deducted. Correspondence was read from Mr W. H. Field, M.P., stating that Mr Newman, M.P., was co-operating with a view of getting the desired alterations and additions made to the headmaster's residence. The matter had been fully discussed at the last meeting of the Education Board, but up to the present the Minister had pleaded insufficient funds. —The correspondence was received.

B.B.B.. CONTEST.

Mr. Cassie wrote in regard to the school entering a candidate for the B.B.B. contest. The chairman said as the school examinations were coming on it would be very difficult for them to give sufficient time to the sale of tickets. He did not see how they could enter a candidate under those conditions.

In reply to a question, the headmaster stated that the annual school examinations were actually on now and would continue till December. This was the most serious period of the year for the children.

Mr. Wilson said it was a pity if the children could not enter a candidate, as Mr Cassie had readily agreed to give a benefit for the school picnic fund.

Dr Gow pointed out that the competition started on December 20, and continued till January 20, and should not interfere a great deal with the children. The matter was left in the chairman's hands to see Mr Cassie and enter a candidate if it could be arranged satisfactorily. . Mr Cassie also; forwarded two dates for the second benefit for the school funds—November 17 and December 1. it was decided that the benefit be held on December 1.

WOODWORK EXAMINATION

The Education Board proposed, subject to the Committee's approval, that the woodwork - workshop be placed at the disposal of the Education Department for the examination in woodwork on November 25.—Granted.

#### HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

The headmaster Mr. Foss reported as follows: The school continues to register an attendance of 94 per cent of the roll 'number, Which has now exceeded the 700 mark. The truant officer recently visited the school and has one; or two- cases under close observation. In accordance with the wishes of the Committee, the school was closed for the third day of the Palmerston show, when some 50 children availed themselves of the opportunity to be present.

School Work.—The present month is the time when both the internal and external examinations commence. The final examinations for the various standards on which promotions for 1923 will be based will commence tomorrow and extend continuously until December. The Public Service and Intermediate tests are to begin on the 22nd inst. at the conclusion of which the primary scholarship work will be taken.

Trophies.—I have to acknowledge the generosity of an anonymous donor who has handed me two fine gold medals to be awarded to the senior primary girl and the senior primary boy respectively. The competition for these handsome trophies among the primary scholars will be very keen. It would afford me much pleasure to receive similar trophies to be awarded to the dux and to the runner up for the year. These would be won by secondary students, of course. The thanks of the school are due to the patrons of the school shop day, and to Mr. Procter and his helpers who controlled the benefit dance, and to the proprietor of the pictures for the benefit evening. On Mr Vickers' motion, a vote of thanks was carried by acclamation for the gift of the medals, which were much appreciated.

Votes of thanks were also passed to Mr Procter and helpers for running the dance in aid of the school sports fund, members stating the- function was a great success. The headmaster reported that Miss Armstrong had promoted a shop day with the object of raising the sum of £9 odd for the purpose of erecting a. protective, fence at the rear of the tennis court.. The shop day was successful in raising £11 10/, although the day was bad, but the townspeople! had supported it well, with the above result. On the chairman's motion, Miss Armstrong and her assistants were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their efforts on behalf of the school.

1st December 1922 To-night Bessie Barriscale appears in "The Broken Gate," a Hodkinson super picture. Thus entertainment is in aid of the district High School improvement fund, and it is anticipated there will be a bumper house and that the fund will be largely increased.

5th December 1922 The Levin District High School will "break-up" for the summer vacation on Friday, December 15th, and resume on Thursday, February 1, .1933.

The Levin High .School Committee passed a resolution of sympathy with Mrs Smithson in the recent death of Mr Smithson, caretaker of the school. The chairman (Mr F. G. Re] said Mr Smithson was a member of the Committee in 1893, and at all times had taken keen interest in the school. The motion was carried with the usual mark of respect.

5th December 1922 . The usual meeting of the Levin District High School Committee was held last evening, members present being Messrs. F. G. Roe (chairman), T. Hobson, C. H. Bould, D. ,T. Gardner, J. W. Procter, H. Denton and Dr. Gow. The headmaster (Mr Foss) was also present.

The Education Board wrote in reference to the improvements to the headmaster's residence. The arrangements were incomplete, and the Board would be notified when these were completed. The vote for septic tank for the school had been placed on the November paysheet. The additional conveniences and teachers' room would be provided on the basis that the Board would find half cost. Mr Hobson suggested a deputation from the Committee wait on the Prime Minister in reference to the teacher's residence.

The chairman said that was a good idea, and it was decided to act on it. In reply to a question, Mr Hobson said whilst the Board would find half cost of the additional conveniences and teachers' room, the Department would find the remainder.

The returning officer, Manawatu electoral district, notified that the school would be used as a polling booth on election day.—Received.

The Board notified that Miss C. Perry had been appointed seventh assistant to the Levin School staff, and Miss S. E. Dove and Miss E. Butler Junior assistants.

The New Zealand Educational Institute forwarded copies of a series of leaflets that the Institute was distributing among the parents of the school children in support of the cause of education. The chief work of the Institute was to forward the cause of education and to protect the interest\* of the children.—Received.

**SCHOOL PICNIC.** The chairman said the holidays were approaching, and the question was, Were they going to hold the picnic at Plimmerton this year as usual? Personally he thought they should, as there were children in the town who only had this one outing a year. The cost of the picnic was about £90, and there was £40 in credit to the picnic account, which meant they would have to raise £50. They would have to hold a shop day or some other function to assist the fund.

Members agreed that the picnic should be held, and on Mr Procter's motion this was agreed to. It was decided to hold a shop day on Saturday, December 16, and an "egg day" and "preserve day" at the school before that.

Dr. Gow proposed a collection box being placed in a prominent place in front of the school on Thursday (election day) with a large placard soliciting donations to the picnic fund. This was agreed to, also that the members canvas the district as far as possible for donations for shop day.

**HEADMASTER'S REPORT.** Mr Foss reported as follows for the month; The average attendance for last month was 672, which was 95 per cent of the roll. The examination for proficiency certificates was conducted on November 23 by the Senior Inspector, when 64 passes were registered in Standard 6, 58 with credit. The gold medals donated by an anonymous donor to the senior primary boy and the senior primary girl had been awarded to David Gardner and Annie Plaster. Mr Foss said he still hoped to hear of a dux medal being awarded, and also a medal for the runner-up. The school would be dismissed on December 15, and resume on Thursday, February 1. Mr Foss said the Masterton schools were very much interested in the Levin dental scheme, so much so that, they sent one of the masters round to Levin to get first-hand information. He came round, and Mr Foss, said he was able to supply all the information required, and the visitor went back convinced that the dental question was solved. Dr. Gow said the results of the proficiency examination in Standard VI. had been very good, and the Committee should take some notice of it, and he moved that the committee extend its

congratulations, and that Mr Kibblewhite, the teacher in charge of the class, be informed accordingly. The motion was carried unanimously.

The chairman referred to the fact that the meeting would be the last the Committee would hold this year, and he took the opportunity of wishing the members a merry Christmas, and he asked Mr Foss to convey Christmas greetings to the staff. Mr Foss said he would have pleasure in doing so.

