

Lower Hutt

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Pre 1878

9th January 1858: First mention of a school in the Lower Hutt area: There is also, or said to be, a Wesleyan School at the Hutt; a Roman Catholic one in Wellington.....

10th January 1860 EDMUND JUPP respectfully informs the Inhabitants of the Hutt, that on the 9th instant, he proposes to open a Day School for popular instruction [Edward Jupp was at the Porirua School from 1878 to 1883 and the Waingawa School from 1884 to 1888. Mr Susan[and Susanna took the sewing at both schools]

and by June 1860 Mr Robinson had a schoolroom at The Taita

31st May 1861 THE LOWER HUTT SCHOOL. _____ WILL be re-opened for the admission of Scholars, on Monday next, June 3rd, at ~9 a. m. when the attendance of the pupils is desired.

Master — Mr. Johnson, of Merton College, Oxford, The Season will last continuously to the end of this present year ; when prizes will be given to the fifteen or twenty boys, most distinguished for proficiency in their studies and for their general good conduct, with a School feast, on New Year's Day. By order of the Committee. Lower Hutt

20th September 1862 WANTED a Competent Schoolmaster for the Wainui-o-mata Public School, conducted according to the Act of Council. Salary £100 per annum, with an excellent house and two to three acres of land adjoining. Distance from the town of Wellington, fifteen miles. Mr. J. Wood, at Wainui-o-mata will show the premises. Testimonials are to be forwarded on or before the 17th November next, to WILLIAM FITZHERBERT. The Hutt, 18th Sept., 1862

28th February 1863 There was no schoolhouse at the Hutt according to an advertisement though there was at Greytown and Masterton

12th May 1863 School Examination Wai-nui-o-mata.— Many of our readers may perhaps remember that little more than six months ago, a school was with much difficulty established in this district, and a competent master engaged to take -it in charge— a Mr Willoughby, who came from the North. An examination. took place on Saturday last; there were about thirty two pupils examined, before a numerous assembly of visitors. The children were exercised in reading, spelling, geography, mental arithmetic, and English grammar, which showed that great praise is due to the master, for the way in which he has brought forward the children, considering the short time lie has had them in hand. After the examination, a substantial tea was provided for the children, who enjoyed themselves to their hearts content. A most excellent dinner was also provided for the guests ; considerable disappointment;, however, was felt at the absence of his Honor the Superintendent, Mr Fitzherbert, M.P.C., and the other members for the Hutt ; but it may be presumed that the unsettled state of the weather unavoidably prevented their presence, since it is well known that very great interest has been taken in the establishment and progress of the school.

19th May 1863 WANTED for the Lower Hutt Common School, a School-master and mistress. The engagement will be made by the year. The salary for the schoolmaster to be £125 and for the schoolmistress £75 per annum. A house will be found or an allowance given in lieu of it. A married couple will be preferred. Applications and, testimonials to be sent to Mr Hugh Cleland, Chairman of the Committee of the Lower Hutt Common School, on or before the 20th June, 1863.

23rd May 1863 LOWER HUTT PUBLIC SCHOOL, SEALED TENDERS will be received by Mr Hugh Cleland, Hutt, Chairman of the Committee, until the 1st day of July next, for the making of Twenty-two Desks and Twenty-eight Forms, at whose Stores specifications, &c. can be seen. Hutt,

30th May 1863 Hutt Public School. — We have been requested to state that the time for receiving tenders for making desks, &c, for the School is the 1st June, instead of the 1st July as previously advertised.

28th April 1864 LOWER HUTT COMMON SCHOOL. AN Annual Public Meeting will be held in the Mechanics Institute, Hutt, on the 30th May next, at 7 o'clock p.m., to receive the Report of the Committee, to elect officers for the ensuing year, and to transact other business connected with the School. All persons interested in the welfare of the above mentioned School are respectfully invited to attend. H. CLELAND, Chairman. Hutt, April 27, 1864

31st January 1865 WANTED a SCHOOL MASTER and MISTRESS for the Taita School, A Married couple preferred, Salaries £150 and £50 respectively with residence. Testimonials and References to be addressed to W. CLELAND, Hon. Sec, School Committee. Taita, Hutt Valley, Wellington, January 30, 1865.

11th April 1865 WANTED for the Lower Hutt Common School, a competent Master and Mistress, who will be required to commence their duties on the 1st July, 1865. Salary to Master £125, and to Mistress £70 per annum, together with £20 per annum for House rent. 1 Applications and testimonials to be sent to the 'Chairman, Mr Hugh Cleland, Lower Hutt on or before 31st May,

8th June 1865 PRIVATE ACADEMY, LOWER HUTT. MR, HARRINGTON begs to notify that having resigned the Public School in which he has acted as Master for the past two years, he intends commencing a private Boarding and Day School, at the Lower Hutt, on Monday, the 3rd of July, 1865, and to instruct the pupils in the 'useful and literary branches of a sound English education, be as to fit them forth'. I . counting-house, office, or any respectable business pursuit. Mr Harrington's great experience as a successful public and private teacher, extends over a period of very many years, as his Testimonials will testify. The number of pupils will be positively limited to 25. The School premises are retired, and well ventilated. There are vacancies for five boarders only. Terms, which are moderate, may be obtained on application to Mr Harrington, Fern Grove, Lower Hutt.

SEMINARY, LOWER HUTT. MRS. HARRINGTON, a teacher with upwards of 20 years' experience will receive a few young ladies, at her pleasantly situated private residence, to instruct in the general and useful branches of a good English" education ; as well as in the French language, and Music. For terms, which are reasonable, please to apply to Mrs. Harrington, Fern Grove, Lower Hutt.

1st July 1865 LOWER HUTT PUBLIC SCHOOL.

A general public meeting of the subscribers to this school was held in the school-room on the 26th inst, A. Ludlam, Esq., in the chair.

Mr H. Cleland, Chairman of the Managing Committee for the past year, stated that in addition to the ordinary business of the school, he regretted to report the resignation of Mr and Mrs Harrington, as teachers of the school, in consequence of the ill health of the former, which the Committee much regretted, as through their great exertions the school had been brought into a most excellent state of organization, and the intellectual improvement of the school was admitted by all connected with the scholars. The Committee, under the circumstances, had accepted the resignation of that lady and gentleman, and had advertised for teachers in one of each of the Auckland, Christchurch, Nelson, and Otago newspapers, and also in two of the Wellington papers, the Independent and Advertiser. Thirty applications had been received,

and the Committee, having maturely taken into consideration the testimonials of the different applicants, had elected Mr and Mrs G. Williams, of Auckland, as the master and mistress of the Lower Hutt School. The Committee had given the preference to Mr and Mrs Williams because they had conjointly taught a school in England for five years under the Government regulations, and that Mr Williams was the only applicant who offered a certificate from her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, and which certificate extends over six years, and is signed by different Inspectors at various dates, within that period, the last extending to the 6th of June, 1861 Your Committee are happy to inform you that when the Provincial Government School Inspector examined The different classes of The School (including The infants in charge of Miss Detchon) he expressed himself highly pleased with the progress that had been made, and stated that the School was in much better order than any he had inspected. Your Committee would also beg to add that no notice had been given to the teachers previous to the Inspector's visit.

That the receipts during the past year amount to £291 3s Od, (including the Government aid,) which after paying £260 to the teachers and other incidental expenses, leaves a small balance in hand.

The Committee regret (hat there has been a very considerable falling off on the attendance of the children during the past quarter, in consequence of a few cases of Scarlatina in the neighbourhood, but they hope that, as the disease is on the decrease, it will soon pass away. Your Committee on account of the said disease, have deferred the holding of the usual annual examination of the school in the presence of the subscribers, but intend to hold an examination in two or three months, when prizes for merit &c, will be given.

Your Committee now resign into your hands the trust which you have reposed in them and beg leave to place before you a statement of the accounts, and Mr Harrington's report of the past year.

It was therefore proposed by Mr S. Fagan, seconded by Mr D. McKenzie, " That the subscribers to the Lower Hutt Public School desire to return their best thanks to the Chairman and members of the Committee, for their able management of the affairs of the School for the past year, to which may be attributed much of its success, and the advancement of education in the district." Carried.

Moved by Mr S. Fagan, seconded by Mr D. McKenzie, "That the vote of thanks to the Chairman and Committee, just passed, be entered on the minutes of the proceedings of the Committee as a record of their services." Carried.

Proposed by Mr H. Sanson, seconded by Mr H. Cleland, 'That this meeting present a vote of thanks to Mr and Mrs Harrington for The praiseworthy manner in which they have discharged their arduous duties in connection with the Lower Hutt School for the past two years, and that the Committee be requested to prepare a certificate expressive of the satisfactory progress the children have made while under their tuition, and also of the regret of the parents that they are obliged, in consequence of the ill health of Mr Harrington, to resign their offices in the School." Carried.

Proposed by Mr J. Colo, seconded by Mr Barber, " That Messrs S. Fagan, H. Cleland, J. Knight, T. Burt, D. McKenzie, W. Hunt, L. Potts, G. Copeland, J. Cudby, H. Sanson, H. Collett, J. Townsend, J. Acourt, and T. C. Trott. form the School Committee for the ensuing year." Carried.

The business of the evening having terminated Mr Ludlam remarked that, although he was chairman he hoped they would permit him to offer a few words. He begged to call the attention of the meeting to the fact that during his long residence in the Hutt sundry attempts had been made to establish schools on the Denominational system all of which had signally failed ; but he was happy to say that this School was a complete success, which he considered was in a very great measure owing to the unanimous working of the Committee. He strongly advocated the policy of giving prizes to the deserving scholars, and that he would give £5 [\$571 in June 2019 terms] to assist in carrying out this praiseworthy object.

Proposed by Mr H. Cleland. Seconded by Mr L. Potts : — That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Chairman for his liberal donation and also for his conduct in the chair". Carried. 4th July 1865 We understand that the long-established school adjoining the Catholic Chapel, Lower Hutt, has been re-opened with every prospect of success. The circumstance of a night school being added to the ordinary day-school cannot fail to afford a great facility to educate the youth of the place. Children of all denominations are admitted in that establishment, without religious interference whatever.

6th July 1865 Private Academy at the Hutt. — Mr Harrington having left the public school in which he has acted as principal for the last two years, on Monday opened his residence, Fern Grove, Lower Hutt, as a private Boarding and Day School, where twenty-five young gentlemen can be instructed in all the branches of a sound English education, so that they may be fitted for a counting house or any respectable business pursuit. Mr Harrington possesses great experience as a successful public and private teacher, and on his resigning the Lower Hutt School, owing to ill-health, the following resolution was unanimously carried by the School Committee : — " That this meeting present a vote of thanks to Mr and Mrs Harrington for the praiseworthy manner in which they have discharged their arduous duties in connection with the Lower Hutt School for the past two years, and that the Committee be requested to prepare a certificate expressive of the satisfactory progress the children have made while under their tuition, and also of the regret of the parents that they are obliged, in consequence of the ill-health of Mr Harrington, to resign their offices in the School."

22nd July 1865 REPORT OF SCHOOL INSPECTOR.

The above report shows that since the passing of the Education Act in 1855, twenty-four Common Schools, having 1016 scholars on their books have been established with the assistance of the Government. In these with one or two trifling exceptions a purely secular course of instruction has been adopted, not from any carelessness or disregard for religion, but from a fear of exciting discussion amongst communities composed of various religious sects. The School Inspector says : —

" Were we to judge alone from the number of the schools established, and the statistics of attendance, of the educational condition of the Province, there would be every reason to congratulate ourselves on the successful working of the Education Act as now administered " but " the quality of the instruction lamentably falls short of the desired standard in very many of these schools, so much so, as the call for a most careful and serious consideration of the causes of the defect, and a determined vigorous effort to remedy the evil.

The Schools are divided into the following classes, viz. : —

" Class I. Town Schools — i.e., schools established in districts which include two -hundred (200) householders at least within a radius of two miles from the school house.

" Class 11. Township or Village Schools, in districts including from one hundred to two hundred householders within the same circle. "

Class III. Country District Schools, in localities where not more than one hundred householders are resident within reach of the school. "

Adopting this classification, the Government Schools in the Province would be distributed as follows : —

Town Schools	Village Schools	Country Districts Schools
Wanganui	Greytown	Kaitoke Wanganui
Lower Hutt	Pahautanui	Matarawa Valley
	Turakina	Bonnie Glen
	Upper Hutt	Tutinui
	Johnsonville	lower Rangitikei
		Tawa Flat
		Karori
		Featherston
		Morrison's Bush
		Carterton
		Masterton
		Wainui-0-Mata

Besides these three classes there is another, consisting of four schools, whose present circumstances render it inexpedient to continue to them a grant from the Provincial Chest, to this class belong the following schools : —

Parawenui (Lower Rangitikei)

Taita (Mr Robinson, master)

Lower Hutt (Mr and Mrs Philips)

Upper Rangitikei (Mr Johnson)

Comparatively little is required to put into thorough working order the schools of the first and second classes, and there is also in these schools usually a more intelligent and influential supervision of the school, and the success or failure of the teacher is more quickly published and more readily meets with approbation or the contrary.

The School Inspector says that he visited with much pleasure the School of the Lower Hutt, at that time in charge of Mr James Harrington, for it stands alone among the Government Schools as showing the most satisfactory results quickly obtained. The Pahautanui School under Mr Ingpen stands foremost among those of the second class.

" Schools of the third class require most the assistance of the Government, in aid of the struggles of the people, with the great and deeply felt want of education for their children. This class includes the schools of all the outlying districts with their very varied circumstances of wealth, population and location. They have everything to contend against — they are young communities with growing wants, scattered irregularly over large roadless districts, and they have to bear the whole burthen of the first cost of the erection of religious and educational establishments, and this at a time when they have also to overcome the natural

difficulties always surrounding a new settlement in some form or other. " The great difficulties which the School Committees have to contend are : —

" 1st. Scarcity of funds.

" 2nd. Want of respectable and efficient masters.

" 3rd. Irregularity of attendance. "4th. Ignorance of their duties in the organising body.

" 4th. Bad situation of the School House.

"5th. .Difficulty of obtaining a constant and uniform supply of school books."

The School Inspector makes several suggestions as to how these difficulties may be overcome, laying down for his guidance the following propositions :

— " That though compulsion of payment should not be resorted to in the matter of education, till all other resources fail, yet the Government is clearly entitled to take a guarantee of the permanent support of an establishment raised at a considerable cost to the public.

" That in the matter of education, the Government should help those most liberally who can help themselves the least.

" That while exercising its right as a contributor to a certain supervision over all schools, the Government should as far as possible leave the details of management to those most interested in the education of the children.

" That it is impossible to give to the rising generation a good education except through good teachers, and in order to secure good teachers a liberal and certain provision should be made for their support as long as they do their duty.

" Judging from this report we have no doubt that great improvement is needed in the educational state of the Province, but we venture to think that it contains such information as will help to a practical solution of what cannot but be considered one of the most important questions now before the Province.

21st June 1866 A MEETING of the subscribers to the Lower Hutt Public School, will be held in the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, on MONDAY, JULY 2nd, 1866, at seven o'clock p.m., for the purpose of appointing a School Committee for the ensuing year, and the transaction of any others business connected with the School. HENRY SANSON, Honorary Secretary

14th July 1866 An adjourned public meeting in connection with the Hutt Public School, was held recently in the Mechanics' Institute, Lower Hutt.

In the absence of Mr. G. W. Allen, Mr. S. Fagan was called to the Chair. The Chairman, after stating the object of the meeting, called upon Mr. Henry Sanson, to read the following report ; — Report op Public School Committee.

Your Committee, in reporting their proceedings during the past year, would congratulate the parents and friends of children attending the above school, on the success which has attended their efforts to promote the interests of the rising generation.

It will be remembered by the parents that at the end of last year Mr. and Mrs. Harrington were obliged in consequence of Mr. Harrington's ill-health, to resign their offices in the school. The then Managing Committee made arrangements with Mr. and Mrs. Williams to take charge of the school on the 1st of July, 1865. The number of names on the register at that time was eighty-five ; the average daily attendance during the first three months was fifty-eight. Your Committee think that the low average attendance during that period is attributable to scarlatina and other sickness, which visited the Hutt at that time.