The chairman's good wishes were reciprocated by Mr Hobson. Dr. Gow referred to the assistance of the local Press in the publicity it gave the Committee's work. He had pleasure in moving a hearty vote of thanks. This was supported by Mr Bould spoken, to by the headmaster, who said he greatly appreciated the facilities afforded the school for publicity through the medium of the 'Chronicle.' The vote was carried with applause,

11th December 1922 The following are the results of the recent examinations at the Levin District High School. Winners of . proficiency certificates are entitled to free secondary education till the age of 17. This is obtainable at the local High School up to matriculation standard. Senior Free Places are granted on a favourable report when the junior free place expires. Holders of competency -certificates are entitled to attend at the High School on payment of the customary fee of 10/ per quarter. Boarding allowances and; railway passes are also open to all students of the Secondary Department. The headmaster will always be pleased to discuss secondary courses with parents of High School students. [Names not copied]

14th December 1922 The secondary pupils of the Levin District High School gave a concert In the Presbyterian Sunday School yesterday afternoon. The programme was an exceptionally good one and fully merited a much larger audience than was present and the, performance was one that would be well worth while repetition to give the public another opportunity of hearing it. Mr Foss, headmaster, was chairman. The programme was as follows: Song, "Come to the Fair," pupils; pianoforte trio, G Hogg, C. Horn and J. Wall; French songs, pupils; vocal solos, Joan Lowry; dialogue, N. Smaill and H. Wehipeihana; Latin songs, pupils; recitation, Eileen Shaw; elfin call, secondary girls; Christmas carol, pupils; recitation, F. Hislop; vocal duet, G. Hogg and C. Horn; Hawaiian trio, H. Wehipeihana, M. Winiata and T. Nepia; La Marseillaise," pupils.

15th December 1922 At the meeting of the Wellington Board of Education this week the department notified that it could not see its way to approve a further grant for improvements to the school residence at Levin.

16th December 1922 The "break-up" of the Levin District High School prior to, the summer holidays took place yesterday morning. The children were assembled on Tie tennis court and were addressed by Mr F. G. Roe (chairman of the School Committee) and .the headmaster (Mr R. ,T. Foss). In addition to several members of-the School Committee, a number of parents were present to witness the ceremony.

**PROGRESS OF THE SCHOOL.** Mr Roe, who presided, said they had assembled once more for the "breakup" for the Christmas, holidays, and he was sure the children had been looking forward for that day to arrive when they would be relieved of their duties. "We are all pleased at the progress the school has made during the last 12 months," he said. "The attendance during the year has been excellent, in the March term there were 635 pupils present out of 669, or 95 per cent, and during the June, September amt December terms the average was 94 per cent. The average percentage for the Dominion is 88 per cent, so that we have nothing to complain

of at our school." As regards the examination results, he mentioned that in Standard VI. 58 gained proficiency and six competency, there being only eight failures. This was an excellent result, and great credit was due the teacher, Mr Kibblewhite. The two medals presented by an anonymous donor for the senior primary boy and girl making the best progress were won by Miss Annie Plaster and Master David Gardiner, whilst the medals presented by himself for the Dux and runner-up had not been awarded, as the secondary department examination results were not known yet. Two prizes were presented by Mr J. W. Gibson for the two best essays and were won by Master Jim Webb and Miss Vera Young. As the whole the year's work had been very satisfactory as the inspectors' reports showed, and the staff and pupils were to be commended. In conclusion, Mr Hoe said he hoped the pupils would have a pleasant holiday and enjoy themselves, and when school re-open-ed in February they would resume with renewed vigour.

"In a few years you boys and girls will be called upon to carry on our glorious country and Empire, and I ask you all to do your best whilst you are at school. It is only by hard work, due obedience to your teachers and your parents that you will succeed and make a name for yourselves and the school." (Applause.)

"HAPPIEST DAY OF THE YEAR." Mr Foss remarked that that day was the happiest in the school year for the pupils, as they could get away from the master and staff. (Laughter.) He thanked those parents who had come along, as it showed the interest they look in the work of the children. The school had been fortunate in being presented with two medals for the boy and girl making the most progress in Standard VI. He had no doubt those medals would be treasured and handed down in years to come and stories told of "how we pulled it off." (Laughter.) The Dux and runner-up of the school would not be known until the matriculation examination of the secondary department came out. He remarked that the success of the pupils in the higher standards was not necessarily the work of the teachers in charge of those standards alone, but right from the Infant department each teacher in turn did his or her part in preparing the scholar for the success achieved later on. It was not the work of one teacher, but of every member of the staff. (Applause.) Every pupil must do their best too, and it was useless for them to say, "I will wait and do my best work in Standard VI., where the cream is." (Laughter.) After referring to the advantages of the secondary department, and the progress it had made, Mr Foss concluded by hoping the children would have a good holiday and come back rejuvenated. He wished them all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. (Applause.)

10th January 1923 Tenders are called in this issue for various works in connection with the Levin School. The very necessary teachers' common room is one of these. The plans provide for an addition of 20 foot 6 inches by 16 foot, with interior fittings in the shape of cupboard, lavatory basin and provision for gas ring. The room will be a very desirable addition to the school and will be greatly appreciated by the staff. The contemplated alterations to the headmaster's residence include adding a new room 14ft 6 inches by 14ft in front of the present building, with new hall and concrete floored porch, which will considerably alter the front aspect of the dwelling. A pantry and porch are also to be added to the back. Plans and specifications may be Inspected at the Chronicle Office.

[3 feet = 0.9144 meters. There were 12 inches in a foot. 14 foot is 4.6 meters]

18th January 1923 Master Percy C- Cornish, a student of the Levin District High School, has succeeded in passing the matriculation examination. This is especially meritorious, in as much

as Master Cornish has met the matriculation requirements in twelve months less than the ordinary high school course requires.

27th February 1923 At the meeting of the Education Board this week, the contracts for the additions to the headmaster's residence at Levin, and the erection of a teachers' rest-room at the school were let to Mr G. France, of Levin.

31st January 1923 The following students of the Levin District High School were successful in meeting the requirements of the public Service Examination,, in order of merit; —

1. Percy C. Cornish.
2. Hazel Moffatts
3. Leslie G. Harris.
4. Albert C. Eddy
5. Nancy L Foss.
6. James McAllister,

Of the above, Master Cornish, who also matriculated, passed the above "with credit," coming seventh in the Dominion list of 706 successful students.

2nd February 1923 Miss Elms M Leger appointed as Pupil Teacher

3rd February 1923 The Levin District High School excursion takes place to Plimmerton next Wednesday. The excursion train will leave at 8.12 a.m., arriving at its destination at 10.15. The return journey will commence at 5 p.m., the time of arrival at Levin being 6.46. Parents and the general public who intend making the journey may obtain their tickets at the school on Monday between 1.30 and 3 p.m.

7th February 1923 The Levin school children, with teachers parents and general public, departed this morning for their annual holiday outing at Plimmerton. The weather was not too promising, but nevertheless the excursionists turned up in large numbers, and a crowded train left for the rendezvous. The children numbered 508, senior pupils and teachers 68, and adults 388, which is a little below the figures of last year, which were: Children 549 senior pupils and teachers 58, and adults 448. Rain fell shortly after the train departed, but evidently the conditions were much better at the seaside, as a message was received from Mr Foss, headmaster, after arrival, stating that the picnickers arrived safely, and the weather was flue with bright sunshine.

7th February 1923 Touching on the work of the Levin School during the past year, Mr F. G. Roe, chairman, stated at the meeting of the Committee last evening that it was very satisfactory to note the success of the secondary pupils at the last public service and oilier examinations. The secondary department was progressing, and there should be nearly 100 pupils in this department this year if parents were loyal to their school. The success gained in the examinations was very gratifying, and they could look forward to further progress. in the future. Reporting later to the Committee, the headmaster, Mr R. J. Foss, stated that the passes gained by the school at the last examinations included six junior free places, two junior national scholarships, six public service entrance successes (one being seventh for the whole Dominion), 14 senior free places and one matriculation. He suggested that an honours Board should be procured for the school, and those pupils entitled to the distinction should have their names inscribed on the board. Referring the High School, Mr Foss said he was pleased to say that the. circular sent out by the Committee to parents enlisting their support for the local High School had borne fruit. The realisation of this was evident on the re-opening of

the school a few days ago, when the total enrolments in the secondary department were 106, as against 60 last year. This meant it an average of 91 was maintained in the High School it would entitle them to a fourth assistant, and in addition they would be able to bring pressure on the Department to- add two additional High School rooms. That was something quite tangible and within the regulations.

Mr M. Denton asked how the secondary department was situated at present as regards accommodation. Mr Foss said they were cramped and were using the cookery room if they maintained an average of 100 not only would they be entitled to a fourth assistant, but the salaries of the staff would be raised. Mr Foss said he had been hopeful some months back of getting a fourth assistant and had said so to Inspector Bakewell. He would now have pleasure in drawing the Inspector's attention to the fact.

Dr. Gow: How long will we have to maintain the average of 91 before gaining the fourth assistant:

Mr Foss :For 12 months.

Mr Denton: Not under 12 months?

Mr Foss: Yes, nine months with an average of 95. He explained that a staff was not increased on a temporary rise or decreased by a temporary fall. and. to show that a rise was not temporary an average had to be maintained for 12 months. Mr Foss added that he was hopeful of getting the necessary average by June or September next. There were, he said, fewer children going away now from the district to attend outside high schools than was the case formerly.

Dr. Gow said that aspect was very satisfactory, and there was evidence of it in 'the way the roll was going up,

8th February 1923 The Levin School excursion proved very enjoyable at Plimmerton yesterday. The weather was bright and sunny, and the children and a large number of adults lost no time in having a dip in the briny. The time passed pleasantly and all too quickly for the children. Lunch was partaken of in real picnic fashion, and there were further refreshments before the departure of the train. At 5 o'clock the excursionists boarded the train on the homeward journey, arriving tired but happy after the day's outing. If there was any cause for complaint it was in the shortage of transit accommodation supplied by the Railway Department, numbers of passengers being compelled to stand

17th February 1923 PRESENTATION OF PRIZES. The presentation of prizes won by the various scholars at the sports last Wednesday took place at the school yesterday afternoon. In making the presentation, Mr F. G. Roe (chairman of the School Committee) referred to the success of the meeting. He was sorry the competition for the senior girls' and junior boys' championship had been such a runaway affair in each case but hoped that the interesting contests that eventuated for the senior boys and junior girls would be repeated for all events at subsequent carnivals. Hearty cheers were given for the winners and also for the donors of prizes. The sporting action of Mr D. S. Mackenzie, who gives practically a blank cheque each year to encourage the learners, was heartily applauded by the assembled scholars.

24th February 1923 Applicants for the position of caretaker at the School are asked to meet the Committee at the school at 3.30 on Tuesday afternoon.

28th February 1923 Out of thirteen applicants, the Levin School Committee has appointed Mr W. A. La. Roche caretaker of the School buildings and grounds.

7th March 1923 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE. The Levin District High School Committee held its monthly meeting last night. Present: Messrs. Roe (chairman), Hobson, Procter, Denton, Wilson and Dr. Gow.

#### WERAROA MEMORIAL GATES.

The Weraroa Reserve Committee asked for the use of the school grounds for the afternoon of March 21 to hold a large garden party on the occasion of the Premier's visit on that day.

The Committee also asked the Committee to grant the children a half holiday on the occasion of the Premier's visit, and also to allow the children to attend the service at 11.30 the older boys to form a guard of honour.

After discussion the Committee Considered that the granting of the school grounds for such purposes would be detrimental to the grounds and would create a precedent that

Would have to be followed for other functions. The Committee regretted therefore, that it could not grant the request.

It was decided to grant a half holiday on the occasion. The chairman and headmaster were appointed to arrange for a guard of honour.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT. The Headmaster reported;— leave of absence had been necessary for the first assistant, Mr Kibblewhite, on account of sickness, and Miss Dove on account of bereavement. Miss Britland, fourteenth assistant had reported for duty. The local picture proprietor, Mr Cassie, had interviewed him on the question of giving the educational film a trial. GENERAL. The Education Board advised the Committee that Miss E. S. Britland had been appointed junior assistant at the school.

7th March 1923 MORE accommodation necessary. The Headmaster, Mr R. J. Foss, reported to the Levin District High School last night that the Secondary and Primary divisions of the school were both showing continued growth. In the secondary division the numbers were such as to warrant an addition to the staff and also to permit of a greater freedom in the choice of courses. There are now 725 in attendance at the school, the secondary department contributing 107. It would now be necessary to consider the question of increased accommodation - The chairman said that the Committee's term of office would shortly expire, and it would be for the incoming committee to move in the matter of increased accommodation. In the meantime, on the headmaster's recommendation, it was decided to ask the Board to instruct its officer to inspect the school with a view to reporting on the position in the secondary department. This report would then be the basis on which the now Committee could make application for increased accommodation.

31st March 1923 Part of a long article in connection with the breaking-up of the Levin District High School, a simple but impressive ceremony was performed by Mr F. G. Roe, chairman of the School Committee, in the unveiling of an oak-framed portrait of the late Mr Jas. McIntyre, presented by pupils of the school.

4th April 1923 LAST MEETING OF YEAR. The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Levin District High School was held last night. There were present: Mr F. G. Roe (chairman), Dr Gow, and Messrs Vickers, J. Procter, Hobson, Wilson, Gardiner, and the headmaster (Mr Foss). Letters were received from the Education Board appointing Miss D. Erickson as teacher to the School and confirming Miss E. S. Britland in her appointment.

CROWDED SECONDARY DEPARTMENT. In reference to the matter of shortage of accommodation in the secondary school, a letter was received from the Education Board,

suggesting that the science room and corridor might be temporarily used as classrooms. BOARD OF HONOUR GIVEN. Mr C. I. Darkness wrote offering to present to the School an Honours Board to be of such design as the Committee might indicate. The Secretary was instructed to write thanking Mr Harkness for his generous offer.

TRANSPORT OF SCHOLARS. An application was received from several settlers on the Arapaepae road north asking that the bus service be extended so as to include that road as far as Roslyn road. Fifteen children were affected. Mr Wilson said that one difficulty about acceding to such an arrangement would be that it would be necessary to make three trips daily which would mean that some of the children would arrive at the school an hour before opening time, which in winter particularly was not desirable. It was decided to let the matter stand over to enable the Chairman to consult with the contractor for the service as to the possibility of working this district satisfactorily.

GENERAL. Dr Gow moved that if the quotation for Taupiri coal, for which the Chairman had written, was satisfactory, the chairman be empowered to, order it, so as to save holding the matter over for another month.—Carried.

In connection with the opening of the Weraroa Memorial Gates, it was decided -that a half-holiday should be granted on that day.

The Chairman presented the account of the school picnic, showing a deficit of £6 1/10. The principal items were—expenditure: N.Z. Hallways £110 2/6 milk, hot water, etc. at Plimmerton £8 .3/- and sundries bringing the total to £135 16/3. Receipts: Shop Day £31 10 6, picture shows £14 12/, railway tickets sold £70 1/11, donations Messrs Biggins £1 1/, J. Kebbell £1, Fyffe 5/- W. Stewart 6/, Williams (eggs) £2 8/8, collection at gate election day £1. 17/10, and a couple of small items bringing the total to £129 14/5. It was decided that the amount of £6 1/10d to be drawn from the Post Office account to settle outstanding accounts.