In the quarter ending the 31st December, 1865, there were 107 names on the school register ; the average daily attendance during that quarter was ninety-one, being the highest throughout

the year. In the quarter ending 31st March, 1866, there were 109 names on the register; the average daily attendance for that quarter was eighty three.

In the quarter ending 30th Juno, the number on the book was 110 ; the daily average attendance was the same as the quarter ending 31st March, making an average daily attendance throughout the year of seventy-nine. Your Committee, owing to the falling off of the scholars during the first quarter, was compelled to dispense with the services of Miss Ditchon from the end of October last.

. During the second quarter, the attendance increased, so that the Committee wrote to the Government, after the promulgation of the new regulations, asking if they would assist by paying half the salary of the assistant, to which they consented, with the understanding that the salary should be £80 per annum. Your Committee have therefore engaged Mrs. Morgan,, on the recommendation of the Government School Inspector, from the 31st of March last, as third teacher in the school.

Your Committee would beg leave to inform you that the salaries of the teachers amount to £315 per annum, including house rent. The incidental expenses for the past year wore £45 15s 4d, of which amount the Government at present pay one-half. The total receipts for the year are £280 6s 2d ; balance of account from last quarter, £35 14s 6d. Total expenditure, £306 12s. Balance in hands of Treasurer, £9 14s 1d ; value of books on hand, £20 12s 3d.

"Your Committee would impress upon the subscribers the propriety of giving power to the Committee for the ensuing year to raise the subscriptions if necessary.

Your Committee would also call the attention of subscribers to the necessity of payment in advance, as no money can be drawn from the Government until the teachers have received half-due by the Committee and signed by the came.

Your Committee hesitate not to say that the teachers they have been able to procure for the School are second to none in the Province of Wellington. They, therefore, hope to receive that cordial cooperation from parents and friends of children attending this school, which alone can secure the welfare of the Institution.

Your Committee now beg to resign the trust you have reposed in them. Henry Sanson, Hon, Secretary. July 11th, 1866.

It was proposed by Mr. J. Clement and seconded by Mr. R. Robinson — " That the report now read be adopted." Carried.

The meeting then elected the following gentlemen as a Managing Committee for the ensuing year : — Messrs. G. W. Allen, J. Clement, H. Sanson, J. Acourt, N. Valentine, S. Fagan, T. Burt, W. Hunt, H. Cleland, J. Cudby, L. Potts, H. Collett, J. Knight, E. Robinson.

The late Chairman, Mr. H. Cleland, then read a letter from the Government School Inspector, the purport of "which was, that the Government will not assist any school beyond £75 per annum.

Proposed by Mr. H. Sanson, seconded by Mr. W. Hunt — " That a deputation be appointed to wait upon his Honor the Superintendent for the purpose of calling his attention to the fact that the teachers are engaged by the quarter, and that the Committee will be placed in an awkward position through not- having a sufficient notice "from the Government of their intention to reduce the allowance of this school ; such deputation to consist of Messrs. L. Potts, G. Allan, S. Fagan, H. Collett , N. Valentino, and the mover." . Carried. Proposed by Mr. N. Valentino, seconded by Mr. Collett— " That the Committee be empowered to raise the subscriptions to meet the current expenses of the school, if necessary." Carried.

Proposed by Mr. Cleland, seconded by Mr. Burt— " That" this meeting present a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Williams for the praiseworthy manner in which they have discharged their duties in the school." Carried.

The Committee agreed to meet on Friday, at 7 o'clock, p.m.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

17th January 1867 GRAMMAR AND COMMERCIAL SCHOOL, .. LOWER HUTT. HPHE
Rev J. E. HERRING will (D. V.) open a MORNING SCHOOL, at the Church School-house,
on MONDAY, January 21st . Terms : Boys under 12 years of age ... £2 10s per quarter. .
Above do do ...£3 per quarter Jan. 9, 1867

6th July 1867THE HUTT COMMON SCHOOL.

At seven o'clock on the evening of Tuesday last, the doors of the Mechanics' Institute were opened according to advertisement, and a number of subscribers having assembled, Mr Allen took the chair. The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting and called on the Secretary to read the report which was as follows : — Annual Report of Lower Hutt Public School Committee, for the Year ending June 30th, 1867.

To the Subscribers and Friends of the above mentioned School.

Your Committee feel much pleasure in being able to report so favorably of the school, and also of the success which has attended their efforts to promote the interests of the rising generation in this district during the past year. Your Committee are of opinion that the success spoken of is attributable in a great measure to the unmitigated zeal manifested by the teachers in the prosecution of their arduous duties in connection with the school.

Your Committee remember with gratitude that no epidemic has visited the Hutt during the year, to prevent the children attending the school regularly. \The number of children on the roll and in average attendance are as follows : —

Number on roll : — First quarter, 105 ; second quarter, 107 third quarter, 105 ; fourth quarter, 104 ; total, 421. Average number on roll, 105.

Average .Attendance : — First quarter, 82.06 : ' (second quarter, 76.18; third ..quarter, 81.45 fourth quarter, 81.93 ; total, 321.62. Average ; attendance, 80.43.

Balance of account from last year, £17. The amount received by subscription, was £174 2s 6d ; grant from Government, £75 ordinary and £20 special, making a total of £286 2s 6d ; expenditure, teachers' salaries, £274 ; incidental expense's, £8 ; total expenditure, £282. Balance, £4 2s 6d".

It will be seen by the above statement, that there are- a great many children attending- this school,; yet the attendance is not, so great as it ought to be, considering the. number of families resident in the district,- Your Committee consider the- cause to be twofold. .The first, and greater .is that some parents, have not had any education themselves, and therefore,; do .not sufficiently appreciate it for their children." .The second is, that while some parents., feel the want of education themselves, they are not able to pay for educating their children.

Your Committee trust that, as the instruction given in this school is of a high character, those parents who are able to pay for instructing their children will avail themselves of this opportunity of doing so and that the more wealthy of the community will become subscribers to the school and thus put themselves in a position to send some of the poorer children that they may be taught, and so prevent them from becoming pests to society, which they will do if neglected.

Your Committee would take this opportunity of thanking Messrs Ludlam, Cole, and others for the very praiseworthy example they have set in this respect and hope they may long live to prove that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Fagan seconded,- that' the report be adopted. Carried.

Some minor items having been disposed of, the following gentlemen were then elected to be a Managing Committee for the ensuing year: — Messrs Align, Potts, Burt, Collett, Valentine, Sanson, Acourt, Clement, Cudby, Fagan, Compton, Tuckwell, Townsend.

The question of 'finance was next considered. It was shown that the present rate of subscription is inadequate to the demands of the school. The following resolution, proposed by Mr Valentine, seconded by Mr Collett, was then put and carried, " That in order to maintain the already established public school in this district, it is desirable to assess the houses within the proclaimed boundaries of the said district, according to the Education Act of the Provincial Council, and that the Secretary be requested to give the required notice, calling a meeting of electors for this purpose." The meeting then adjourned.

3rd October 1887 HUTT GRAMMAR AND COMMERCIAL, SCHOOL, Clevedon House, Taita, Conducted by Walter H. Mantell, of the College of Preceptors, London.

THE above establishment will be opened after the coming midsummer vacation.

Prospectuses and copies of testimonials can be obtained on application either to the Principal or to Mr Charles Russell, Lambton quay, Wellington\

5th October 1867 Mr W. Mantell's School. — We find that the statement in regard to Mr Walter W. Mantell, of the Taita, which we quoted in our issue of the 1st instant, from the Wairarapa Mercury, was a mistake. The gentleman referred to is establishing a grammar and boarding school, not at Greytown, but at the Hutt, as will be seen by an advertisement elsewhere, to which we would call the attention of all interested in the progress of education in the province.

12th October 1867 WANTED, for the Lower Hutt Public School, a Schoolmaster and Mistress. A married couple will be preferred. Salary to master, £125 to mistress, £75 per annum. Applications and testimonials to be sent to Mr T. Burt, Hutt, on or before the 21st inst 28th December 1867 a proclamation from the Provincial Council that school districts are to be formed in the Wellington Province]

23rd July 1868 THE electors of the Lower Hutt School District are requested to attend the Annual Public Meeting of this School, which will be held in the Schoolroom on the 31st instant, for the purpose of making provision for the maintenance of the Common School in this district, appointing a committee, and transacting any other business in connection therewith. Henry Sanson John Cole William Wiggings Thos. Burt John Blatchford Samuel J. Tocher. [I cannot find any published report of this meeting]

3rd September 1868 Lower Hutt Public School Buildings from the present to a more suitable site. Plans and Specifications may be seen at Mr T Burts, where all necessary information can be obtained. Sealed tenders indorsed "Tenders for School, to be sent to the Chairman, Mr H. Cleland, on or before noon of the 14th -instant. H. SANSON, Hon. Sec. Lower Hutt, September 1, 1868

4th February 1869 MEETING of the electors of the Lower Hutt School District, will be held in the School Room, on Monday, the 22nd February next, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering the financial position of the School in this place. S. Fagan J. Cudby T. Burt J. A'Court S. J. Tocker J. Colo H. SANSON, Hon. Sec. January 26th, 1869 [Again I can find no record of this meeting]

28th February 1870 Kai-Warra-Warra School Committee having appointed Mr. Martin, of the Lower Hutt, as schoolmaster, the School will be re-opened on Monday, 28th February. By order of the Committee,

23rd December 1871 he annual fete at Mrs. Johnson's school, Lower Hutt, came off very successfully yesterday, the weather being delightful. At 7.15 p.m. a large number of parents and friends assembled in the Mechanics' Institute, where the pupils gave an entertainment, consisting of recitations, singing, and pianoforte playing.....

12th October 1872 First report I have found of Wellington Education Board meeting but no mention of a [Lower] Hutt School

27th September 1873 Wellington Education Board A letter was received from Captain Cleland, enclosing a copy of the agreement by which Mr John Martin made a free gift of the site of the Lower Hutt school. It was resolved to write to Mr Martin's solicitors, refusing to comply with his request to now restore the property.

24th December 1873 On Monday last the pupils of Mrs Johnson's school, Lower Hutt, gave their annual entertainment, which was even a greater success than those we witnessed on former occasions.....

27th April 1874 Wellington Education Board The attendance of Maori children at the Lower Hutt School was permitted in the absence of any objection

24th May 1874 Wellington Education Board An old account incurred some three years back (1869) by the local committee of the Lower Hutt school was laid before the Board, but was not entertained

21st October 1874 Wellington Education Board A letter from Mr. McDonald, resigning the teachership of the Lower Hutt school, was read ; but in the absence of a suitable successor, the Board found it impossible to release him from his engagement until the expiry of a month.

16th November 1874 Wellington Education Board It was resolved that the appointment to the Hutt school should be kept open, Mr. Hansard, of Taratahi, taking temporary charge.

24th November 1874 It was stated that Mr. Hansard was still temporary teacher at the Bridge school, Lower Hutt.

1st December 1874 Wellington Education Board [The Board Secretary] He would propose that Miss Devereux be removed from the Lower Hutt to Karori, and that Miss Sinclair, of the Taita, be requested to fill the vacancy at the Lower Hutt. The motion was agreed to.

4th February 1875 Wellington Education Board In a long list of his appointments the Inspector noted Mr and Mrs Willis appointed as teachers at Lower Hutt

17th March 1875 Wellington Education Board The Secretary read a memorandum from the Inspector, to the effect that Messrs. Ludlam, Braithwaite, and Burt were recommended as the Lower Hutt Local Committee. The Board adopted the recommendation, and appointed those gentlemen accordingly

5th May 1875 Wellington Education Board Mr Bunny then moved that the resolution amalgamating the offices of Inspector and Secretary be rescinded. He considered the proposed alteration would be an extremely unwise step. Mr. Andrew- seconded the motion. Mr. Toomath wished to explain his reason for bringing forward the previous motion in favor of the amalgamation. He still thought that amalgamation desirable. Last November he found the Hutt school without a master, and took charge of it himself, nothing having been done by' the inspector, although he passed through two 'days before, Mr. Lee then Went away for big

holidays without' the consent of the Board,' having taken no steps to fill the vacancy. He employed those holidays in examining the Marlborough schools, for which he received £60. During all this time, the Wellington schools remained neglected. When Mr. Lee did examine them, he, took 11 schools in as many days.....

6th May 1875 In a long article on the merits of Mr Lee or Mr Toomath was this: We have no doubt that after yesterday's exhibition the public will agree with us, .that not .only is Mr. Toomath unfit to be Inspector of Schools, but that ; he is unfit even to assume the temporary charge of an elementary school, as he boasts he did at the Hutt. A man so ridiculously, vain-glorious, so evidently" under the complete dominion of his passions and his prejudices, so envious and vindictive,.....

6th May 1875 Wellington Education Board included this about the Hutt School from Mr Robert LeeWith regard, to the charge that I neglected to find a master for the Hutt. school, the explanation is this : The master was quietly moved out of the district for drunkenness; and I took the necessary steps to provide for the vacancy. In the meantime Mr. Toomath, being member for the district, took charge of the school, without any knowledge on my part as to whether he was qualified for the position. Who is to say that every member of this Board is qualified to act as master of a school, unless he is examined.

7th May Wellington Education Board He believed that all the appointments made by Mr. Lee had given great satisfaction, and that the people every day were getting more convinced of the Board's usefulness, and better satisfied with what it had done. No complaints appeared to be made. Even at the Hutt , where they had always found the people a most cantankerous set to do with, there seemed to be no grumbling

8th May 1875 Every day the people are becoming more reconciled to the present system, and I am at a loss to conceive why we should seek to overturn it. We heard complaints last night, in the Provincial Council, from Messrs. Ludlam and Milne, but we must always look for a dissatisfied feeling at the Hutt, because they are a most cantankerous people, and always have been, from the first day we had a Constitution in the country.

19th June 1875 The Hutt district, it is true, has suffered under many disadvantages. The school building is ill adapted for the purpose, and the schoolmasters appointed have for some time past turned out to be unfortunate selections. A better state of things will however exist in the future. Mr. Willis, the present occupant of the office, is an excellent teacher and in all respects up to his work, and the residents themselves are becoming reconciled to the measures adopted by the Inspector.....In many cases schools have been erected on pieces of land not larger than an eighth of an acre, which is about the extent of the site upon which the Hutt school stands.

3rd July 1875 Wellington Education Board A large number of tenders were opened for the erection of a school at the Hutt, and a teacher's residence at Johnsonville. The tender of Messrs. Barnes and Co. was accepted in each case ; that for the schoolroom being £97, and that for the teacher's residence £215.

26th July 1875 Inspector's list of teachers who qualified 1st Class list included Henry Willis Lower Hutt. 3rd Class E Willis Lower Hutt. Pupil Teacher 1st year Emily Frethey Lower Hutt

5th October 1875 Wellington Education Board LOWER HUTT. With respect to a school house for the Lower Hutt, the Secretary was directed to write to the effect that if the

committee provided a suitable site, the Board would take the erection of a building into its favorable consideration.

29th December 1875 The sixth annual entertainment was given by the pupils of Mrs. Johnson's seminary in the Mechanics' Institute, Lower Hutt, on the evening of the 22nd inst. The appointed hour was a quarter-past seven, but by six o'clock the hall was crowded by parents and friends anxious to secure seats.....

13th January 1876 Wellington Education Board Mr. Monteith was not present to report on the Hutt school, but it was understood that a piece of land there offered by Mr. J. Martin was not thought eligible.

22nd January 1876 LOWER HUTT SCHOOL. An entertainment was given by the boys of the Lower Hutt School on Friday evening, at which a large number of their friends were present. Most of the pieces which were recited were well rendered, and some were produced in a that would have done credit to persons v of much higher pretensions. Nearly the whole of the boys spoke clearly and distinctly, and "one Master Chapman recited " Marcellus' address . to the Romans " in a manner that took the-' audience by surprise. Masters Wilkins and Pringle, too, went through the scene between Sir Anthony Absolute and his son;, in the " Rivals," with great spirit. Indeed, all the youngsters acquitted themselves admirably, and did credit to their teachers as well as to themselves.