#### APPRECIATIVE.

The Chairman said that this was the last meeting of the old Committee, although there would have to be an emergency meeting to clear up business before the householders' meeting which would take place in the Century Hall at the end of the month. Possibly they had not done all that they would have wished to do during the past twelve months, and there would certainly be plenty to do for the new Committee during the coming year, especially in regard to secondary school accommodation. He wished, he said, to thank the members of the Committee for the help they had given him during the past twelve months. It might have been necessary to make sacrifices at times in carrying out the work, but the cause of education was one deserving of their best efforts. He hoped that every member would send in his nomination for re-election. With regard to the books and balance-sheet, these had gone to Wellington for audit purposes, and would be presented at next meeting together with his report on the year.

Mr Vickers said that as this was the last meeting of the Committee, he would like to congratulate the Chairman on the able manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year, and the good work he had done for the school.

This was seconded by Mr Gardiner and carried by acclamation.

Mr Hobson said that there was one other matter which he wished to touch upon, and that was the recent unveiling of a portrait of the late Mr McIntyre. The late headmaster's work was too well-known to need much comment. In his opinion the finest thing in connection with it had been the confidence that existed between the pupils and their master. Whilst discipline had

been rigidly enforced, each child felt that it could go to Mr McIntyre in every difficulty and be assured of a sympathetic hearing. His control of the children had been splendid and he thought it was an excellent idea to have this photograph to remind them, of a man whom they had all loved as well as respected.

28th April 1923 LEVIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL, COMMITTEE'S REPORT. The annual report to be presented to the meeting of Levin householders on Monday night, states that 11 committee meetings were held during the year, the majority being well attended, The report continues:

It gives the Committee much pleasure to be able to report the steady growth of the school in both primary and secondary divisions as shown by the following figures 1922 679 1923 720 An outstanding feature of the attendance recorded has been the high percentage in both departments, The Secondary School maintaining 97 percent., and the Primary School (including infants) 96 per cent. There has been a large increase in the secondary roll necessitating increased accommodation, and steps are now being taken on this matter. The growth in the support received by the High School branch is evidenced by the following average attendances

March, 1919 33 students.

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March, 1921, 47 students.

March. 1922, 65 students.

March, 1923, 102 students.

Our Secondary Department now has a first class staff of four assistant teachers, and parents should continue to bear in mind, that there is no necessity to send their children to outside schools .when the best educational facilities are offered in their own school. Last year the committee circularised parents on the secondary education available in Levin and the increased support given to the High School this year is evidence that the committee, in bringing the matter before the public, has met with general approval.

"During the past year the Department's inspectors reported at some length on the satisfactory condition of the school, while at the competitive external examinations held at the end of the year, the school was able to make a good showing as follows;— six junior free places, two junior national scholarships tenable for 3 years of the annual value of £5 with a Boarding allowance of £35 per annum. if necessary;., six Public Service successes, one. being seventh on the Dominion list, 14 senior free places, enabling the holder to free secondary education till the age of 19 one matriculation pass, this being the entrance qualification for practically all the professions.

The new Headmaster .Mr R J Foss took over the management of the school on August 1. He is now assisted by a staff of four assistants in the High **School** and eleven in the primary and infant divisions, together with five juniors. Everything is now working smoothly and the staff is doing excellent work. The health of the school during the year has been exceptionally good.

"We have now three motor conveyances making five double trips daily for the convenience of children in the outlying parts of the district, and the committee have no doubt that the arrangements they have been able to make for the benefit of these children have been appreciated by the parents concerned. These facilities are availed of by 160 pupils who would otherwise be placed at a considerable disadvantage.

The much-needed room for the staff is now nearing completion, and it is to be hoped that some comfort will be derived from the provisions of this room when it is finally completed and furnished. The alterations and additions to our headmaster's residence are nearing completion and when finished the residence will be more in keeping with the school. The committee have had considerable difficulty in making provision for the adequate accommodation of its headmaster and family and feels considerable satisfaction in the ultimate success of the representations made to the Board and Department. Owing to the continued growth of the school it has been necessary to extend the accommodation in the outside offices [Toilets where you do your business] and considerable extension has been made here since the school resumed in February of this year.

The grounds and trees have been well-kept in order, but the incoming committee is recommended to give immediate attention to asphaltting paths and increasing the asphalt area. During the year the school was honoured by a visit from the Rt. Hon. W. F. Massey and Ministerial party, when there was presented to the school a New Zealand Ensign in lieu of the school flag left to Le Quesnay. Mention was made of the prospect of the original flag presented by the Mayor to Le Quesnay becoming available for the school in the near future.

PICNIC. , "The annual picnic to Plimmerton, was again a distinct success, about 1000 making the trip, including children, teachers, committeemen and parents. The headmaster and staff are to be congratulated for the discipline and management of the children and thanks are due to the headmaster, staff, committeemen and their wives for their help with the Plimmerton Shop Day and to Mr Cassie, the proprietor of the People's Pictures for a picture show, and also all of the general public who assisted the funds and made the trip possible. The funds collected were hardly sufficient to meet the expense owing to the unfavourable weather prospects at the time, and a sum of £6 odd was drawn from the P.O. account to meet the deficiency.

"The annual swimming carnival was held at the close of the season when the L.D.H.S. for the fifth year in succession won the Robertson Challenge Shield. The trials for the swimming certificates were also held, when certificates were gained as follows; Learners' certificates, 50 yards, 29; proficiency certificates, over 50 yds to ½ mile, 27 merit ½ mile upwards 14 total 70.

The Swimming Carnival showed a profit of £3 19s 10d, and we have to thank the ladies for providing afternoon tea.

"The D.H. School football team did exceedingly well, winning the Proctor Cup in the fourth grade competition.

"The cricket and basketball [9 aside netball] teams, under their respective coaches are also making good progress, while a commencement has been made with providing better tennis facilities,

"The Committee wishes to acknowledge the assistance received from well-wishers who have donated medals and trophies. There has been keen competition for all of these.

"No report would be complete without reference to the sudden and unexpected death of our late and beloved headmaster, Mr Jas. McIntyre, after only four months retirement. We had all hoped he would be spared some years to enjoy the rest he had so well earned. His death caused a shock to the whole school. The fine enlarged photograph of the late Mr McIntyre presented by the pupils of the school, now hangs in the corridor of the main school. It will always remind us of our late headmaster's long and faithful service to the school."

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The chairman of the Committee, Mr F. G. Roe, read the annual report; which was published in Saturday's "Chronicle."

The balance sheet then presented showed that during the year the Committee received £213 17s 4d from the general account. A debit balance of £7 8s 10d was brought forward from the previous year. Cleaning and sanitation absorbed £130 11s 9d, fuel and lighting £22 7s, repairs and improvements £28 8s 6d, books and stationery £27 5s 8d, expenses of committee £13 16s 6d, special purposes grant £5. The account thus balanced. The special account from which the annual picnic is financed, opened with a balance of £124 10s 6d from last year. The receipts were: Contributions £27, entertainments £220 11s 6d, contributions refunded by the Education Board £50, interest £1 8s 4d, due to general account £7 8s 10d, total £430 19s 2d. The expenses of local entertainments amounted to £262 1s, contributions deposited with Education Board for school work £94 12s, due to general account £16 1s 2d, bank balances £58 5s.

The report and balance sheet was adopted on Mr Roe's motion, seconded by R. Smith.

Mr Roe said he was pleased to say there were plenty of candidates for the committee, there being 14 and only nine required. This was a difference from last year when there was no election. Two of the old committee, Dr. Gow and Mr C. H. Bould, were not standing for re-election and they had done very good work on the committee.

Messrs F. Procter, J. W. Rimmer, W. M. Macintosh and R. McAllister were appointed scrutineers for the election.