A Spelling Bee followed, and although only about a dozen candidates came forward, a spirited competition took place, and there was great excitement amongst the boys when only blasters Clifford, Wilkins, and Sinclair remained. Clifford stood a couple of rounds and then retired, but Wilkins and Sinclair spelt a dozen words each amidst the cheers of their respective friends before the former tripped, and left the first prize to Master Sinclair, of the Taitar [Sic] the second himself. The Rev. Mr. Fancourt then presented the honor certificates and rewards for progress during the past year, and complimented the teachers upon the great advance that had been made during that period, both in the work done and in the standard and character of the school, which numbered about 120 pupils at the close of the year With regard to the honor certificates, he explained that the value of a prize obtained in a school should not be<,the money value, but the honor value —the honor of gaining the first position, or coming as near to it as

possible. With the desire of encouraging this feeling, the teacher would issue honor certificates to the first and second in each of the four upper classes, and as they were neatly printed on durable material, they might be framed and hung up, making a wall ornament of which any parent might well be proud. Of course, it was optional for any parent or donor to make a present of books, to be given as special prizes ; but the master's rewards now and in future would consist of a first and second certificate of merit to pupils possessing the greatest aggregate number of marks, or the highest daily average, and who have attended school at least one hundred and fifty days in the year. In handing the prizes to the several pupils, Mr. Fancourt made several appropriate observations, mentioning the special subjects in which each had done well, and urging increased exertion on the part of all. The following is the honor list :

Class 6. Samuel Knight, 1 ; William Chapman, 2. Class 5. Lucy Mudgway, 1 ; James Hunter, 2. Class 4. C. Ashton, 1 ; John Frethey, 2 ; A. England, special. Class 3. Graham Pringle, 1 ; Sarah Mills, 2. Class 2. Hector Scrimshaw, 1 ; Robert Scrimshaw, 2. Class 1 (Division 1). H.

Valentine, 1 ; Arthur Hall, 2. Class 1 (Division 2). F. Buck, 1 ; A. Knight, 2. Alphabet—H. England, 1 ; Annie Bolton, 2.

26th January 1876 Mr. Toomath reported in reference to the Hutt school, that at his suggestion, Mr. John Martin consented to present to the Board the site of that school. - The thanks of the Board were voted to Mr. Martin for his gift. Mr. Toomath further reported that he had not yet been able to secure a suitable master's residence at the Hutt. The Inspector said that the site given by Mr. Martin was only one-seventh of an acre in extent and uneven, therefore not suitable. The schoolhouse itself was al. c o Inconvenient, being an old block-house. He hoped that something better would be done for the Lower Hutt, where no fewer than 120 children attended, a larger number than in any other school in the province excepting those of Wellington city. On the motion of Mr. Gisborne, it was resolved that Mr. Martin should be asked to sell some land adjoining his gift, so as to make a site of sufficient extent. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Toomath for the trouble he had taken

23rd February 1876 Wellington Education Board THE LOWER HUTT SCHOOL. A deputation, of whom Mr. N. Valentine was spokesman, asked the Board .to grant the Local Committee some assistance, to render their school-house more habitable, and better adapted for the purpose. They urged that a new school should be erected as soon as possible.

Mr. Toomath explained that he had seen Mr. Martin, and they had arranged to go up and see whether another piece of land could be obtained for a site for a new school, but owing to the heavy rain which fell on the day on which they were to go to the Hutt, they were prevented' from carrying out their intention,

Mr. Valentine' said it would cost more to repair the present schoolroom than to erect a new building.

The Inspector stated that there was no place in the province so badly off" for school accommodation as the Lower Hutt. He was strongly of opinion that a new school should be built.

The Chairman asked whether the people at the Hutt would be willing to supplement any - grant the Board might make. '

Mr. Valentine did not think so, as they were very heavily taxed already.

The Chairman said the Board would do what they could when they had funds available for the purpose.

26th February 1876 Wellington Education Board Messrs. P. A. Buckley, Valentine, Wiggins, and James Knight were then introduced as another deputation.

Mr. Valentine explained that the condition of the Hutt school was the subject upon which they had desired an audience of the Board. The matter had been pressing itself upon the attention of the local committee for some time, and last evening they had had a meeting, and drew up a statement for a deputation to present. After a few further remarks, he read the following : .

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A meeting of the ratepayers and parents of children attending the State school, Lower Hutt, was held in the schoolhouse, on Tuesday evening, 22nd February, Mr. James Knight in the chair, to consider the question of deficient school accommodation. It appeared that there were generally upwards of 100 children present during the week and if it were not that many of them attended very irregularly, it would not be possible to seat them. Allowing six children

to each desk, there should be about twenty desks in the school. At present there are only fifteen and a small one seating four. So that only 94 can be seated, and there is no provision for. No more desks can be placed in the school for want of room. Upstairs inconvenient, owing to unavoidable noise of feet. Low, dark, and dirty appearance of classrooms. No means of warming ; no fireplaces. No water available; risk and danger in getting it. No playground ; bad effect on boys, mentally and physically. No conveniences for girls, who would attend in greater numbers if that were remedied. Committee willing to act, but unable, owing to the absence of Mr. Ludlam, and want of time by Mr. Braithwayte. It was resolved that a deputation be appointed, consisting of Messrs. Buckley, Valentine, Burt, Wiggins, and James Knight, to wait upon and confer with the Board of and urge the erection of a new school as soon as possible.

Mr. Toomath explained that he had been moving in the subject for some time past by request of the Board. He had seen Mr. John Martin, who had offered to give the present site of the schoolhouse to the Board, and subsequently Mr. Martin had, on being applied to, agreed to sell a small piece adjoining the site. He (Mr. Toomath) would in a few days see more about the matter.

A little conversation on the matter ensued, and it was put to the deputation whether the school could not be in any way repaired.

Mr. Valentine explained that a new building was absolutely necessary, but some of the timber in the old schoolhouse might come in for purposes of lining the new building. The Inspector said it would be within the recollection of the Board that he had some time since called attention to the matter of the Hutt school, and had pointed out that there was no part of the province which had equal claims for consideration. There were one hundred and twenty children in attendance, and the only accommodation for them was an old blockhouse which had had its day—done its work, but was now unsuitable in every way, dark, dreary, and noisy. In answer to Mr. Gisborne,

The Inspector said the cost of a new schoolroom would be £250 or £300.

The Chairman inquired whether the inhabitants were prepared to assist by supplementing a grant from the Board.

Mr. Valentine said the people were very anxious to get a new schoolhouse, but as they paid heavy rates and paid fees to have their children educated, he did not think anything more could be expected from them.

The Chairman promised that if funds could be obtained and a special effort would be made, the matter should be pushed on at once.

The deputation thanked the Board and withdrew

11th March 1876 Inspector's Report included Averages in very, small schools, such as Belmont, are often, accidental. A few passes by children lately removed, from the Hutt school produced the result

18th March 1876 A meeting of parents and ratepayers in the Lower Hutt school district was held in the schoolhouse on Friday evening, the 10th inst., for the purpose of electing a school committee. The meeting was convened by Mr Toomath, the member of the Education Board for the Country District, who presided on the occasion, and the following gentlemen were nominated to form a committee—Messrs. James Knight, N. Valentine, Wm. Devereux, and J. Chapman.

1st April 1876 The Wellington Teachers Association: The first two objects have in many directions been attained, and it may be said that the members of the association feel that the Board of Education of Wellington have acted most fairly towards the teachers and have not been slow in attending to anything brought forward. The attainment of the last object has not been forgotten, and a practical start towards it will be made on Saturday week, when Mr. Willis, of the Hutt School, will read a paper on " Mutual Improvement." It is by the discussion of subjects like this that the association will be kept in existence as a necessary organisation for teachers, and as a means whereby they can freely communicate with each other on matters of interest in their profession.

27th April 1876 Wellington Education Board LOWER HUTT. Mr. Bunny said that there was about half an acre of land at the Lower Hutt, near the Masonic Hall, belonging to the Provincial Government, which the Board could have for a site free of cost. Mr. Toomath stated that Mr. Lee and himself would visit the place to-morrow and report to the Board.

29th April 1876 Wellington Education Board THE LOWER HUTT SCHOOL. Mr. Toomath brought under the notice of the Board the urgent necessity for immediate action in the case of the Hutt school, and advised the erection of a new schoolhouse upon the site of the present building, Mr. N. Valentine having offered a room in which the school might be carried on for a time. The Inspector pointed out that the site was only one-seventh of an acre in area, and that it was extremely small for a schoolhouse. He thought it would be better to make certain alterations to the schoolhouse and turn it into a teacher's residence, getting a new and more extensive site for a schoolhouse.

16th June 1876 Wellington Education Board Tenders were received for the alterations required in the Masonic Hall, Lower Hutt (recently purchased by the Board), to render it fit for school purposes. On the recommendation of Mr. C. J. Toxward, the Board's architect, to whom the matter was referred, the tender of Charles Taylor, £118, was accepted.

27th July 1876 Wellington Education Board Tenders were ordered to be; called for converting the old Hutt school into a teacher's residence, the new school being ready for occupation.

10th August 1876 Henry Willis passed the Second Class Examination. Mrs Willis passed the assistants examination

17th August 1876 Wellington Education Board calls for tenders for fencing Lower Hutt school

5th October 1876 Wellington Education Board Mr. Willis, teacher at the Hutt, for an increased allowance for rent, on the ground that rent in the suburbs was nearly equal to that in the city, but the Board considered it undesirable to grant it, as similar concessions would have to be made elsewhere

28th October 1876 Wellington Education Board Regarding the site of the old Hutt school, presented to the Board as a gift by Mr Martin, and -which it is now proposed to convert into a teacher's residence, another and more suitable school. site having been found the Secretary stated that Mr. Martin had refused to sign a deed of conveyance of the land. Mr. Willis's application in regard to his allowance for rent was reconsidered. It was pointed out by the applicant that living was as expensive in the Hutt. district, which had now become a suburb of the city, as it was in Wellington. It was generally considered that the application could not be entertained, as a concession being made in this case would lead *to applications from teachers in other country district

2nd December 1876 Lower Hutt, this afternoon between the Rising Star Club, of Wellington, and the boys attending the Lower Hutt School.

30th December 1876 cricket match was played at the Lower Hutt on Wednesday between an eleven of the Te Aro school boys and a similar number of the Lower Hutt school boys, when the latter won, after, a close contest, by two runs. J. Pringle scored. 21 for the local team and bowled well; as did Climie for the visitors, he being the highest scorer on that side, with 13. This was a return match, the town boys having won the first, with two wickets to spare. The conquering match will take place in town shortly. After the game prizes were* offered for foot-racing and jumping, to enable the town and country boys to compete; but the latter were too good for the visitors. The race for 60 yards was run in heats, and finally won by J. Pringle, Aihen Te Pune close up. That for 200 yards was won by Edward Lockett, Te Pune second. A hurdle race was also won by Edward Lockett, Te Pune second. The running high jump was won by George Knight, at 4 foot. 3 inches ; and the long jump by Te Pune, at 13 foot, The two teams sat down to a substantial lunch kindly provided by Major' Clifford, who took occasion to express his sympathy with the efforts of the master of the Hutt school to promote manly sports among the boys, as a means of developing them into hardy, enduring, and high-spirited men. Mr., Baker, who was good enough to act as judge, congratulated the residents of the Hutt upon having so good a master for their school.

4th January 1877 THE Park Villa Boarding School, Lower Hutt, for young Ladies, will re-open on the 15th of JANUARY. Additional room for two boarders. Particulars on application. MRS. JOHNSON, Principal

19th January 1877. A long article on the Wellington Education Board and the use of the land given by Mr Martin for a school

9th February 1877 Inspector Lee reports to Wellington Education Board 1. Lower Hutt school- is the only large one in the district.. It is improving in efficiency, 35 having passed Standard I., 6 Standard II., and 5 Standard III., at the late examination. There is rather a large list of 13 children classed as unsatisfactory, but Mr. Willis has had a great deal of bad work to undo. ; .The spelling is still weak. The master should especially aim at producing Standard II. results, which at present are very, low. With the material in hand, I consider the teachers have done good work during the past year.

28th March 1877 LECTURE on "English" will be delivered by the Master of .the Lower Hutt School, in the school room, THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING, in aid of the Pupils* Recreation Fund. There will be a Spelling Bee at the conclusion of the Lecture. Admission, 1s.; children, 6d

28th June 1877 Wellington Education Board It was agreed that an outhouse [Toilet] should be built at the Lower Hutt school,

25th July 1877 . Mr. Huntley forwarded a petition from the parents of eighty children attending the Lower Hutt school, praying that his provisional appointment should be made permanent. The Inspector stated that Mr. Huntly was appointed on the understanding that he should come up for examination ; but he had failed to do so, The memorial was consequently not granted, - and the Inspector was asked to look out for a certificated teacher. [Note Mr Huntly was at the Upper Hutt School in 1877]

26th July 1877 Wellington Education Board HUTT SCHOOL. With reference to the appointment of Mr, Huntly, which had been called in question by the chairman of the local

committee, a memorial was enclosed in a letter from Mr. Huntly asking that the appointment be confirmed. The Inspector stated that Mr. Huntly was provisionally appointed on condition that he « passed the recent examination; but he tacked out of the examination. His wife came to him (Mr. Lee) pleading that , her husband might be excused on the ground that he as an old man regarded an examination as a trying ordeal, being slightly nervous. A discussion arose on the point ns to whether an exception could be made in this case, and it was resolved to appoint another teacher. [I am not sure which school Mr Huntly was at.

8th November 1877 A capital entertainment was given on Tuesday evening, at the Lower Hutt, by the pupils of the Hutt school, in aid of the Indian Famine Relief Fund. A varied programme was produced, comprising musical selections and recitations, which were really given in excellent style, the entertainment altogether passing off most enjoyably. The pupils of the school have themselves contributed upwards of £10 towards the fund.

24th December 1877 On Friday evening the children attending the Lower Hutt school, assisted by several ladies and gentlemen, gave a very pleasant entertainment, consisting of recitations, singing, &c. The entertainment was got up to raise funds for a children's fete during the Christmas week, but the appearance of the weather had very unfortunate effect upon the attendance, so that the way is still open for any friends to assist with monetary contributions

1st December 1877 Auckland News H. Sinclair, formerly school teacher at the Hutt, has been admitted by the Board today.

1878

Lower Hutt	Willis	H		Head	£ 240.00
Lower Hutt	Willis	Mrs		Female	£ 110.00
Lower Hutt	Hall	G		Male Pupil Teacher	£ 45.00
Lower Hutt	Boulcott	Miss		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 35.00

15th January 1878 Mr. E. Toomath, member of the Education s Board for the District, presented the prizes at ; the Lower Hutt School on Friday last, the prize list being as follows : — Class VI. (Upper). — Marks : 1st, John Pringle ; 2nd, Samuel Knight. Arithmetic : 1st, Samuel Knight ; ! 2nd, J. Pringle. English: 1st, John Wilkins; 2nd, J. Pringle. History and Geography : 1 Charles Clifford; 2nd, J. Wilkins. Class VI. J (Lower).— Marks: 1st, A. Frethy; 2nd, Eliza ' Speedy. Arithmetic : 1st, A. Percy and L. L Mudgway (equal); 2nd, Graham "Pringle. • History and Geography : 1st, Joseph Mundie ; \ 2nd, R. McKenzie. English : 1st, Lucy • Mudgway ; 2nd, G. Pringle. Reading (special) : Claude Jordan. Class V. — Marks : ' 1st, James Knight ; 2nd, Emily Speedy. All L subjects: 1st, Emily Speedy; 2nd, Clara Speedy. Class IV. — Marks : 1st, Bessie Smith; 2nd, Arthur Hall. Examination: 1st, . Arthur Hall ; 2nd, G. Clifford. Class III.— Marks : 1st, John Wolland. Examination : ; 1st, George Ashton ; 2nd, Robert Scrimshaw. Arithmetic (special) : H. Valentine. Class II.— Marks: 1st, Kirk Hall; 2nd, Ethelbert ; Ransom. Examination : 1st, Herbert England. 1 Class I.— Marks : 1st, S. Mudgway ; 2nd, W. McKenzie. Examination: 1st, W. McKenzie; 2nd, E. Death. A picnic and fete took place 1 on the same day, in the grounds of the Maori 1 chief Epuni, everybody passing a day of ; thorough enjoyment. Mr. Valentine, as chairman of the local committee, thanked Mr. Toomath for his kindness in attending, and for the many good services he had

rendered to the district. Three cheers were then given for Mr. Toomath, also for the teachers and Mr. Valentine, and the assemblage dispersed.

19th January Some short time ago the pupils of the Lower Hutt school gave an entertainment to raise funds in order to have a picnic during the vacation, and by the assistance of some kind friends and the local committee they were enabled to carry out their wishes, and on Friday last the picnic was given at Petone, in the grounds of the Maori chief Epuni. Owing to the harvesting, only 104 children were present, with some of their parents and friends. A most enjoyable day was spent, and all the usual amusements were indulged in. In the afternoon the certificates of merit for successful progress during the year were presented by Mr. Toomath, the member of the Education Board for the district, he having kindly attended for that purpose at the request of the committee. Mr. George Beetham, M.H.R., another member of the Education Board, was also present for some time. In presenting the awards, Mr. Toomath made some very suitable observations to the young people and concluded by begging they would profit by this seed-time of their youth and gain all the useful information possible ; for they would find as they grew older, the truth of that old saying—" Knowledge is power." The honor list he held in his hand showed they had not been idle. It was creditable alike to them and their teachers. and must be very pleasing to the committee and their parents. The Chairman, Mr. Valentine, thanked Mr. Toomath for his kindness in attending on the occasion, and for the many other good turns he had done for the Hutt Educational District; and the boys then gave cheers for Mr. Toomath, the teachers, and Mr. Valentine.

30th January 1878 Wellington Education Board As to additional accommodation required at the Hutt, the Inspector advised the erection of a new school building, and the purchase of a larger site. The matter was postponed for the new Board to deal with

26th April 1878 The Inspector's Report included Of the country schools there are six in the Wellington district, each having more than 120 children on the roll — Masterton, Greytown, , Featherston, Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt, and Carterton. The Lower Hutt school shows the best results

1st May 1878 Wellington Education Board letter from the Hutt School Committee asked for a grant towards a covered vehicle to carry children from Belmont to the Hutt schools daily. The Board declined to entertain the application.

3rd May 1878 TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW ZEALAND TIMES. Sir, —You surely misreported what took place at the meeting of the Education Board yesterday, as to what you call a "modest request" of the Belmont residents for a little assistance in sending their children to school,; a distance of about five miles. I think if all the facts were known to you you would admit that our request is really a modest one, when made to a Board that talks of spending another £6000 in Wellington. A short time ago our school at Belmont was closed by the Board. We wish to educate our children if we can ; but we cannot send the little ones on foot to the nearest school. Some of us therefore tried to make arrangements to send daily to the Hutt a covered vehicle, which could take down 15 or 20 children ; but as the cost would fall heavy on a few of us, we asked the Board, through Mr. Valentine, who kindly promised to help us, for a small subsidy,—I think £25 was mentioned. This is the "modest request" so flatly and rudely refused by the Board.—I am, &c., A Parent. Belmont, 2nd May.

6th May 1878 TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING POST appear that I (as chairman of the Hutt School Committee) made an unreasonable request to the Board, and the manner in which

the proposition I did make was treated by that body assisted to place me in a somewhat unpleasant position. I certainly do not think the request I made on behalf of the residents of Belmont an unreasonable one. It appears to me that a proposal which would enable the Board to provide education for about twenty-five children, at a cost of not more than £1 a head, is by no means such an unreasonable one, and as for the objection, which was made by a member of that august body — that if they did it in one case they would have to do it in others" — I consider that if residents in other outlying districts, five or six miles from any existing school, would be content to make an arrangement similar to the one proposed by me, the average cost per head of educating the children throughout the district would be much less than it is at present, or at any rate, the Board would have more money to spend on their schools in Wellington. N. Valentine, Chairman Lower Hutt School Committee.

21st June 1878 School Committee No meetings were held at the Lower Hutt or Waihenga[Martinborough], sufficient persons not being present at the appointed time.

26th June 1878 As to the Lower Hutt, a committee should have been elected on the 17th inst., but the election did not take place until the 24th and was consequently informal. It was decided to call fresh meetings of the inhabitants of those districts where no school committees had been appointed, and July 16th was fixed upon as the date of the elections

6th August 1878 Passed 1st year Pupil Teacher Adelaide Percy, Second Year (Over 14 years of age) Alice Frethey

23rd DECEMBER 1878 STATE SCHOOL, LOWER HUTT.

An examination of this school, for prizes presented by the committee, was held on Thursday and Friday, by the Rev. T. Fancourt, assisted by the Rev. G. Grant. On Friday afternoon Sir William Fitzherbert presented the prizes and other awards. He made a short but earnest address to the children, urging upon them the importance of education to them, that they may hereafter be enabled to make a future for themselves and for this great country. The Rev. T. Fancourt stated that he had been much pleased with the work done during the examination and was also glad to notice that the results agreed in most cases with the master's estimate of individual merit, which was based upon a careful system of marking for work, conduct, and attendance during the year. He found that the arithmetic was very good in all the classes, and the reading throughout of unusual excellence, that of some in the lower divisions being surprisingly good. Most of the subjects seemed to be satisfactorily taught, except the geography in Classes IV. and 111., which was weak. He trusted the scholars would remember that as one weak subject often caused a failure in the Inspector's examination they would try and remedy that fault. He proposed a vote of thanks to Sir William Fitzherbert for his kindness in attending. Mr. Valentine, the chairman of the committee, also thanked Sir William Fitzherbert for accepting the invitation of the committee to present the prizes. He hoped the children would remember the advice given them.

The following is the prize list :— Form VI.— Samuel Knight, Adelaide Percy. Form V. — James Knight, Samuel Hall, Clara Hall. Form. IV. — Leopold Jordan, Mary Heyward Form 111. — Julius Geertson, Ellen Judd. Form II.— Kirk Hall, Eliza Hobbs. Form I. — Stephen Mudgway, Elizabeth Buick. Good conduct — Marie Geertson. General efficiency — Henry Adams. Certificates of merit, based upon the marks obtained during the year, were then presented as under: — Form VI.— Samuel Knight, 1 ; A. Percy, 2. Form V.— James Knight. Form IV.— H. Mudgway, 1; L. Jordan, 2. Form III.— J. Geertson, 1 ; John Knight, 2. Form

II.— X. Hall, 1 ; E. Hobbs, 2. Form I.— S. Mudgway, 1 ; J. Mudgway, 2.- Some handsome prizes, offered and awarded by the Rev. G. Grant, for an essay, were then handed by Sir William to Miss Eliza Speedy, 1st, and Miss A. Frethey, Masters Samuel Knight and F.

1879		Hutt	Willis	Henry		Head Master	£ 240.00
1879		Hutt	Willis	Mrs		Assistant Female	£ 110.00
1879		Hutt	Boulcott	Anna		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 45.00
1879		Hutt	Frethey	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 40.00
1879		Hutt	Speedy	Eliza		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 30.00

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30th January 1879 Wellington Education Board PETONI.[Sic] The Lower Hutt school committee stated they could not give any information as to the desirableness of erecting another school at Petone but suggested that the matter should be left open for another six months. The master of the Lower Hutt school wrote expressing his opinion that the proposed new school would be unnecessary. There would not be an average attendance exceeding 10, and if this school were established the Korokoro school must be closed. Several members thought the letter of Mr. Willis reasonable, but the Board decided merely to acknowledge the receipt of the letter, as they did not consider it desirable that teachers should mix themselves up with these questions. The whole matter was referred to the Petone memorialists

1st February 1879 School Committee Rev T Fancourt chairman School Committee

3rd February 1879 The scholarship offered by the governors of the Wellington College, to be competed for by boys attending the public schools of the Wellington country districts and Wairarapa for 1878, was won by Samuel Knight, from the Lower Hutt school.

27th February 1879 LOWER HUTT SCHOOL.

The Rev. Mr. Fancourt and Mr. W. A. Fitzherbert waited upon the Board as a deputation from the Lower Hutt local committee with reference to certain requirements at the school. The following was read :—" Extract from minutes of Lower Hutt Common School. Resolved, — That, the supplies, alterations, and repairs, a list of which is submitted below, are urgently and pressingly required for the Lower Hutt Common School, and that the Education Board is hereby requested to make provision for the same at the earliest possible moment:—Two rooms additional to the head master's residence (estimated cost), £120. Four new desks, sufficient to accommodate 30 scholars ; six cane-bottomed chairs at 8s, £2 8s ; pump and well, £11 ; moving porch of school-house, £5 ; new globes, £2 ; latest county map of New Zealand ; two filters, £4 ; playground, fencing, digging, &c., £5."

The Chairman suggested that these were minor matters, which ought to be met out of the capitation allowance.

The Secretary, in reply to a question, said the idea was that the Board built and furnished schools, and that the local committee out of their own funds maintained them.

The Rev. Mr. Fancourt said the school had never been furnished.

The Secretary said the desks would of course be given if required, but he doubted whether there was room for them. As to the globes that was a matter for the committee entirely, the well, and pump, and porch had already been authorised. As for the extra rooms, that no doubt was a matter for the building committee to consider.

At Carterton and Greytown it was now proposed to erect six-roomed houses, but so far the Hutt had been supplied with all the accommodation usually granted. It was resolved to grant most of the requests, and to take into consideration the matter of additions to teachers' residence

29th May 1879 Wellington Education Board LOWER HUTT. A request was received from the Lower Hutt for an alteration in one of the classrooms, to provide more room. The Secretary said the school was rather crowded, and they could put up a small gallery for about £5 that would seat fifty children. Mr. Toomath would like to know what they (the Hutt committee) did with their capitation money. It was preposterous to bring nine gentlemen there month after month to discuss potty matters like this, which could be settled by the local committees. They dribbled away their funds in this manner while they were wanted urgently for other purposes. The money was granted. A request for two additional rooms to the teacher's house was refused.

30th May 1879 Letter to Editor of New Zealand Times

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW ZEALAND TIMES. Sir, —In your report of the of the Wednesday's sitting of the Education Board I notice that Mr, Toomath is reported to have said he " would like to know what they (the Hutt Committee) did with their capitation money, It was preposterous to bring nine gentlemen, month after month, to discuss petty matters like this, which could be settled by the local committees. They dribbled away their funds in this manner while they were wanted urgently for other purposes, If Mr. Toomath desires to learn how the capitation grant is spent by the Lower Hutt School Committee he ought to be well

aware of the source from which to obtain his information. With regard to the application for £5 for increased accommodation for infant scholars (to which he was referring), it was for a necessary object, and one which required the sanction of the Board. If Mr. Toomath is hurt at having to trouble his august mind with such petty details, and desires, instead of being asked for small sums to bring his great powers intellect to bear on larger ones, I can assure him that the Lower Hutt School Committee will be most willing to meet his views, and to give him ample scope and opportunity for developing his statesmanlike qualities in that direction.— I am, &c.. Secretary Lower Hutt Committee.

7th June 1879 Letter to NZ Times from Secretary of Lower Hutt School Committee Sir, —In the beginning of November last year the following circular was issued by the Education Department to the various Education Boards in the colony :—" Circular 15. Education Department, Wellington. (School buildings.) I have the honor to inform you, by direction of the Minister of Education, that Government has allotted the sum of £8000 to your Board, out of the vote of £100,000 for school buildings for the service of the current financial year. I am also to state that a second sum of £100,000 will be available for school buildings out of the appropriations for the next financial year (1879-80) ; but that no portion of this latter sum will be paid over to Boards till after the expiry of the current financial year. You will be informed of the proportion of this amount which will be allotted to your Board, after Government has had an opportunity of obtaining fuller information respecting the circumstances and wants of the several education districts in the matter of school accommodation. Meanwhile your Board is requested to keep in mind that the apportionments may not be made exactly in the same proportions as those fixed upon in the division of the current year's vote. The moneys granted for the current financial year will be paid by monthly instalments. You will therefore be good enough to forward before the 20th of each month a statement certifying the amount that will be required, in addition to balance of building fund in hand, to meet claims that will become due by the Board during the month next ensuing on account of work done. You are invited, however, to forward as soon as convenient after the receipt of this letter, a statement of the amount now due or that will become due by the Board within the current month on account of works done and not provided for by any balance of building fund in hand. The term 'school buildings' may be held to include not merely new schools and teachers' residences, with fencing and suitable conveniences, but also the repairing, enlarging, and improvement of existing buildings and grounds, furniture for class rooms (including maps, apparatus, and other educational appliances), purchase of sites, plus supervision, and generally all outlay on the buildings and school property of a permanent character, as distinguished from ' maintenance, ' under which should be placed all charges for ordinary 'current' requirements, including petty repairs. (Signed) John Hislop." I think, Sir, this is so clear that he who runs can understand. I recommend everyone interested to read it carefully through and look at the estimates proposed by the Education Board, as reported in your issue of the 30th ultimo. Out of a total of £24 ; 831 18s. 8d., the sum of £4936 only is allotted to the country, and the rest to the town. By the Inspector's report last published there are in the town schools 2425. scholars on the books ; in the country, 2165. The gross injustice of the Board's recommendation is at once apparent. Then take one of the details. The sum of £20 for sundries is allotted to the Lower Hutt School, though the local committee have repeatedly urged the necessity of additions to the head master's house to make it decently

habitable. This school has on its books as many scholars now about as either Carterton, Greytown, or Featherston ; Masterton being first in the country districts, and Carterton, Greytown, Featherston, and Lower Hutt standing next close together. It (the Lower Hutt) has a most efficient master and mistress, and in the scholarship examinations for the country districts last year three of its boys stood first, second, and fourth respectively. It has now over 190 Scholars on the books. and five teachers in all, Till within the last few months scarcely anything has been expended on it for four years, and then only some absolutely necessary repairs ; and yet the Board utterly disregards the pressing necessity for the further accommodation required, and actually refuses even to recommend the amount which has been urgently applied for, viz., about £120 for the coming year for the master's residence, and this while large sums are recommended for schools not half its size, such as Kaiwarra, Tawa Flat, &c. I should hope it may not yet be too late to get a little justice ; but at any rate it would be well for country committees to ponder carefully over the circular referred to, and the Board's estimates, and carefully to bear them in mind when the next elections come on. A remedy will probably then be sought and found. —I am, &c, Secretary Lower Hutt Committee.

12th June 1879 Wellington Education Board LOWER HUTT SCHOOL. A resolution was received from the chairman of the committee stating that they viewed with regret the resolution of the Board and asking for the matter to be reconsidered. Mr. Bunny moved, and Mr. Paterson seconded, “ That the sum of £120 be expended at once in the additions to the teacher's residence, which had been asked for.”

15th August 1879 Pupil Teacher examination included Miss Duncan, of Tawa Flat, did the best arithmetic paper, obtaining 185 marks out of a possible 200, being 45 marks more than were earned by Miss Boulcott, of the Lower Hutt, who did the next best paper in that subject
24th September 1879 A deputation from Petoni [Sic] waited upon the Board to urge the desirableness of building a school in the district, and also to separate it from the Lower Hutt. The Board recommended the deputation to get their views endorsed at a public meeting, and to suggest the boundaries of the proposed new district, on which they would entertain the project.

25th September 1879 Miss Speedy appointed Pupil Teacher at Lower Hutt

25th September 1879 Wellington Education Board After some discussion Mr. Toomath said he did not approve of the multiplicity of small schools. It was not very far from Petone to the Lower Hutt, and besides, the Board had not got the money to spare for any additional school buildings

27th December 1879 THE LOWER HUTT SCHOOL. The above school broke up for the vacation on Dec. 19, the members of the committee and some friends of the pupils being present. The Rev. T. Fancourt had previously examined the different classes, with a view of awarding the committee's prizes to the most advanced scholars in each, and also to decide who should receive the special prizes offered by Sir William Fitzherbert for the most efficient scholars in arithmetic and elementary science. After a careful examination, extending over nearly three days, the prize-winners were classed as under :—Special prizes (Sir William Fitzherbert), —Arithmetic—G. Pringle, 1st ; J. Knight and T. Corlet, 2nd. Elementary Science—J. Knight, 1st; C. Jordan, 2nd. Good conduct —M. Ebdon. Committee's prizes.—Class VI., boys—G. Pringle, 1st ; C. Jordan, 2nd. Girls—C. Speedy, 1st. Class V., boys—A. Hall, 1st; H. Jones, 2nd. Girls —O. Hall, 1st ;E. Speedy, 2nd. Class IV., boys—F. Frethey,

1st ; E. Ransom, 2nd. Girls—A. Ashton, 1st; G. McBride, 2nd. Class III., boys—J. Corlet, 1st ; H. Williams, 2nd. Girls—M. Ebdon and E. Hobbs (eq), 1st ; G. Speedy, 2nd. Class II., boys—Walter Cudby, 1st; E. Speedy, 2nd. Girls—E. Tonks, 1st ; L. Hall, 2nd. Class I., boys—G. Scrimshaw, 1st ; W. Blatchford, 2nd. Girls —Kata Archer, 1st ; M. Reynolds, 2nd. Infants' Department.—H. Rishworth, S. Rishworth, E. Wright, B. Blatchford, G. Edwards. Needlework.—Mary Jane Walker.