The election resulted in the return of the following :—L. W. Procter 73, D. G. Gardiner 71, W. G. Vickers 69, F. G. Roe 69, T. Hobson 67, H. Denton 66, R. W. Percy 61, J. D. Adams 57, W. W. Shennan 37. The unsuccessful candidates were Messrs C. W. Curtis, G. P. Elliott, S. Hall, F. Lemmon and J. S. Wilson.

Mr J. Bagrie moved a hearty vote of thanks to the headmaster and staff for the interest they took in scholars and the excellent examination results.

Mr A. C. Holms seconded the motion and said that as a parent with four children at the school he would like to pay his tribute to the staff. They possessed the fullest confidence of parents, who should therefore be prepared to co-operate with the committee in securing improved accommodation and better conditions for the teachers. The vote was carried by acclamation and was duly acknowledged by the headmaster (Mr Foss).

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The motion was carried and was acknowledged by Mr Roe. Mr J. W. Procter thanked the householders for returning him at the head of the poll.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

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3rd May 1923 A long and discursive discussion took place at the householders' meeting in Levin on Monday night on the subject of the local District High School. The report showed

that the attendance had increased from 47 in March 1921, to 65 in March 1922, and finally to 102 in March 1923.

In the discussion on the report, Mr R. Smith said it was very gratifying to hear of the number of children attending the secondary department. He understood, however, that the accommodation was totally inadequate. The pupils had to go into the science cookery rooms and the sheds for their classes and the seating provided was insufficient. It was time a proper high school was built and the committee should take the matter up.

Mr Hobson, secretary to the committee, said the committee was thoroughly conversant with the deficiency and had communicated with the Board asking that more rooms be provided. The Department had said that its Inspector would attend the school and report on the matter.

Mr D J. Gardiner said Mr Harkness had brought the matter up at the Board meeting and the Board suggested that in the meantime the science and cookery rooms be used. The matter had not been lost sight of by the Committee.

Mr Roe said he understood that the Board recognised that the science room was absolutely out of date, and the intention was to convert it into, another class-room for the secondary department, and to erect a more suitable science room adjoining the carpenter's shop.

Later in the evening Mr J. Bagrie raised the matter again on the same lines as Mr Smith had done.

Mr Smith thereupon moved: "That this meeting of householders considers the time has come when a high school should be erected for the accommodation of the scholars offering."

Mr Bagrie offered to second the motion if Mr Smith altered it to urge the enlargement of the present school, but the latter declined to do so, considering it time Levin had a separate institution.

Mr Denton referred to the efforts to have the 1.30 train delayed to suit pupils returning northwards to their homes and suggested another attempt to secure the alteration.

Mr D. J. Gardiner suggested that Mr Smith organise parents to make a strong representation to the Education Board on the subject of increasing the present accommodation.

Mr J. D. Adams moved that the meeting recommend the new committee to again approach the Railway Department with a view to having the train services altered"

Mr Goldsmith seconded the motion but said the laws of the Medes and Persians were plastic things compared with the regulations of the Railway Department. On the previous occasion they got a very courteous reply from the General Manager, but it was also a very firm one.

Mr H. J. Jones said that as he had had the matter in hand previously he could speak as to the result of the representations. Mr Field had told him that it was absolutely impossible to have the train altered and the Department had refused to do anything. The alternative was to arrange a motor service from Levin in the afternoon. The school children did not, pay the Railway Department so that there was no revenue in it.

Mr K. Aitken supported the idea of a motor service.

The headmaster. Mr Foss said he was glad to hear the discussion showing that parents were alive to the Importance of their secondary school. It was entirely a matter of finance They had just enough accommodation for the pupils last year and with the increased attendance this year, there was not now enough room. The School Committee had already taken the first step towards getting what was wanted for the town. Before anything could be done, however, the Board must be satisfied that the present attendance was going to be maintained. Application

had been made and granted the committee for additional seating accommodation and the chairs would be here in a few days. That was the first step—purely a temporary measure. Steps had further been "taken to ascertain what number of scholars would be coming forward next year from the schools between Tokomaru and Paraparaumu. The particulars would go to the Board and if the figures supported the request for more rooms, something would be done. The present proposal was to use the laboratory for a class room, making three rooms in all. If that was not sufficient a fourth room would be built before the end of the year. He could assure parents that the Committee had been alive to the requirements of the town and district. The senior inspector would be here shortly to make a report as a result of the representations forwarded. In the meantime the headmaster advised against any hasty step not backed by figures.

Mr Aitken asked whether primary classes were not being held in the shelter sheds. Mr Foss said it was a matter of convenience, not necessity. No seconder could be found for Mr Smith's motion, and Mr Aitken thereupon moved a recommendation to the incoming committee to consider the institution of a motor service to carry the secondary pupils to their homes northward in the afternoons. This was carried.

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

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Accounts to the amount of £13 14s 7d were passed for payment.

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In regard to the teachers' room, Mr Foss, explained that the room would be used considerably by the staff, as a lunch-room and it was wrong to expect teachers to go into such a room during the winter without making provision for heating. He suggested that the committee write to the Board pointing out that no such provision had been made, and that they thought something should be done in the matter. An offer of a second-hand gas stove for 30/- had been received

and he suggested that this be referred to the Board for consideration. The chairman was empowered to see Mr Tomlinson about the pruning of trees.

Mr Foss said that one matter which he would like to refer to was the provision of a piano for the infant department. There were now about 200 children attending this department, and it would be a very good thing if a piano could be got for a division of the school in which singing formed such a large part of the curriculum. If between now and the next committee meeting, the committee could think of any means of providing an instrument it would be a very good thing.

Mr Hobson said that a matter which required attention was the provision of a private room for the infant mistress. She had now no place to receive parents, who might come to see her about their children. Furthermore she was in the position of a mother to these children and such a room would aid materially where correction or attention of any sort was required. He recommended that such a room be provided.

The chairman said he endorsed all that Mr Hobson had said on this subject. This matter had been under consideration for some time, and he would have great pleasure in writing to the Board recommending that such a room should be provided.

The chairman reported that the sum of £66 2s 10d had been paid into the school's account from various sources.

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A letter was received from the Education Department to the effect that the sum of £5 paid as water rate would be refunded by the Department. The Department also wrote that the matter of the resignation of Miss F. V. Dick from the staff and the appointment of a successor would be attended to.

Tile Taupiri Coal Co. wrote giving quotations for coal. It was decided that a truck be ordered and the matter was left in the hands of the chairman to be attended to. A letter was received from the Education Board to the effect that shelter trees and shrubs were now supplied free to schools by the Board.—Received.

Accounts to the amount of £23 14s 7d were passed for payment. The report of the visiting committee recommended some slight repairs to the Tennis Court. A number of chairs and a table in the infant school needed repairs. Several loads of gravel were required at the back of the school where now water lay in pools. The matter of heating the teachers' common-room was brought up. No provision had been made for this and the matter required immediate attention. A piano was required for the infant **school**. It was also recommended that the plane trees in the grounds be pruned.

In regard to the teachers' room, Mr Foss, explained that this room would be used considerably by the staff, as a lunch-room and it was wrong to expect teachers to go into such a room during the winter without making provision for heating. He suggested that the committee write to the Board pointing out that no such provision had been made, and that they thought something

should be done in the matter. An offer of a second-hand gas stove for 30/- had been received and he suggested that this be referred to the Board for consideration.

The chairman was empowered \_In see Mr Tomlinson about the priming of trees.

Mr Foss said that one matter which he would like to refer to was the provision of a piano for the infant department. There were now about 200 children attending this department, and it would be a very good thing if a piano could be got for a division of the school in which singing formed such a large part of the curriculum. If between now and the next committee meeting the committee could think of any means of providing an instrument it would be a very good thing.

Mr Hobson said that a matter which required attention was the provision of a private room for the infant mistress. She had now no place to receive parents, who might come to see her about their children. Furthermore she was in the position of a mother to these children and such a room would aid materially where correction or attention of any sort was required. He recommended that such a room be provided. The chairman said he endorsed all that Mr Hobson had said on this subject. This matter had been under consideration for some time, and he would have great pleasure in writing to the Board recommending that such a room should be provided.

The chairman reported that the sum of £66 2s 10d had been paid into the school's account from various sources.

Messrs Adams and Denton were appointed visiting committee for the ensuing month.

A vote of thanks to the chair concluded the meeting.

12th May 1923 . A delightful little concert was given yesterday afternoon by the Christian Union of the Levin District High School. Proceedings opened with a bright duet by Eveline Fortune and Miss Armstrong.....

18th May 1923 General regret will be felt in Levin at the news that Mr Vivian Higgins, formerly first assistant at the local school, died on Wednesday. Mr Higgins was first assistant master at the Petone Boys' High School, and formerly a lieutenant in the Machine Gun Company, N.Z.E.F. Mr Higgins was 45 years of age, was born in Amberley, Canterbury, and had been in the service of the Wellington Education Board for nearly 27 years. He took an active part in coaching school rugby teams and also served as a football referee. He was also a prominent bowler, Mr Higgins went to the front with the Thirteenth Reinforcements, and after taking part in some of the big engagements in France, was invalided, -suffering from the effects of gas and shellshock. Since his return from the war he had never enjoyed the best of health.....

7th June 1923 The monthly meeting of the Levin District High School was held on Tuesday evening, Mr F. G. Roe occupying the chair. There were also present; Messrs Shennan (secretary). Hobson, Vickers, Gardiner, Denton and Percy.

Before starting the meeting, the chairman referred to the death of the late Mr V. Higgins, who had been First Assistant in the school for several years, and during his stay in Levin had endeared himself to all, leaving this school to take up a position at the Petone High School. His death had come as a shock to all, and he had wired to Mr Higgins' mother, the committee's deepest sympathy and regret.

CORRESPONDENCE. The chairman stated that he had written to the Board re further accommodation for the secondary school, also an extra room for the Infant School mistress,

and drawing the Board's attention to the teachers' common-room, now requiring furnishing. No reply had yet come to hand.

He had also written to the Mayor in reference to the sum of about £17, collected by the children on Armistice Day. This amount should be devoted to purchasing a piano for the infant school and would carry a subsidy. With the result of a picture-show, which would also carry a subsidy, sufficient money should be got for this purpose.

It was moved and seconded that the action of the sub-committee re school dental course be approved. Proposed and seconded, that the chairman, with Messrs Hobson and Percy, be a sub-committee to deal with all dental matters.

It was agreed to arrange for holding a picture show at an early date to raise funds for the purchase of a piano for the infant school. The visiting committee for the present month will be Messrs Gardiner and Hobson.

Accounts to the amount, of £11 18s 9d were passed for payment.

The meeting closed with a hearty vale of thanks to the chair.

16th June 1923 Mr J. Linklater, M.P., received advice yesterday that an additional grant was made by the Minister of Education for the erection of a new school at Poroutawhao, near Levin.

26th June 1923 At the last meeting of the Wellington Education Board, a list asked for by the Education Department, of the most urgent school buildings requiring attention, was submitted, when from out of 24 cases brought forward, the additions to the Levin District High School were placed sixth on the list. Plans and specifications have been drawn up and together with an application for a grant" submitted to the Education Department for sanction, for two temporary rooms to be added to the present woodwork department at the Levin District High School. It is intended that the present cookery and science departments shall be transferred to these rooms, and those rooms renovated so as to be used as class-rooms, in order to overcome the present congestion in the school.

Regarding the additional accommodation asked for for the Infant Department of the Levin District High School, the Education Board at its last meeting was not inclined to give this request favourable attention, members being of the opinion that the proposed new school at Poroutawhao would considerably relieve the situation. Mr C. I. Harkness, the local member of the Board, pointed out that this was not going to be at best more than temporary as the increase' in the attendance had been steady for the last five years,

24TH July 1923 The C. M. Ross Co., Ltd., have pleasure in announcing the arrival of boys' caps, which were made specially for the Levin School. These caps have the school's monogram attached, and are obtainable only at the C. M. Ross Co., Ltd.

8th August 1923 The monthly meeting of the Levin District High School Committee was held last evening, Mr F. G. Roe, chairman, presiding. There were also present Messrs Denton, Vickers, Hobson, Shennan, Procter and Percy. An apology for non-attendance through influenza was received from Mr D. Adams. CORRESPONDENCE. Messrs McLeod and Young, book sellers, Masterton, wrote asking the Committee to forward a list of works required for the coming year, and for a continuance of the school's custom. The chairman said that it would be a good thing to get a list of the books required drawn up, and to get the local booksellers to quote for them. There had been a certain amount of trouble over the matter last year, and he considered the local men should have an opportunity of tendering. He suggested

that a small committee be drawn up to deal with the matter and Messrs Adams, Percy and the chairman were appointed for the purpose.

Re the Education Board's grant towards the upkeep of the school, which the Committee had asked to be increased, the accountant for the Board pointed out that the amount granted at present, £230 11s 4d, was £32 11s 4d in excess of the Department's scale of allowances, and the Board had taken local conditions into account when fixing this sum.

The headmaster, Mr Foss, explained that as the result of the Committee's application for an increased grant the Board had pointed out that the school was already getting more than some others on a scale basis, but the Board felt that a large school required proportionately more equipment, etc. than a smaller one, and while there was a scale, it was only an indication of what might be advanced, and not a rigid one. The Board also wrote that it was prepared to give favourable consideration to the school committee's application for more liberal grants for incidental expenses.

#### HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

The headmaster reported as follows "I have to report that the working of the school has been very severely interfered with by the prevailing epidemic, both staff and pupils being affected. The excellent percentage of attendance that the school has been able to show has dropped from 95 per cent.—last quarter—to 64 per cent., whilst there are at present six members of the staff on sick leave under ordinary circumstances, the school would close for the term vacation on the 24th inst, but the Senior Inspector has asked that they continue till September 7th to enable the school to be inspected in that period.

Improvements to the grounds have been carried out during the month, the trees having been topped on the southern side of grounds, and the fences repaired or removed where no longer needed.

Miss Grace Alpin, B.A., from Victoria University, the fourth secondary assistant, has reported for duty. The dental course is well under way now, the total enrolments under the local dental officers being just under 200. The gas-fire has been installed in the new teachers' room and will be appreciated by the staff. The Board advises that it has approved of an increased grant for furnishing." Speaking to the question of keeping the school open beyond the usual term, the headmaster pointed out that it was an usual thing to inspect a certain number of schools during the vacation period. The Wairarapa schools had usually been done, but this year it had been thought advisable to do this part of the district instead, and whilst it might be upsetting in some cases to have the alteration, they could not object to taking their turn.

**PRECAUTIONS AGAINST EPIDEMIC.** Commenting on the health of the school, Mr Foss said that every possible precaution was being taken against infection in the class-rooms. The floors were well disinfected each day, sawdust damped with kerosene being spread on the floor and swept off, this effectually collecting all dust as well as disinfecting. The cleaners also went over all furniture each morning with a cloth damped with disinfectant, and each room was thoroughly sprayed every morning and on some evenings as well.

**GENERAL.** A sub-committee consisting of Messrs Hobson, Vickers, Percy and the chairman was appointed to meet the staff and confer re the furnishing of the teachers' room.