In the absence of Sir William Fitzherbert, who was unable to attend, the Rev. Mr. Fancourt presented the prizes, making a few appropriate remarks, in the course of which he expressed his satisfaction with the excellent work done throughout the school, especially in the upper classes. Arithmetic was undoubtedly the strong point in the school. He had set a very difficult paper on this subject, for the sixth form, as special prizes had been offered for the best scholars in it. The winner of the first prize had solved nine out of ten questions neatly and correctly. Sir William Fitzherbert presented his prizes on the following day to those who had succeeded in gaining them, at the same time complimenting the boys upon the excellence of their work in the two subjects he had selected.

During 'the week the Rev. G. Grant presented special prizes as under :—Sixth Form, Grammar—G. Pringle. Fifth Form, Geography—A. Hall. Fourth Form—Arithmetic —E. Ransom. Certificates of merit were awarded by the master, for marks obtained during the year, as follows :—Class VI.—T. Corlet, 1st ;J. Knight, 2nd. Class V.—A. Hall, 1st ;H. Jones, 2nd. Class IV.—John Knight, 1st ;A. Ashton, 2nd. Class III. M. Ebdon, 1st ; G. Speedy, 2nd. Class II. Annie Browne, 1st ; K. Archer, 2nd. Class I. —Alex. Knight, 1st ; .J. Judd, 2nd
31st December 1879 A sale of gifts in aid of the prize fund of the Lower Hutt State school will be held this evening in the schoolroom.

1880

1880		Hutt	Richards	Charles A		Master	£ 250.00
1880		Hutt	Boulcott	Henrietta		Female	£ 80.00
1880		Hutt	Boulcott	Anna M		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00
1880		Hutt	Frethey	Alice J		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 40.00
1880		Hutt	Speedy	Eliza C		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 30.00

7th January 1880 HUTT HIGH SCHOOL. Conducted by Mr. J. H. Beann. SCHOOL will Re-open on Monday, 19th January. Vacancies for two Boarders.

19th January 1880 A musical entertainment will be given; in Lower Hutt public school tomorrow in aid of the prize fund.

28th January 1880 The annual meeting of the residents of the Lower Hutt school district was held on Monday evening. The Rev. T. Fancourt was voted to the chair. After reading the notice calling the meeting, the chairman called upon the secretary of the outgoing committee to read the report and balance sheet. The report having been adopted, the meeting then proceeded" to elect the new committee, which resulted as follows .- — W. A. Fitzherbert, W. Buick, W. Ridler, Henry Clapcott, James May, Robert Cleland, J. R. Ransom. After the meeting the new committee met and unanimously elected Mr. W. A. Fitzherbert as chairman for the ensuing year. The Rev. T. Fancourt and Mr. W. A. Fitzherbert were nominated as

candidates for -the vacancies in the Education Board. The committee then adjourned until Monday, the 9th February, the usual meeting night, at 7.30 p.m.

19th February 1880 On Tuesday night, Mr. Heywood exhibited the views of New Zealand, at the Lower Hutt school, and last evening they were shown at the Taitai [Sic] school.

3rd April 1880 Wellington Education Board Annual Report showed Lower Hutt had 129 children sit the examination and 91 gained promotion [Upper Hutt had 77% and Masterton 62%]

29th April 1880 Wellington Education Board The Lower Hutt Committee asked for the appointment of an additional pupil teacher, and the matter was referred to the inspector.

15th May 1880 Wellington Education Board Also, an Assistant Teacher is required for the Lower Hutt School, at a salary of .£100 per annum male, or £80 female

27th May 1880 Miss Boulcott appointed assisted mistress

18th August 1880 Resident Magistrates Court

H. A. Willis, schoolmaster at the Lower Hutt, was charged with having assaulted M^r. G. W. Jordan, at the Hutt, on the 9th instant. Mr. Gordon Allan appeared for complainant, and Mr. H. H. Travers for the defendant. Mr. Allan, in opening the case, stated that defendant was a teacher at the Lower Hutt State School, and complainant's children attended that school. Complainant having, as he thought, good reason, addressed a letter to the defendant setting forth certain fact. Mr. Jordan was walking out on the evening of the day on which the letter had been delivered when Mr. Willis met him, and said, "Now I have got you," and thereupon assaulted him with a horsewhip. There had been no provocation.

Complainant stated that he had children attending the Lower Hutt School. He sent a letter to the Board, and also one to defend? it for the purpose of giving him an opportunity of rebutting it. He met defendant the same evening on the main road, near the railway station. Defendant crossed over to him, and said, "By God, I am going to horsewhip you." and struck him several heavy blows on the head and face; saying, as he (witness) retreated into a garden, "There, I have ' you. and you can do your worst." He did not see the instrument used.

To Mr. Travers : The reason he wrote the letter was in consequence of hearing some things affecting the character of defendant; the letter was one the Board must take cognisance of. He had no other school to send his children to.. He had no spite against Mr Willis, and no desire for the headmastership of the school ; he was not competent.

Mr. Travers, who had pleaded "Not guilty" for defendant, said the circumstances of the assault had arisen out of the letter Mr Jordan wrote to the Board, and that if he behaved the charges contained in that letter, he ought not to have allowed his children to remain at the school. Defendant had no other remedy ; for it he had proceeded criminally he was not in a position to pay costs ; his only remedy, therefore, was to take the law into his own hands, knowing that he was justified in doing so. With regard to the severity of the assault, he did not deny that a good caning had been administered on the legs but held that the blows on the head were accidental. :

His Worship was quite willing to take any evidence in extenuation of the assault but could admit of no palliation unless such evidence was produced.

After some discussion, Mr. Travers handed in the letter, which was read by Mr. W. P. James (Clerk of the Court) as follows " Lower Hutt, 19th August ; " sir,—I beg to hand you for the

purpose of being laid before the Education Board, at its next meeting, a statement with respect to the condition of the Lower Hutt State School and the relations existing between the headmaster and mistress of the school. My allegations are as follows:- \

1. That the present head-master and mistress obtained and still hold their position by a gross fraud upon the Board, in as much as they represented themselves as man and wife, and since the retention of the have cohabited as such. That there exists in the office of the Commissioner of Police in this city, conclusive evidence that the master, Mr. Willis, had at the time of his appointment a wife then living, and a short time ago was resident in Mount Macedon, Victoria.
2. That previous to his appointment at the Hutt, Mr. Willis held a similar appointment under the Nelson Education Board, which he resigned for no ostensible reason, but it was generally ascribed to the relations which existed between himself and the present head mistress of the Hutt school. “
3. That previous to this Mr. Willis held a similar appointment: under , the Wellington Education Board, at Johnsonville, during which time he passed himself off as a single man, and that probably owing to this circumstance the usual inquiry into character was dispensed with on re-appointment to the Hutt school, the officers of the Education Board being ignorant of what had occurred in the interval. “
4. That a search has been made of the official register of the colony, and no record can be found of any marriage having taken place between the parties in question. “
5. That the existence of such relations between the master and of a State school is a violation of the Education Act and of the Board regulations, and an insult alike to parents, teachers, and scholars, and a scandal to the district.

I am fully aware of the step I have taken in making these charges, and am prepared to abide by the consequences, for I am satisfied that the circumstances which will be brought to light in the enquiry which will ensue will justify me in the course I have taken in this matter in the mind of every right-thinking man.—I have, &c., G. W. Jordan, Lower Hutt.

“To the Chairman of the Wellington Education Board.”

In answer to his Worship Mr. Travers stated that defendant declined to go into the witness-box and would submit to the judgment of the court His Worship, in giving judgment, remarked it was defendant’s right to step into the box and refute the imputations contained in the letter. Defendant, by his training and position, ought to have been an example to those around him, but instead of that he had elected to take the law into his own hands and refused to justify his conduct by meeting the charges made against him. Defendant was ordered to be imprisoned, with hard labor, for two calendar months in Wellington Gaol.

20th August 1880 A deputation of settlers from the Lower Hutt, consisting of Messrs. W. A. Fitzherbert, R. Cleland, Clapcott, Ranson , and J. Ridley, waited upon the Hon. Mr. Rolleston, Minister of Justice, with reference to the case of Mr. Willis, recently sentenced to two months’ hard labor for assaulting Mr. G. W. Jordan, yesterday morning.

Sir William Fitzherbert introduced the deputation and said that the gentlemen present represented the local School Committee at the Lower Hutt. The subject upon which they had sought the interview was the case of Mr. Willis, the master of their school, and who had been sentenced to two months’ hard labor for an assault. They had a very high opinion of Mr.

Willis, who was highly respected in the district, and so far as they knew, not at all the sort of man he had been made out to be. At any rate, even if the charges which had been made against him, and which led to the assault, were ultimately proved, they had no right to consider a man guilty until they had been proved. He himself had been very favorably impressed with him, and so far as those who were officially connected with him were concerned, they were of opinion that he was a most honorable man. They desired to submit to the Hon. Mr. Rolleston whether the case did not contain elements for further consideration, and for the exercise of the clemency of the Crown. Mr. Willis had not acted in a premeditated manner. He was on his way to see a member of the school committee (Mr. Cleland) shortly after he had received Mr. Jordan's letter, when he met the complainant, and, being very much annoyed, he proceeded to chastise him. Of course, he did not mean to say that a man was justified in taking the law into his own hands, but very great provocation had been given, as Jordan had followed him in the most persistent manner for the past six months, and lost no opportunity to talk evil of him, and they only asked for consideration in regard to the amount of punishment. It was not a cruel assault of a strong man upon a weaker one, for physically they probably stood in a reversed position. He should be sorry to say anything against Jordan, but he could point out that he was not exactly in a position to take up a case of the sort. A Magistrate who should protect the public and mete out justice would have to stretch his judgment very much to pass such a severe sentence. There had been several much more serious assault cases in Wellington, but in none of them had such a punishment been inflicted.

Mr. W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman of the Lower Hutt School Committee, said he had been a member of that committee for some time, and had known Mr. Willis since he had been appointed master of the school. During that time he had ample opportunity for observing him, and he had always conducted himself most respectably, and never gave any reason for suspecting his character. He heard some members of the Education Board were very sorry on account of what had happened.

Mr. Rolleston said there was just one point he should like to know, namely, whether the deputation asked for a remission of a portion of the sentence or for a reversal. If the remainder of the sentence were remitted that would practically amount to a reversal.

Sir W. Fitzherbert said that Mr. Willis would have been severely punished even if the sentence were reversed, as it was not so much the time as the degradation of being imprisoned which he would feel. It would not be a reversal if Mr. Willis were released that day. Mr. Rolleston said it was a very serious thing to interfere with the ordinary course of justice without very good cause, and under ordinary circumstances the Government should never take into its own hands matters which had been left in those of a judicial officer. The events in the case brought before him were so recent, and the request that the Government should go into the past history of the parties to the case opened such a large question, that a most careful consideration was necessary. His impression was that when a person committed an assault and was charged with the offence, and refused to plead justification, the requirements of the law would not be met by the imposition of a fine. Imprisonment alone could suit the end of justice in an assault case of considerable violence. The Government should be very careful not to interfere in anything of the kind unless it was absolutely necessary. He could promise them that he would take steps to have the matter very carefully enquired into, and he would then act according to circumstances.

Sir W. Fitzherbert said that was all they asked for. The deputation then withdrew

26th August 1880 Wellington Education Board A letter was received from Mr. Willis, the master at the Lower Hutt School, in which he stated that in consequence of the cruel treatment he had received, he saw no course open to him except to resign, and he hoped the Board would see no objection to allowing him that course. A letter on the same subject was also received from the Lower Hutt School Committee, asking the Board to suspend all action against Mrs. Willis until her husband had a fair opportunity of refuting the charges brought against him. After some discussion it was resolved to accept Mr. Willis' resignation, and to forward correspondence regarding the position of Mrs. Willis to the local committee, and to consult with that committee as to the suspension of Mrs. Willis. Regarding the school, it was further resolved to appoint a temporary master, and to consider the appointment of a permanent master at the next meeting.

31st August 1880 THE LOWER HUTT SCHOOL. A letter was received from Mrs. Willis, of the Lower Hutt School, tendering her resignation. After some discussion, the resignation was accepted, and was agreed to pay Mrs. Willis a month's salary. It was stated that Mr. McFarlane, of Featherston, would take temporary charge of the school.

1st September 1880 It was notified that Mr. McFarlane had taken charge of the Lower Hutt School, and Miss Feast been appointed assistant teacher

2nd September 1880 NZ Times. We have been requested to publish the following communication, having reference to the recent severe sentence passed on Mr. Willis, of the Hutt :—"To the Editor of the New Zealand Times. —Sir, —Will you permit me, the mother of Mr. Willis, of the Hutt School, through the medium of your valuable journal, to tender my grateful and heartfelt thanks to all those gentlemen who have so kindly, but in vain, endeavored to obtain a mitigation of the notoriously harsh sentence of two months' imprisonment, with hard labor, in the Wellington Gaol, passed by the Resident Magistrate of Wellington, and approved of by Her Majesty's Government, on my unfortunate son, for caning a person who for many months past has been endeavoring to deprive him of his situation.—Yours, &c., E.W

7th September 1880 The Education Board invite applications for the mastership of the Lower Hutt school, and also for an assistant teacher, the salaries to be according to classification. There is a present dearth of really efficient teachers on the disengaged list, but charge of the Hutt school is coupled with certain advantages which will no doubt bring several applications.

7th September 1880 Education Board Office, Wellington, 6th September, 1880. Applications are invited from Teachers, whether in the service of the Board or not, for the Head Mastership of the Lower Hutt School, the average attendance of which for the last quarter was 167. The salary will be according to classification and the average attendance. A six-roomed residence is provided. The Board also require an Assistant Teacher for the same School; salary, £80 to £140, according to classification. Applications must be sent in on or before the 27th instant. ROBERT LEE, Secretary,

28th September 1880 Wellington Education Board The Board will also appoint a new head master for the Hutt School in place of Mr. Willis, there being fifteen applicants for the office. An assistant for the same school (eight applicants) will likewise be appointed.

30th September 1880 The committee of the Education Board appointed for the purpose met yesterday afternoon, and appointed Mr. Richards, at present master at Carterton, to the

mastership of the Lower Hutt School, and Mr. W. Panton Brown assistant master. [I can find no evidence of a W P Brown working permanently for the Wellington Education Board]

22nd October 1880 The teachers and pupils of the Lower Hutt public school have presented their late master and mistress (Mr. and Mrs. Henry Willis) with a testimonial, composed of an address and two handsome suitably-inscribed pieces of plate. The address runs as follows :—: — " Dear Mr. and Mrs. Willis, — It is with deep regret that we hear of your resignation as teachers in the Lower Hutt School, and we cannot allow you to leave the scene of your labors without giving you some token of our esteem and regard. We therefore beg you to accept the accompanying present— not judging of our feelings by its intrinsic value but taking it as a sincere voucher of our united regard. On behalf of ourselves and the pupils of the Hutt School." [Here follow the signatures of assistant and pupil teachers.

27th October 1880 A deputation from Petoni waited upon the Board to urge the erection of a schoolhouse at Petoni, where there were about 100 children. The Hutt school was so crowded that there was no room there for them. They had no site, but there was plenty of land which only the Government could purchase. Mr. Bunny recommended the deputation to get the site. Mr. C. Pharazyn — That's the first thing, and when you get it, we have no money. Mr. W. J. Kiddle a pointed out that the Hutt infant school was 16 ft x 10 ft [4.8 metres x 3.04 meters] and there were between 70 and 80 children packed into it. The deputation decided to interview the Government.

[In 1882 there was a Henry Willis teaching at Hororata in Canterbury who was not there in 1881]

1881

1881	158	Hutt	Richards	Charles A		Head Master	£ 270.00
1881	158	Hutt	Joplin	Charles R		Assistant Master	£ 140.00
1881	158	Hutt	Boulcott	Anna M		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00
1881	158	Hutt	Frethey	Alice J		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 45.00
1881	158	Hutt	Speedy	Eliza C		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 30.00

13th April 1881 Wellington Education Board A deputation, consisting of Mr. Speedy, Chairman of the Hutt School Committee, and two members of the same, waited upon the Board to ascertain when the alterations would be made, in the Lower Hutt School. They had been waiting from month to month but no attempt was made to do anything.

The Chairman said the deputation had better go to the Government, as the latter had declined to provide funds, and the Board could not anticipate their vote.

Mr. Speedy said the Board had voted £300. The school was the worst in the district, and when it rained the roof leaked like a sieve. The sum voted was to put up two additional rooms, to divide the present one, and to re-shingle the building. Mr. Lee said when the Carterton School alterations were done there would be no funds left.

Mr Speedy said if the roof was not reshingled the school would have to be dismissed in the winter.

Mr. Hutchison suggested that the roof be shingled at once.

The Chairman said he was sorry that they wanted to throw away money on shingling at present.

Mr. Blair moved, that tenders be called for the whole work which had been promised.

Mr. Hutchison said there was work to be done in Masterton, Carterton, Grey town, and the Terrace, and if the Board were going to overdraw the account they might as well do all the necessary work. He thought it would be as well to wait upon the banker and get an overdraft of £3000. Mr. Lee said there was a balance of £340, which could be devoted to the Hutt School if Carterton and Greytown were left out in the cold.

Dr. Newman seconded Mr. Blair's motion, which was carried.

20th April 1881 Wellington Education Board TO BUILDERS. TENDERS are invited, by the Board of Education, until the afternoon of Tuesday, the 26th inst., for the erection of Additions to the Lower Hutt, Greytown and Carterton Schools. Plans, &c, of Lower Hutt School to be seen at the School House, Lower Hutt

28th April 1881 Lower Hutt School tender let to Mr James Ransom for alterations

27th June 1881 The additions to the Lower Hutt school, a contract of which was let to Mr. James Ransom by the Education Board, have been completed, and the building will be handed over to the school committee on Tuesday next. Two additional class rooms, each about 20 x 22, [6.09 Meters x 6.7 meters] have been added and provided with raised platforms and dual desks. A class room for infants has been partitioned off from the old room. Besides this a new porch to the front entrance and a second chimney has been constructed, and the whole of the interior of the buildings rendered comfortable with T. and G. [Tongue and Groove] boarding. A new corrugated iron roof completes the contract. The alterations will afford extra space for at least sixty scholars and will meet the requirements of the district for some years to come. The whole work has been faithfully carried out and reflects considerable credit on the contractor.

29th June 1881 Wellington Education Board Mr. Speedy, Chairman of the Lower Hutt School Committee, waited on the Board to urge the undertaking of certain repairs. He also pointed out that the children's playground needed gravelling and the drainage required to be more effectually looked after. The Chairman stated that the Board possessed no funds to carry out these works. Mr. Speedy then applied for two additional teachers' desks, and the application was granted

30th June 1881 While driving past the Lower Hutt school yesterday, a lad named Smith was struck on the head with a stone, supposed to have been thrown by one of the scholars. The blow rendered him giddy, and a few moments afterwards he fell out of the vehicle, without, however, sustaining serious injury. If the act is proved to have been a wanton one, it is to be hoped the offender will be brought to justice.

31st August 1881 A letter was read from the Lower Hutt School Committee, recommending the appointment of the daughter of the chairman of the school committee, instead of the daughter of the schoolmaster, as pupil teacher. The Inspector said the recommendation was premature, as at present there was no vacancy.

1st September 1881 Wellington Education Board In reply to applications, the Board resolved to make no further appointments to the Hutt and Greytown Schools' at present.

1st October 1881 Assisted by several friends, the pupils attending the Lower Hutt School gave a most pleasing musical and literary entertainment in the school house last evening. The programme comprised no fewer than 27 different items, including vocal and instrumental selections, readings, recitations, and so forth. It was carried through with the utmost success. About 100 persons were present, and these testified their appreciation with unmistakable

enthusiasm. The entertainment was followed by a dance, which was also greatly enjoyed. Mr. Richards, the schoolmaster, evidenced his interest in the proceedings by causing the school to be tastefully decorated and an abundant supply of refreshments to be forthcoming. His announcement that the entertainment would be shortly repeated was received with evident satisfaction

33rd October 1881 A gathering of a pleasing description took place at the Lower Hutt School on Friday evening last, the attraction being a concert and recitations given by the pupils and a few lady friends, who had kindly volunteered their services. We are informed that Miss Richards has been most untiring with the young musicians, and their unquestioned success must have been most gratifying to her. The recitations also displayed a great deal of care and ability, and the whole programme of twenty seven items was gone through excellently without break or hindrance, repeated applause evidencing the full appreciation of the audience. The room was tastefully decorated and comfortably filled. At the conclusion, Mr Richards expressed his pleasure at the interest and appreciation shown by the visitors on this first attempt of his pupils, and his indebtedness for the kind and voluntary assistance of those ladies who, by their co-operation, had given confidence to the younger ones and finish to the whole, while he thought the younger performers had no occasion to blush for their first endeavor. The inevitable dance was bound to conclude such a gathering, and this was spiritedly maintained until a little after midnight. There were many expressions of having spent a most enjoyable evening, and by request a repetition of the entertainment was promised at an early period

10th October 1881 On Saturday afternoon some members of the Lower Hutt School Cricket Club were returning from Karori (where they had been playing a cricket match with the Karori School boys) in a 'bus drawn by two horses, owned by Mr. Cudby, Lower Hutt. They had arrived within two or three chains of the Botanical Gardens, when the near horse shied, and careering against the off horse forced it to the edge of the gully. The unfortunate horse losing its footing, slipped and fell over, dragging with it the near horse and 'bus, containing Mr. Joplin and five boys, named respectively H. Mudgway, C. Richards, R. McNab, J. Speedy, and H. Tonks. The 'bus was completely wrecked, while the occupants and horses fell a depth of about thirty feet. Mr. Joplin had one rib badly broken, nasty blows on the head and neck, and several slight cuts on the hand from the broken glass ; H. Mudgway and J. Speedy received some severe cuts on the face and hands ; the others, including Tonks who was driving, escaped unhurt. The accident was attributed to the want of a proper break, defective harness, and a shying horse, as well as to the somewhat dangerous condition of the road. Great credit is due to several men who kindly hastened to the spot and rescued the sufferers and horses from their dangerous position.

1st December 1881 A petition was received from twenty residents of Petone, praying that the district be declared a separate school district. The Inspector stated that the Hutt School Committee offered no objection.

5th December 1881 Eleven of the Red Star Cricket Club played 15 of the Hutt School Club, at the Hutt, on Saturday. The match resulted in a victory for the former by 12 runs on the one innings.

7th December 1881 An entertainment was given at the Lower Hutt school on Friday last, consisting of a concert, when a selection of music, both vocal and instrumental, together with

a few recitations, were rendered in a most pleasing and effective manner, and elicited unbounded applause from a crowded and appreciative audience. A dance followed, which was maintained with spirit until midnight. All that was necessary in the shape of refreshments was unsparingly provided. The object of the entertainment was to raise funds for liquidating a debt of £10, caused by a coach accident as the boys were returning from a cricket match at Karori. The popular feeling as regards these entertainments may be gathered from the fact that the receipts amounted to nearly £12. Thus the young cricketers are now relieved from their debt without the necessity of appealing for donations. At the conclusion of the concert, Mr Richards thanked the audience for assembling in such numbers, and thereby demonstrating to his pupils the important lesson that when needing assistance they should, by the best means in their power, endeavor to assist themselves. He also thanked those friends who had so kindly lent their talents in aid of his pupils. On Monday they discharged their debt to Mr Cudby, who kindly presented them with £1 towards their breaking-up tea party, which the teacher is preparing for them

20th December 1881 The prizes at the Lower Hutt School were distributed on Friday, 16th inst., by Sir W. Fitzherbert. The following is the list of winners :—Having passed Standard VI, F. London, C. Speedy. Standard VI. — F. Frethey, 1; W. Williams, 2. Standard V.— Boys— H. Tonks, 1 ; E. Jones, 2. Girls— E. Hobbs, 1 ; B. Bell, 2. Section IV.— Boys, J. Speedy 1, W. Buick, 2 ; girls, L. Graham, 1; E. Caunell. Section III— Boys, W. Knight, 1 ; E. Speedy, 2 j girls, N. Tonks, 1 ; B. Graham, 2. Standard II.— Boys, A. Pringle, 1 ; P. Blatchford, 2 ; girls, K. Archer, 1 ; B. Blanche, 2. Standard I.— Boys, H. Johnson, 1; C. Hobbs, 2; girls, A. Donnelly, 1 ; A. Lund, 2. Mental Arithmetic—Boys, B. McNab ; girls, G. Carnell. Needlework —C. Speedy, G. Caunell, E. Buick. M. Pierce, B. Blatchford. Assiduity— H. Mudgway, W. Caunell, A. Clapcott, T. Russell, M. Price, N. Hall. The young children also received a quantity of small presents at the hands of the chairman, Mr D. Speedy

22nd December 1881 On Friday, the 16th instant, the prizes were distributed by Sir W. Fitzherbert at the Lower Hutt School. The Chairman, Mr D. Speedy, opened the proceedings with a few appropriate remarks; after which Sir W. Fitzherbert addressed the pupils and visitors in a very earnest manner, pointing out the obligation of pupils to avail themselves fully of the liberal course of education provided for them, and complimenting the victors on gaining a distinction which should be a life-long pleasure to them. He also addressed each recipient of a prize with remarks encouraging them to persevere in further honest emulation. After the distribution, Mr Richards, the head teacher, thanked Sir William for presiding and for the kind remarks he had passed ; also for his generous gift to the school fund. He also returned thanks to Mr Mason, M.H.R., for his liberal gift, and to the Committee for working with him towards causing the gathering to be remembered as a red-letter day in the school. He further returned thanks to all those friends who had contributed towards providing a tea-party for the children—a treat which originated, and, in fact, was due, to Mrs D. Speedy and Mrs Richards, Mr Williams addressed the pupils, encouraging them to be honest in their work, and offering for next year two prizes, of the value of £1 each, for boys and girls respectively, for good conduct generally (to be awarded by ballot among the pupils themselves). Mr Richards thanked him and accepted his offer of prizes. The pupils were dismissed with the customary cheers, and tea was quickly provided for them in the play-grounds, after which a capital programme of sports was presented and carried out, being maintained with unflagging

energy until advanced twilight. Everyone was delighted with the entertainment, which reflects great credit on all concerned, and speaks almost as highly for the teachers as the very creditable examination the school recently passed at the hands of the Inspector.

1882

1882	137	Hutt	Richards	Charles A		Head Master	£ 270.00
1882	137	Hutt	Evans	George Samuel		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1882	137	Hutt	Frethey	Alice J		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00
1882	137	Hutt	Richards	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 40.00
1882	137	Hutt	Speedy	Eliza C		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 30.00

4th February 1882 Mr C R Joblin promoted from Lower Hutt school to Petone

22nd February 1882 Wellington Education Board appointment committee recommends Mr Evans to Lower Hutt as assistant

15th February 1882 The Lower Hutt School Committee, having brought the compulsory clauses of the Education Act into force, warns parents and others having charge of children between the ages of 7 and 13 not attending school, that the penalties of the Act will be strictly enforced.

25th February 1882 Infant Teacher Hutt School stipend £40 per annum

8th March 1882 Infant Mistress Hutt School Miss Richards

15th April Wellington Education Board Inspector's report included Masterton, Carterton, and Taita are the best ; Greytown, Featherston, and Lower Hutt are doing satisfactory work ;

11th August 1882 Examination of Pupil Teachers included Fifth Year over 17 years of age Alice Frethey Lower Hutt and End of fifth year over 18 years Anna Boulcott Lower Hutt

9th October 1882 Pupil teacher required Hutt School

25th October 1882 Miss Clara Speedy appointed pupil teacher

20th December 1882 Wellington Education Board Mr Speedy waited on the board on behalf of the Lower Hutt School Committee, to impress upon the board the necessity of proceeding with the erection of wet-weather sheds, and certain repairs to the master's residence. The matter was left in the hands of Mr Mason to report upon at the next meeting.

27th December 1882 . Hutt School,

Thursday, the 21st December, was prize day at the above school. The pupils and friends having been assembled, Mr D. Speedy (chairman of committee) stated that Sir W, Fitzherbert had kindly consented to preside on the occasion, for which he was much, obliged, and as he had no doubt the anxiety to see who were prize-winners was uppermost in the minds of his audience, he would not delay the business. Sir W. Fitzherbert addressed parents and pupils forcibly and fully, urging the obligation of each to take all the benefit of the course of education which the Government had so liberally provided. He complimented the prize winners, but, at the same time, impressed upon the others that, if they had striven honestly, they should not be cast down at failing to take a prize, but rather that they should prove their British natures, by rising superior to defeat, which was the surest way to succeed ultimately. He then proceeded to distribute the prizes, in each case addressing some words of compliment or advice, thoroughly arousing the interest of all present. Immediately after the prize distribution, . Sir William said he had another pleasing duty to perform in presenting to the head-master, Mr Richards, a token of affection from his pupils, and he was pleased with that

spirit among the pupils, which showed their appreciation of education and training, as a thing not to be rewarded by money payment only. He also congratulated Mr Richards upon the evidence of his pupils' affection, which, he had been assured, was purely spontaneous, and on their behalf he was much pleased in making the presentation. The presentation consisted of a morocco case, duly inscribed, containing a pair of sterling silver salt cellars and spoons of a most chaste design. Mr Richards thanked Sir William for the kind remarks he had been pleased to apply towards his pupils and himself. He was completely taken by surprise at finding that an affectionate conspiracy against himself had pervaded the school for some time past. He met them that day with a heavy heart, for the examination results, as they knew too well, had not been up to his expectations. He did not attach blame to anyone but regretted that sickness among pupils and teachers alike should have conspired to bring about such unhappy results. He was much obliged to his pupils for their affectionate and valuable gift, which he should treasure more highly than they could conceive, and chiefly for the goodwill and affection it evidenced. Still, had he known of their intentions earlier he should have considered it his duty to check its consummation, as he did not like the idea of taxing their money boxes for such things, unless on the occasion of a teacher leaving. Cheers were given with a will for Sir William Fitzherbert, for Mr Speedy, and for the teachers, when the National Anthem was sung and pupils released to the playground until tea-time. Nearly 200 pupils partook of tea, seated in an orderly manner in the open air, and everything passed off admirably. After tea they were again summoned to the schoolroom, to decide, by ballot, on the most popular boy and most popular girl, Mr Williams having offered £1 prize for each. The decision for these prizes took some time, but ultimately the lucky winners were Henry Tonks and Cecilia Barnes. Mr Williams cautioned the winners to be watchful that during the next year they did nothing to militate against carrying off the popularity prize again. Cheers for the donor and recipients followed, when the young folks again passed out to the playgrounds and maintained the varied sports with unflagging energies until twilight had almost passed away.

Subjoined is the list of prize-winner* ;

Upper VI, Boys ; W. Williams, F. Frethey.

Standard VI. Henry Tonks, Robert McNab, Earnest Jones. Girls : Ellen Wilkins,

Standard V.—Boys : W. Cudby. Girls Louise Graham, Elsie Cannell,

Standard IV.—Boys : W. Blatchford, E. Speedy, Girls :F. Archer, M. Pierce.

Standard III.—Boys; H. Williams, A. Knight, A. Pringle. Girls : B. Blatchford, K. Jones, K. Archer.

Standard 11. Boys: H. Blackett, C, Barnes. Girls ; H. Hall, M, Ransom.

Standard I. Boys; James Knight, J. Broadfoot. Girls: G. Maunders, N. Buck, E. England.

Mental Arithmetic. —Robert McNab, W, Williams, Henry Tonks, and Louise Graham.

Needlework. —Elsie Cannell, Mary McIlvride, Carry Easby, and Emily Judd.

Assiduity.—H. Cleland.

Good Attendance. —G. McIlvride and Nelly Tonks.