The visiting committee recommended that a curbing be put along the front, of the shelter sheds and the back portion of the interior tiled up so as to prevent dampness in wet weather. Also, that the asphalt was in need of repair.

The headmaster said that when in Wellington he had brought the matter of the asphalt before the notice of the Department and had received an encouraging reply. This was work which should be done during the summer vacation, and he recommended that the Committee make application for a grant for the work to be placed on the list. He considered that if this were done immediately the work would receive early attention.

ADDITIONS TO SECONDARY DEPARTMENT. plans were before the meeting, on the proposed additions to the Secondary Department said that this work was sixth on the list of necessary buildings and would probably be commenced in about a month's time.

Mr Procter brought up the question of some of the larger pupils riding bicycles out on to the road from the school grounds at a pace which took them across to the opposite side the road before they could turn. This he contended constituted a source of danger, and with passing motor traffic, there was likely to be an accident asked if it would not be possible to have a teacher detailed to see that children left the grounds safely and promptly.

The chairman said that a teacher was on duty for this purpose and the children had strict instruction cross the road before they reached Bath Street.

The headmaster explained that he had arranged for a teacher to be present when the children were getting into the buses. He would look-into the matter and see what could be done

Accounts amounting to £38 10s 10d were passed for payment.

Visiting committee for the ensuing month Messrs Shennan and Roe were appointed A vote of thanks to the chair concluded the meeting.

14th August 1923 On account of so many members of the staff of the Levin District High School being affected by the prevailing epidemic and so many scholars being unfit for school work, the Wellington Education Board has approved of the term vacation being taken now instead of later. In consequence the school closes to-day, resuming again on Wednesday, 29th inst. This alteration affects the Levin District High School only.

6th September 1923 It is satisfactory to note as showing that the influenza epidemic is at an end, that the attendance at the Levin District High School since the resumption of work after the holidays has maintained the high average of 96 per cent.

3rd October 1923 The monthly meeting of the Levin District High School Committee was held last evening, the chairman (Mr F. G. Hoe) presiding. Also present; Messrs Hobson, Denton, Vickers. Percy, Procter, Gardiner, Adams, and Shennan. CORRESPONDENCE. Letters from the Education, Board were received as follows; A cheque for incidental expenses was -received The Board intimated that a grant of £20 had been made towards the cost of asphaltting the paths. The Education Board also wrote that they were considering making a more liberal grant for incidental expenses and asking for detailed information as to these.

#### HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

The headmaster reported as follows: "I have to report that for the quarter just ended the attendance has fallen very considerably owing to the general sickness in the middle of the quarter. The totals for the quarter are 615 those for June being 679. Application is being made to protect the school against any disadvantages arising from the lower figures. "During, the past month, Miss Armstrong was forced through continued ill health to apply for an extension of sick leave. Mrs Robbie is still unable To resume duty. School was closed on Monday, 24th September, Dominion Day.

"The applications for permission to sit at the forthcoming examinations have now gone forward, in addition to being a centre for the various November examinations. Levin will this year qualify as a centre for matriculation candidates, and also for the next -teachers' examinations. "I shall be glad to hear that a, definite; forward step has been made with respect to the provision of more adequate secondary accommodation.

"Can- the committee see its way to make arrangements for the supply of a piano for the Infant School in the near future."

INSPECTOR'S REPORT. In connection with the recent term examinations the following report on the school was made by Mr F. H. Bakewell, senior inspector for the Wellington Province; "Organisation and management—Good. The headmaster found it necessary in order to relieve the pressure on the accommodation in the Infant, Department, to promote pupils in classes P. 4 to Standard 1 near the end of the first term. Order, Discipline, and tone.—Very good. Attendance.—Good, until recently adversely afflicted by the prevailing sickness. ' The instruction of Pupil Teachers. and probationers is very satisfactory. General efficiency of the teaching.—Good. The committee and staff show considerable interest in the upkeep of the grounds. Organisation and classification.—Approved. Order and control. — Very good. Methods of instruction. — Good. Tone and attitude of pupils in class—Good. The programme of work covers requirements for a four years' course in matriculation, the public, service entrance and senior scholarship examinations. The efficiency is good and all work carefully supervised. Additional accommodation to' the extent of two new rooms has been recommended. At present the work of instruction is being carried on under considerable disadvantage and the management is commended on the good progress made under such circumstances."

Mr Adams said he would like the committee to place on record their appreciation of the work of the staff which had earned such a splendid report. It spoke highly for the quality of the teaching and it was very gratifying to both "the Committee and parents to know that the children were receiving such expert tuition. The motion was carried by acclamation.

VISITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT. The visiting committee reported that the front fence was not satisfactory. Messrs Procter, Gardner and chairman were appointed to attend to the matter. Accounts amounting to £44 2s 9d were passed for payment.

A hearty vote of thanks in the chair concluded the meeting.

6th October 1923 Miss C. E. Robbie, who has been ill, for the past month as the result of a severe relapse upon an attack of influenza, is now convalescent, and will resume her duties on the staff of the Levin District. High School on Monday. Mrs Robbie's many friends will be pleased to see her about again after a very trying illness

19th October 1923 The proceeds of the dance to be held in St. Mary's Hall to-night will be devoted to the purchase of a piano for the infant school, and not towards the Sports Fund as previously announced. All funds raised carry a 1 £ for £ subsidy from the Government, 'and donations towards the fund would be gratefully received by the secretary of the School Committee.

7th November 1923 The monthly meeting of the Levin District High School was held last evening, the chairman (Mr F. G. Roe) occupying the chair. Also present—Messrs Vickers, Procter, Shennan, Hobson, Percy, and Adams . Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Messrs Gardner and Denton. CORRESPONDENCE.

From Mr E. Dawson, late accountant for the Wellington Education Board, acknowledging receipt of letter from the Committee expressing appreciation of his services during his of the office—Received.

A letter was received from the Education Board suggesting that in place of the previous suggestion that the proposed addition to the Secondary Department should be added to the existing woodwork department, it should be built on to the main building so as to facilitate teaching—Received.

A letter was also received from the Minister of Education promising to give the matter of extra accommodation his full attention Received.

FOUR DAYS' GALA, The Levin Chamber of Commerce wrote inviting the Committee to be, represented at a meeting to be held by the various societies and clubs in the 'town in conjunction with ,the Chamber, to discuss the holding of a four-days' gala for the purpose' of advertising the town, the funds accruing to be devoted to the provision of a. public playground for the children.

Mr Adams said that the idea seemed to be an excellent one but he did not see what the committee had to do with it.

Mr Hobson expressed the opinion that the town was already well supplied with play-grounds and he thought if the committee, concentrated on the school grounds, it would be better.

Mr Procter explained that the object was to provide swings, etc., in the grounds already existing. On the motion of the chairman, it was decided to appoint a delegate to attend the meeting, Mr D. J. Gardiner being appointed.

GENERAL. A cheque for £50, being the Government grant towards the cost of the school dental course was received.

#### LIST OF SCHOOL BOOKS,

A letter was received from the Education Board to the effect that the Education Department had recently prescribed a, list of class books for use in primary schools, this to come into force as from the beginning of 1925. In reply to the Board's request it had been decided that teachers might use during 1924 the books already on hand, but that if any change were desired this should be made from the authorised list. The headmaster .explained that the idea of drawing up the list was to bring the various schools into line as regards books. The list drawn up gave a. monopoly for the supply of books for primary classes with the exception of the infant department, to a Wellington firm, and he had been notified that books to be used must be drawn from this list. He had accordingly asked .local booksellers to get these books. A list for secondary schools has also been drawn up and these books were being ordered from London. The changes would date from the opening of next year's school term.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT. Mr Foss reported 'as follows : I have to report that the attendance of 658 has been maintained throughout October, with an average of 91 per cent., rather low for us. The newly appointed Truant Officer visited the school recently, when some defaulters were cautioned.