Special prizes presented to Standard 111, by Miss Boulcott, their late teacher.—George Judd,

D. Cannell, H. Williams, A. Knight, B. Blatchford, E. Richards, K. Jones, A, Cook, K. Archer,

1883

1883	142	Hutt	Richards	Charles A		Head Master	£ 250.00
1883	142	Hutt	Mathews	John M		Assistant Master	£ 160.00
1883	142	Hutt	Frethey	Alice J		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00
1883	142	Hutt	Richards	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 40.00
1883	142	Hutt	Stevens	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 20.00

27th June 1883 Wellington Education Board The Lower Hutt School Committee wrote, asking the Board to defray the cost of a bell recently purchased by the latter, as they were not possessed of money sufficient for the purpose. The request was agreed to after some discussion

28th July 1883 Mr Matthews appointed. John M Mathews only taught at Hutt School for the Wellington Education Board

29th August 1883 Wellington Education Board The Finance Committee recommended the Board to increase the salaries of first assistants at Newtown, Mount Cook Boys', Willis-street, Terrace, Thorndon, and Masterton schools from .£200 to £230 ; and those of second assistants at Carterton, Featherston, Hutt, and Greytown from £140 to £160. The recommendation was adopted.

6th October 1883 Wellington Education Board Pupil Teachers Fourth year over 18 Alice Frethey. First Year age over 15 C Speedy

9th October 1883 A meeting of the Lower Hutt School Committee was held last evening. Present Messrs. Speedy (in the chair), J. Knight, W. Jones, J. Cudby, P. M. Reynolds, and H. Damant. The Chairman mentioned that the examination of the school would commence on the 10th instant. The Chairman stated that Mrs. James Knight and Mrs. Speedy had attended the school that afternoon and examined the needlework and reported that the work was very satisfactorily done. It was resolved that the report be received, and the thanks of the committee be tendered to the ladies for their kindness in attending the school. A letter was read from the headmaster asking the committee to make some permanent arrangement for cleaning the school windows, and that more stringent measures be taken under the compulsory clauses. It was resolved that the clerk be requested to write to the headmaster asking him to supply the committee at its next meeting the number of all children attending the school. Accounts amounting to £3 14s 10d were passed for payment. The Chairman brought under the notice of the committee the subject of raising funds for the purchase of prizes for the pupils passing the various standards. After some discussion, it was decided that the members of the committee would be prepared to receive contributions from the public for the purchase of prizes. It was stated that for the past two years two or three gentlemen had kindly contributed to the fund, and the committee had made up the difference from their own pockets, a custom they were not prepared to continue.

1884

1884	146	Hutt	Richards	Charles A		Head Master	£ 250.00
1884	146	Hutt	Mathews	John M		Assistant Master	£ 160.00
1884	146	Hutt	Frethey	Alice J		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00
1884	146	Hutt	Richards	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 40.00

1884	146	Hutt	Speedy	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 25.00
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31st January 1884 Only six members of committee and two other householders attended on Monday night, and it was therefore resolved, on the suggestion of the chairman, Mr Speedy, to allow the election of the new committee to stand over. From the report and balance-sheet read by Mr H, Damant, secretary, it appeared that the receipts during the past year amounted to £54 14s 3d, and the expenditure to £36 0s 5d, leaving a balance of £18 13s 10d. Wet weather sheds had been erected during the last year, a new bell had been hung, the yards have been remetalled and additions made to the master's residence. The school was reopened on Monday..

26th June 1884 Wellington Education Board A fortnight's leave granted to Mr [Actually Miss] A Richards Lower Hutt School

30th October 1884 At a meeting of the Lower Hutt School Committee, held at the schoolhouse, Hutt, on the evening of the 27th instant, there were present Mr. David Speedy in the chair, Messrs. James Knight, W. Jones, L Cudby, T. Caverhill, and H. Damant. A letter was read from the head master (Mr. Richards) informing the Committee of the very satisfactory results obtained by the school at the late examinations. There were 119 presented for examination, and 117 passed. It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Cudby, seconded by Mr. Knight, that the Committee desire to express their entire satisfaction at the management of the school, and to compliment Mr. Richards and the whole of the teaching staff on the great number of passes obtained at the late examination, and that this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Richards. A circular was read from the Education Board re-election of a member of the Board. Resolved— That this Committee nominate Mr. James Taylor to the vacancy. An account of £1 3s was passed for payment. It was arranged that the Committee should, before next meeting, endeavour to raise funds for a treat for the children.

26th November 1884 Fifty-nine names have been received by the Education Board of intending competitors for the scholarships. The examinations will be held to-day and on Thursday, the examiners being the Kev Mr West and Mr McGregor, Parliamentary librarian. The various schools under the management of the board are represented as follows :[included] Masterton School, eight; Clareville School, one ; Kaitara School, two; Featherston School five; Hutt School, one;

26th December 1884 Friday, the 19th, was prize day at the Hutt. The pupils, assembled at 2 o'clock punctually, Sir William Fitzherbert presiding to distribute the prizes. Mr. Speedy, chairman of committee, addressed the meeting, expressing his gratification at the success which had attended the school throughout the year. In every competition good results had been obtained, and the annual examination could scarcely be surpassed anywhere. One pupil failed in Standard 1 and one in Standard 3. All else passed the crucial test of the Inspector, and in so large a school it was highly complementary to both teachers and pupils. Sir William Fitzherbert addressed the visitors and pupils very kindly and expressed his pleasure at the good report he had heard of the school ; he also expressed himself in favor of more technical education and concluded by promising a microscope to the school to become the property of that pupil who displayed most knowledge of the instrument at the next examination. He then distributed the prizes ns follows

Upper VI.—Robert McNab, Louise Graham,

VI.—Eliza Hobbs.

V.—Andrew Stevens, Wesley Knight, Nina Hall, Ellen Tonks.
 IV.—Willoughby Knight, George Judd, Kate Jones, Mabel Hall.
 III.—James Higgins, Joseph Broadfoot, Alice Lund, Ann Gregory.
 II.—William Ernest Knight, Edith Archer. Minnie Eglington.
 I.—Ernest Hollard, William Reynolds, Emily Donnelly, Christine Hobbs.
 Infant.—Robert Macalister, Robert Fitzmaurice, Florence Payne, Fanny Purser.
 Diligence.—Edith Richards.
 Drill.—Walter Cudby.

Sewing.—Standard IV., Eliza Hobbs V., Kate Archer, Mary McIlvride; IV., Matilda Reynolds; III., Ellen Speedy; 11., Mabel Menzie; 1., Clara Trevithick,

The Head Master (Mr Richards) returned thanks to all those friends who had contributed to the treat fund, and to Sir W. Fitzherbert for the especially kind and generous interest he had taken in the school, and he hoped that the competition for Sir William's prize would be earnest and profitable in a high degree. Mr. Richards also thanked his assistants for seconding his efforts and bringing about so successful an examination, Cheers were given for Sir W. Fitzherbert, the Committee, teachers, visitors, &c., and the pupils were then dismissed to the playground, where an excellent and abundant tea was provided, to which about 250 children and a good number of visitors sat down. The sports were kept up with unflagging spirit until dark and everything passed off admirably for which the managing Committee deserve much credit

1885

1885	153	Hutt	Richards	Charles A	Master	£ 270.00
1885	153	Hutt	Heenan	George C	Assistant Master	£ 160.00
1885	153	Hutt	Richards	Annie	Female Pupil Teacher	£ 40.00
1885	153	Hutt	Speedy	Clara	Female Pupil Teacher	£ 25.00
1885	153	Hutt	Graham	Louise	Female Pupil Teacher	£ 20.00

27th January 1885 his meeting was held in the Schoolhouse, Lower Hutt, only a few persons being present. The late committee's report and balance-sheet were read and adopted, the receipts for the year being .£54 10s and the expenditure £48 2s 6d. The number of children on the books was shown as 225. The numbers presented for examination were 119, and the number passed 117. The following gentlemen were duly elected a committee for the ensuing year : — Messrs. D. Speedy, W. Jones, H. Knight, T. Caverhill, J. Cudby, H. Damant, and McNab. At a meeting of the newly-elected committee, Mr. D. Speedy was elected chairman, and Mr. H. Damant secretary and treasurer. It was also resolved to nominate Mr. D. Speedy for one of the vacant seats on the Education Board.

26th February 1885 The differences between the master and assistant master at the Lower Hutt School appear to be still developing. On a recent occasion, it will be remembered, the head master (Mr Richards) complained that the assistant (Mr Matthews) had refused him assistance. Mr Richards has again written to the board, asking whether it is the duty of subordinate teachers to assist their chief in making up the school register. The board has referred this delicate question to the local committee.

28th January 1885 Wellington Education Board The Lower Hutt School Committee reported on a charge made by the master against the assistant. The charge was one of

insubordination on the part of the assistant (Mr. Mathews), and was preferred by the master (Mr. Richards). The committee did not find any cause of complaint against Mr. Mathews, but believed the fault lay with Mr. Richards, and they feared that an unsatisfactory state of things would continue so long as Mr. Richards was allowed to remain master of the school.
Consideration deferred

2nd March 1885 A pleasing presentation was made on Friday last at the lower Hutt School to Miss Alice Frethey, who was made the recipient of a handsome gold locket and silver bracelet. Miss Frethey has been at the school for the past fifteen years and is now leaving with the best wishes of master, teachers and scholars. She was an especial favorite with the latter.

Alice J Frethey didn't teach for the Wellington Education Board again until spending 1887 and 1888 at Eketahuna School

1908/5522	Frethey	Alice Jane	44Y
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4th July 1908 FRETHEY.—On. the 3rd July, 1908, at her residence, Laing's-road, Lower Hutt, Alice Jane Frethey, aged 44 years.

3rd February 1909 Deceased Persons Estate Alice J Frethey £ 1008 equivalent to \$172,415.23 in September 2019

25th March 1885 .J. N. Mathew [Deputy], of the Hutt, was appointed to the Te Aro School at .£140

20th April 1885 First Assistant Lower Hutt £160. John M Mathews did not teach again for the Wellington Education Board

29th April 1885 Assistant in Lower Hutt School, Mr. Heenan, at present at Wallaceville

30th April 1885 Wellington Education Board Miss Tonks Resigned

27th May 1885 Pupil Teacher appointed to Lower Hutt Louisa Graham

25th June 1885 Mr D. Speedy, Chairman of the Hutt Committee, brought under the notice of the Board the hardships under which pupil teachers labored through having to attend drawing classes in Wellington. They only received £16 per annum, and their expenses In attending these classes would amount to £1. It was decided to grant free passes. —

29th July 1885 L Graham Hutt passed her 1st year over 15 years old examination

22nd October 1885 children attending the Petone, Lower Hutt, Tauherenikau, and Waihakeke Schools visited the Exhibition yesterday. The whole' of the children attending the schools under the control of the Board of Education have now been through the Exhibition

30th October 1885 Messrs Speedy and Damant, representing the Lower Hutt School Committee, waited upon the Board, and urged the necessity for the school in their district being enlarged. The Chairman, while advising the deputation that the Board was fully alive to the necessity for increased accommodation, explained that nothing could be done in the matter until it had been ascertained what amount of money would be available for school buildings throughout the district.

21st December 1885 LOWER HUTT SCHOOL. The prizes in connection with the Lower Hutt School were distributed on Friday last by Sir Wm. Fitzherbert. The Head Master mentioned that the equality of many of the pupils made it somewhat difficult to satisfactorily award the prizes this year, but it had been decided to make the awards according to the Inspector's marks, combined with regularity of attendance. Sir Wm. Fitzherbert, at the conclusion of the distribution, handed to the Head Master a microscope to be given aa a prize

to the pupil best acquainted with its use. Mr. Knight, the Chairman, thanked Sir William for his generous gift, and remarked that the school was doing well and increasing in numbers. The Committee were well satisfied with Mr. Richards and the other teachers, who worked harmoniously together. Mr. Knight returned thanks to those who had contributed to the school funds. Sir Wm. Fitzherbert said he would like to see something done for the domestic training in school of our girls. After the distribution the children proceeded to Mr Cudby's paddock, where they entered heartily into various sports, and then sat down to a tea provided for the occasion. The following is the school prize list:— Standard I—Boys: J. Strand, 1; R. Fitzmaurice, 2. Girls: F. Payne 1; F. Trevithick, 2. Standard II. —Boys: S. Knight. 1; S. Speedy, 2. Girls: C. Trevithick, 1; O. Broadfoot, 2. Standard III.— Boys: O. Barnes, 1; J. Cheatham, 2. Girls: K. Mudgway. 1; C. Easby. 2. Standard IV.—Boys: J. Broadfoot, 1 C. Hobbs, 2. Girls: E. Speedy, 1; A. Lund, 2. Standard V —Boys: W. Knight. 1 A. Pringle, 2. Girls: A. Payne, K. Jones, 2. standard VI.—Boys: P. Blatchford. 1; E. Speedy, 2. Girls: B. Graham, M. Pierce, and E. Richards, equal; K. Archer, 2. Mental arithmetic — Boys: W. Knight, 1; E. Speedy, 2. Girls: E. Richards, 1; A Cudby, 2. Writing prize —M. Livingstone. Needlework.—standard I.—E. Brown, 1; A. Peters, 2. Standard II.—C. Trevithick, 1. Standard III —O. Easby, 1; E. Archer, 2. Standard IV.—A. Lund, 1; M. Cook, 2. Standard V.—A. Payne, 1; A. Donnelly, 2. Standard VI —K. Archer, 1; E. Richards, 2. Standard VI. Certificates .—P. Blatchford, E. Speedy. A. Stevens, W. Knight, M. Pierce, A. Whitehead, Bessie Graham, A. Cudby, E. Richards . K. Archer, J. Mudgway. Teachers' prizes.—Standard I.—Marks—Wm. Waterman, Florence Payne. Good conduct—Wi Tako Love, Isabella Martin. Standard I 11 — Writing—Agnes Speedy, 1; Grace Maunders, 2. Standard IV.—Writing—Lily Payne. 1: Emily Eglington, 2. Standard V.—Propels—Marlon Ransom, Lilian Tonka. Standard VI.—Progress—Andrew Stevens, Wesley Knight

1886

1886	154	Hutt	Barry	David		Head Master	£ 250.00
1886	154	Hutt	Heenan	George C		Assistant Master	£ 160.00
1886	154	Hutt	Richards	Annie C		Assistant Female	£ 60.00
1886	154	Hutt	Speedy	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 30.00
1886	154	Hutt	Graham	Louise		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 25.00

13th January 1886 A meeting of the Lower Hutt School Committee was held in the schoolroom on Monday night. There were present Messrs D. Speedy (in the chair), Messrs McNab, Jones, Damant, and Cudby, The Inspector's report on the last examination—which showed good results, the percentage of passes being 87 —was received, and read. The Chairman stated that the amount subscribed for the children's treat and prizes, was £17 14s, and the sum expended in connection with the treat (including £6 8s for books, and £2 2s distribute! for prizes in the paddock) was £15 5s. The Committee wish to express their great satisfaction at the manner in which the prizes were awarded at the breaking up of the school. 26th February 1885 Wellington Education Board Mr Speedy, on behalf of the Lower Hutt School Committee waited on the Board and applied for a sufficient sum of money to- build a new class-room. The Chairman told Mr Speedy that the work would be carried out as soon as the Board was in funds.

16th March 1886 We are authoritatively informed that the Hutt School Committee is not, as reported yesterday, satisfied with the conduct of the teacher regarding whom an enquiry was hold, the report of which is to come before the Education Board at its next meeting.

1st April 1886 Wellington Education Board The Education Board went into committee yesterday to consider the alleged scandals in connection with the Hutt and Belvedere schools. Upon resuming, the following information was furnished to the reporters With regard to the Hutt school, Mr Bunny proposed, and Mr Shannon seconded— That this Board, having carefully considered the charges preferred against Mr Richards, and the evidence and correspondence relating thereto, is of opinion that the said charges have not been sustained. Any Indiscretion, if such it may be called, cannot be considered more serious than the treating of some of the younger children with the same kindness and familiarity with which a parent would treat his own children.” When the division was called for Messrs Bunny, Shannon, Brown, Buchanan, and Young voted for the motion ; Rev J. Paterson and Dr Newman against.