During the past month Mesdames Smith and Robbie were absent through ill-health 'and Misses Milnes, Frost and Britland were absent, on examination leave. The annual examinations commence to-day (November 6) with the proficiency tests. The other standard tests will he commences on Monday next. On. the 21st inst. the intermediate senior scholarship, public service entrance will commence-, on the 20th Inst, the Junior national scholarship tests will be

taken; the matriculation tests will be commenced on 3rd December, for which Levin will be a centre. The Honours Board donated by Mr C. I. Harkness will be available this week. I have to acknowledge with thanks the offer of gold medals from Mr D. J. Gardiner for the dux of the primary school (one each for boy and girl) and from Mr F. G. Roe for the dux and runner-up respectively in the High School. I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to these donors. I have received from Mr A. Billens, a handsome enlargement of the photograph of the Robertson Shield winners for 1923. This fine gift is ready for hanging. The infant school piano fund benefited to the extent of £4 10s 3d owing to a dance organised by Mr J. Procter.

**SCHOOL PICNIC.** The question of the annual school picnic was discussed, the chairman stating that it would be a great pity to cut it out, but it would depend on the financial position. There was £13 in hand and the remainder of the money would depend on contributions and sale of tickets. It had cost £135 last year. It was agreed that the picnic should take place at Plimmerton as soon as school resumed after the holidays it being decided that householders be asked to contribute to the fund.

A plan for a proposed front fence for the school grounds was submitted, the fence to be of rough cast concrete with a chain suspended above from posts standing above the level of the fence.

It was decided to adopt the plan with the alteration that, the posts be raised six inches bringing them to a height of three feet and on the suggestion of the headmaster it was decided to apply for a grant of half the cost of £37 from the Education Department. Accounts totalling £15 11s were passed on payment.

**GENERAL.** Hearty votes of thanks were passed to Mr A. Billens for a handsome oak framed enlargement of a photo of the winners of the Robertson Shield and also to Mr J. Procter for the excellent work done for the school in connection with the dance recently organised by him in aid of the school funds. Votes of thanks were also passed to Mr. D J. Gardiner and Mr F. G. Roe for the donation of gold medals for the dux and runner-up of the (primary and secondary departments respectively.

Messrs Roe and Vickers were appointed visiting committee for the present month. A hearty vote of thanks to the chair terminated the meeting.

10th November 1923 A pleasant little function took place at the Levin District High School yesterday afternoon when the Honours Board presented to the school by Mr C. I. Harkness, local representative of the Wellington Education Board, was unveiled by the donor in the presence of the assembled children, teachers, and members of the school committee. In making the presentation Mr Harkness spoke of the honour attained by those whose names appeared on such a board, which was a permanent record for those coming after them of the industry and application of their predecessors. ....

17th November 1923 On the application of Mr C. I. Harkness a grant for the remainder of the furnishings of the teachers' room at the Levin District High School has been made by the Education Board.

1st December 1923 Miss Hitchcock, of the Levin District High School staff, and secretary of the school branch of the Young Helpers' League, has received from London headquarters an acknowledgment of the last remittance and the thanks of the executive for the creditable sum remitted by the members of this energetic branch. No one questions the good work done by the Dr. Barnardo organisation, and on Tuesday next voluntary contributions to the League's

Christmas remittance will be received at the school. No doubt many parents will support this worthy work of the Young Helpers League.

5th December 1923 The Levin District High. School will break up on December 20th for the Christmas holidays, resuming on February 10th.

6th December 1923 A meeting of the Levin District High School Committee was held on Tuesday evening, Mr F. Roe presiding. There were also present: Messrs T. Hobson, W. Vickers, R. Perry, J. Adams, H. Denton, W. W. Shannan, and the headmaster (Mr R. J Foss). Correspondence was received from the Education Board, covering the plans of the proposed additions to the High School building by the provisions of one room on the north and one on the south of the existing secondary building. It was resolved on the recommendation of the headmaster to submit for the Board's approval certain improvements to the existing laboratory. It was resolved that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr W. H Plaster for the donation of an Honours Board for the primary school.

It was decided to hold the annual beach excursion to Plimnerton on Wednesday, February 6th and that application be made to the Mayor for that day to be declared a holiday.

The chairman mentioned that as this would be the last meeting of the committee prior to the close of school for the year he wished to express to the new members of the committee and the staff, his best wishes for a happy and prosperous Christmastide. Messrs Vickers and Ross suitably responded and reciprocated the cordial expressions of the chairman.

**HEADMASTER'S REPORT** In his report the headmaster, Mr R J Foss, gave the average attendance at 695 for the month of November which, worked out at 95 per cent, of the attendance for the month. All the examinations were well in hand, only the secondary tests remaining. The adoption by the examiners of an outside hall was much appreciated by the candidates this year. On previous occasions the work had to be done in the midst of the distractions of the ordinary school routine. Miss E. S'. Britland had been advised of her promotion to another school, to take effect from the end of the year. Miss S. E.B Dove had resigned from the service.

Misses F. M. Beverley and R. V. I Turk; would leave the staff as from the end of the year, they having qualified for entrance to the Training College at the beginning of next year. He had to acknowledge with thanks the much needed honours board to recording the names of Senior Primary scholars for each year. The Board had been presented by Mr W. H. Planter and would serve to place on the record the most successful primary scholars for the year. This Distinction carried with it a gold model, thanks to an anonymous donor last year and Mr J. H. Gardiner this year. The school would close on Thursday. December 20th. Resuming on Tuesday, February 5th. The headmaster expressed the hope that the arrangements could be made for the additional accommodation to be well in hand when the school resumed. The next dental visit would be paid on December 10, 11., 17. and 18. when. A thorough overhauling would be given each child entitled to treatment.

The Mayor (Mr T. Hobson) advised that he was prepared to hand over to the picnic fund the money counted on Peace Day. 1918. by the children The action of the chairman in taking the matter up was approved. It was decided that a shop day be held on December 15th, in aid of the funds, and a picture show arranged for December 13th.

The Education Board wrote authorising the lighting of the school and headmaster's residence with electricity/ It further advised that it would find the money for the erection of a front fence at the school.

14th December 1923 GRANT PASSED FOR NEW ROOMS, In view of the delay that has taken place in proceeding with the additional accommodation urgently required, at the Levin District High School, the chairman (Mr F. G. Roe) last week telegraphed to the Minister for Education as follows: "High school additions most-necessary when school resumes. Tenders not yet called."

Yesterday Mr Roe received the following telegram from Mr J. Linklater, M.P.: "Pleased to inform you that Cabinet yesterday approved grant additions to secondary department Levin District High School." A confirmatory message also came to hand from the Minister.

The plans provide for two new secondary rooms, one on the north and one on the south, which will relieve the pressure when the school re-opens. It is also intended to bring the science room up to requirements in fittings and apparatus, so that after the holidays, the secondary department will consist, of four class-rooms, a cookery room and the science room. There will thus be accommodation for about 120 children. The attendance at present is about 95, so that the additions will only provide for' the anticipated influx of scholars next year.

19th December 1923 A packed house greeted the promoters of the Levin D.H.S. Secondary Department concert at the Cosmos Theatre last night. Seeing that it was the first entertainment on such a scale the school has given in recent years, and that only a week had been available in which to plan the. programme and hold rehearsals the results were excellent. The audience gave every sign of enjoying the whole programme and encores were the order of the evening.....

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