8th April 1886 A meeting of the Lower Hutt School Committee was held in the Schoolhouse, Hutt, on Tuesday evening last. Mr. David Speedy was in the chair, and there were also present Messrs. Knight, Cudby, McNab, Jones, Caverhill, and Damant. A letter was received and read from the Education Board, enclosing a copy of the Board's decision, acquitting Mr. Richards, the headmaster, on the charges brought against him. The following resolution was then unanimously passed :—": — " That this Committee being dissatisfied with the decision arrived at by the Education Board on the charges brought against Mr. Richards, the headmaster of this school, they therefore tender their resignation as a Committee, and that the clerk be instructed to forward the same to the Chairman of the Education Board at once."

28th April 1886 The Hutt Committee tendered their resignation on account of the resolution passed by the Board with reference to the charge preferred against Mr. Richards, the headmaster. The Chairman explained that since the Committee had tendered their resignation it had been ascertained that two of the members were not qualified to act, being residents in the Taita school district, and not in the Lower Hutt district

29th April 1886 LOWER HUTT. A meeting of householder, and parents was held on Tuesday night in the schoolroom, Lower Hutt, when the following gentlemen were nominated as members of the School Board. The result of the poll was as follows: R, Cleland, 42 ; W. A, Fitzherbert, 61 ; J. McIlvride, 82 ; J. Wilkins 43 ; J. Bunny, 98; S, Smith, 17 ; Everest, 25; Brown, 25 ; Cavanagh, 19 ; Ransom, 23 ; T, Allen, 23 ; J, Strand 11; the seven highest numbers polled being elected. An after-meeting of the electors was held to take into consideration the action of the late School Committee in resigning, and to investigate the circumstances in connection therewith. Mr G. Smith was in the chair, and after some discussion it was resolved That this meeting stand adjourned till Monday, the 6th May, at 8 p.m.. for a thorough investigation into the action of the late Committee and the evidence in connection therewith,

11th May 1886 The Charges Against the Lower Hutt Schoolmaster.

MEETING OF HOUSEHOLDERS. A meeting of the householders in the Lower Hutt School district was held in the schoolroom last evening for the purpose of considering the serious charges recently brought against Mr. Richards, the headmaster. There was a fair attendance, about 60 persons being present.

Mr. S. Smith was voted to the chair, and having explained the object of the meeting, called upon Mr. W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman of the new committee, to say something with reference to the matter which the householders had met to consider.

Mr. Fitzherbert explained that as the old committee had resigned without preparing a report, their successors were unable to make a report to the householders as to the recent proceedings. A copy of the evidence taken at the enquiry into the charges against the master was in the possession of the new committee, but they declined to read it over, to the present meeting for fear of a libel action. The copy handed over to the now committee was subsequently sent to Mr. Dimant the secretary of the late committee, and if that gentleman felt inclined he could read its contents to the meeting; but the ' committee had determined not to lay themselves open to an act of law by doing so.

Mr. W. C. Brown said that the action of the old committee in resigning had placed their successors in a peculiar position. His ' contention was that the old committee, although they had tendered their resignation, remained in office until the election of their successors. So far as he could say the new committee had no power to censure or discharge the master. In fact he considered himself a nice sort of committee young man ; — a do-as-you-are-told young man. (Laughter.) The committee had not even the power to pay for sweeping out the schoolroom, and the work had to be done by children. He did not see that the now committee had anything to do with the charges against the master, and if an accusation was to be made ' against that gentleman it must come up as a fresh matter.

Mr. Dimant explained that if the chairman of the old committee had been in the district, a report from them would have been submitted at the meeting of householders, but as that gentleman was away, he (Mr. Dimant), as secretary, did not care to prepare one himself. As to the charges against the master, he had no desire to bring up the matter. The Education Board had dealt with it, and in consequence of the action of that body, the committee had resigned. He had no desire, after that, to be concerned in the matter, but if the first meeting of householders had asked him to explain the charges, he would have done so, action or no action. Since that meeting the new committee had sent him the papers in connection with the charges, but as he did not consider he had now any right to them he had returned them. He did not feel justified in reading over the evidence to the present meeting, now that the old committee were out of office.

Mr. Everest asked Mr. Dimant whether he would read over the evidence to the present meeting. Mr. Dimant asked why the new committee could not do that.

Mr. Everest wished to know whether Mr. Dimant did not consider the report of the enquiry dead to the new committee.

Mr. Dimant replied in the negative and added that he was not there to advise the new committee.

The Chairman remarked that Mr. Dimant's speech was first rate but was not altogether satisfactory.

Mr. Dimant— Perhaps not.

The Chairman said he took it that the householders had met to hear the report of the enquiry, and such being the case he thought Mr. Dimant should read over the evidence. Most of the householders wished to know something about the charges against the master. They seemed to be very mysterious indeed.

Mr. Caverhill said that at the annual meeting of householders they were told the report would be presented at the present meeting. Why, he asked, was there an objection to lay it before the present meeting?

Mr. Fitzherbert said he for one would not take the responsibility of laying the report before the meeting.

Some remarks made by a gentleman *sotto voce* having caused a laugh, the Chairman said— You may grin, chaps. (Great laugh.) A new committeeman has just told me that his tongue is tied. That is a specimen of a committeeman for you ! (A laugh.)

Mr. Brown considered that the old committee or those who made the complaints , against the master, should get up and say something about the charges.

The Chairman — You are right, mate. (A laugh.)

Mr. Caverhill said he did not' hold with those who thought the charges should be given publicity to by the persons who made them.

A gentleman present said the Board of Education had acquitted Mr. Richards, and consequently the thing was done with. The present committee were not going to put themselves into an action for libel by making public the charges against the master.

Another householder wished to know why the old committee had not taken the matter into a Court of law if they considered they had a case.

The Chairman asked whether the old committee considered the evidence so bad that they did not like the householders to hear it. The householders had met to allay some nasty insinuations that had been flying about the Hutt for some time past. He had children at the school and had a right to know whether they were likely to be treated in an improper manner. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Dimant asked whether the new committee had any objection to read the minutes of the old committee's meeting. He said that if that were done the householders would know all about the charges.

The Chairman- Why do you want to entrap us poor innocent men into something you won't do yourself ? (Laughter.)

My. Everest asked Mr. Dimant why he would not read the minutes.

Mr. Dimant said he did not see that he was called upon to do so,

Mr. Everest asserted that Mr. Dimant was ashamed to read them.

Mr. Brown said that if there were no lies there could not be libel.. If he had been a member of the old committee he would have read the minutes.

The Chairman said that as there seemed to be a disinclination to say or do anything from fear of libel, he would suggest that the meeting pass a resolution indemnifying the old or the new committee for making public the charges. He for one was willing to take upon himself a share of the responsibility. he really thought the meeting should be enlightened on the subject. To withhold anything about the matter under notice was not to treat the householders properly.

A Voice — What about the Supreme ?

The Chairman said he knew nothing about the Supreme Court. They were there as a lot of poor clodhoppers wishing to know something about charges against the local schoolmaster.

Mr. Brown said that Mr. Dimant, who knew all about the matter, was trying to crawl out of the affair. If that gentleman had the courage of his own convictions, why did he not get up and state what he knew.

Mr. Dimant stated that he was one of seven members and was not going to take the responsibility of that number upon his shoulders. The old committee never brought any charges against the master. Charges were preferred against the master, and the committee took some evidence and came to a decision. The Board of Education came to a different conclusion, and hence the resignation of the committee. The decision by the committee was a unanimous one. Mr. Graham— That is not true.

The Chairman — You have no voice in this meeting, Mr. Graham.

Mr. Dimant maintained that the committee's decision was unanimous. He denied that he had, as stated, a "dead set" against Mr. Richards. He had not the slightest feeling against the master. He had no fear of an action at law over what he had done, because he had not said or done anything he was not prepared to adhere to. He was sorry to see the feeling exhibited at the present meeting, because he was afraid that it would do the master no good. Mr. Richards would have to say, "Save me from my friends." He was sorry for Mr. Richards and his family's sake. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Cudby, another member of the old committee, agreed with Mr. Dimant that the decision with reference to the master's alleged conduct was unanimous. He maintained that it was not the duty of the late committee to explain the charges.

Mr. Brown— Don't you think you should have called the householders together before you resigned.

Mr. Cudby— No.

Mr. C. Bunny, secretary of the now committee, expressed the opinion that all who were unbiassed would agree that the new committee had taken a proper course in declining to read over the evidence relative to the charges.

The Chairman was astonished that, after all the indignation expressed by certain people in reference to the master, no one would come forward and explain the charges.

After a pause of several minutes, Mr. Caverhill came forward, and repeated a charge he had made against Mr. Richards regarding his conduct towards his (Mr. Caverhill's) two little girls. Mr. Caverhill said he was satisfied that his children spoke the truth.

Mr. P. Speedy made a similar charge against the master with respect to his daughter.

The Chairman— Of course you object to that treatment. Mr. Speedy— I do.

The Chairman said he hoped no one present had attended the meeting with a party feeling. He had heard that an effort had been made to get together a party at the present meeting to support a certain person. He hoped that report was not true. He trusted the meeting would impartially decide whether they had confidence in the master.

Mr. Payne suggested that a vote should be taken as to whether the late committee were justified in resigning.

Mr. J. Cavanaugh proposed, "That this meeting has no faith in the action of the late committee."

Mr. Cramp Seconded.

An amendment was moved by Mr. T. Smith, Mr. T. P. Allen seconding, "That this meeting views with concern the evidence brought before it and recommends that the headmaster be removed from his position; failing his resignation, that a deputation wait upon the Education Board, and advise it of what has transpired at this meeting." The amendment was carried by 25 to 4, many persons abstaining from voting. The motion was not put. Messrs. S. Smith, J.

Smith, T. P. Allen, Eglinton, and H. Southey were appointed to carry out the forms of the resolution, and the proceedings terminated with votes of thanks to the Chairman and representatives of the press.

20th MAY 1886 In reference to the proceedings for libel which we stated a few days ago were likely to be instituted against Messrs Caverhill and Speedy at the instance of Mr. Richards, master of the Lower Hutt school, we are informed that Messrs Caverhill and Speedy have instructed Mr. W. T. L. Travers to accept service of any writ on their behalf in any such proceedings and are prepared to defend the action.

3rd June 1886 A special meeting of the Board of Education is to be held on Wednesday next, to discuss the resolutions of Mr. Young relative to the training of pupil teachers and take into further consideration the case of Mr. Richards, master of the Lower Hutt School.

10th June 1886 A special meeting of the Education Board was held yesterday to consider, amongst other things, the report of the Lower Hutt School Committee regarding the allegations recently made against the master of the Lower Hutt School, in reference to whom the Board had received a petition signed by a number of householders in that district. The following members of the Board were present; Messrs J.R Blair (Chairman), H. Bunney, A. W. Brown, J. Young, W. C. Buchanan, G. Beetham, Mr Newman, and the Rev J. Paterson. A reply from the Lower Hutt School Committee was read to the following effect:—"That Mr Richards having informed the Committee that he is instituting proceedings in the Supreme Court to vindicate his character, this Committee consider it undesirable to make any report pending the result of such action." The Board resolved to let the matter remain in abeyance.

18th June 1886 A meeting of the householders in the Lower Hutt school district was held in the Schoolroom last evening, Mr. S. Smith in the chair. The deputation appointed at a previous meeting to present a petition to the Board of Education for the removal of Mr. Richards, the master, submitted a report of the steps which they had taken in that direction. The report was adopted, and on the motion of Mr. R. C. Easby, it was decided to ask the Lower Hutt School Committee to request the Board of Education to suspend Mr. Richards, pending the result of the actions which he has brought against Messrs. T. W. Caverhill and P. Speedy for alleged slander.

29th June 1886 Messrs Caverhill and Speedy, against whom writs were recently issued, at the instance of Mr O. Richards, for certain defamatory statements made at a meeting of Hutt householders, have sworn, we understand, two informations against Mr Richards, charging him with having, while headmaster of the Hutt School, indecently assaulted certain female children in December last, while they were attending his school. The cases will probably be heard in Wellington, but the date has not yet been fixed. Mr Travers has, we learn, been engaged for the prosecution, and Mr Gully for the defence.

26th July 1886 The Lower Hutt School Committee have recommended the Board of Education to give Mr Richards, the local schoolmaster three months' leave of absence, pending the decision of the Supreme Court in an action brought by Mr Richards, The Board will consider the application at its meeting on Wednesday next.

30th July 1886 The Chairman stated that the Lower Hutt School Committee wrote asking that leave of absence, be granted to Mr Richards. Mr Richards had written stating that he did not require leave of absence. He (the Chairman) had replied that granting the application of the

Committee might prejudice Mr Richards' action about to come on in the Supreme Court. The Chairman's action was approved

13th August 1886 It is announced in another column that drawing classes, intended for the teaching of freehand, model, mechanical, and landscape drawing, have been instituted in connection with the Lower Hutt School, the first quarter beginning on the 20th inst. Mr. W. F. Burgess will be the regular conductor, and Mr. A. D. Riley will attend as visitor. Further particulars will be found in the advertisement.

14th August 1886

LOWER HUTT SCHOOL.

DRAWING CLASSES.

Conducted by... W. F. BURGESS.

Visitor A. D. RILEY.

A THOROUGH course of instruction in Drawing, either Technical or Artistic, including Freehand, Model, Mechanical, or Landscape. The School Committee have kindly sanctioned the use of the drawing models supplied by the Wellington School of Design. Friday Evening, 7 to 9 p. m. .. Fees, 10s per Quarter, payable in advance. First quarter commencing 20th August.

8th September 1886 A full transcript on the case against Mr Richards was published including names and ages of child witnesses

9th September 1886 The Lower Hutt School has been closed since Tuesday afternoon, on account of the presence of the teachers being required in the case of Richards v. Speedy, which has been before the Supreme Court for the past two days. Duties will not be resumed until Monday

9th September 1886 RICHARDS V. SPEEDY. This action, which was brought by Charles Alfred Richards, head master of the Lower Hutt School, to recover £500 as damages for alleged slanderous statements made by Peter Speedy, farmer, at a meeting at the Hutt on the 10th of May, was continued until nearly 6 o'clock last evening. The following evidence was taken after three o'clock.

Many of the staff were called to give evidence.

9th September 1886 A feature of the Hutt slander case, partly heard at the Supreme Court yesterday, was the intelligence of the children who were called as witnesses. Five or six little girls, whose ages ranged from 8 to 14 years were called, and each of them gave her evidence in a clear, intelligent, and respectful manner, which speaks volumes in favor of their bringing up and school discipline.

11th September 1886 TENDERS are invited by the Lower Hutt School Committee from persons willing to do the work of cleaning, &c., at the Schoolhouse, for the period of twelve months. Tenders will also be received for the supply of firewood for the same period. Particulars to be obtained on application to the Head Master. Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 14th September. C. E. BUNNY, Secretary to the Committee.

16th September 1886 At the monthly meeting of the Lower Hutt School Committee, held on Tuesday evening, a letter was received from Mr. C. A. Richards, headmaster of the Government school, conveying his resignation of that post, and asking the committee to

recommend him for another school. The committee decided to forward the resignation to the Board. of Education, and to make the recommendation asked for.

17th September 1886 After a long article: The jury retired at 4.15. At five minutes past 5 they came in and asked whether a verdict of three-fourths could be taken. His Honor said it could after the jury had been locked up for three hours, or by consent of the parties. Counsel agreed to this, and the jury a few minutes later returned a verdict for the defendant. Judgment was accordingly entered for the defendant, with costs on the middle scale.

17th September 1886 It is reported that Mr. C. A. Richards, master of the Lower Hutt School, is to e .removed to the Mount Cook Boys' School, and that Mr. Brown, the temporary assistant master of the Thorndon School, is to be transferred to the Lower Hutt School.

20th September 1886 16th September, 1886. Applications, stating qualifications and experience, will be received at this office, np to Monday, the 27th instant, for the Headmastership of the Hutt School. Salary, £220 to £250, according to certificate. A residence is provided.

28th December 1886 A meeting of the creditors of Charles Alfred Richards, late headmaster of the Lower Hutt School, was held at 11 o'clock this morning, and was attended by five persons. The Official Assignee was in the chair.

Mr. Skerrett appeared for the debtor.

The Official Assignee read the list of assets and liabilities, showing the latter to amount to £242 2s 5d, the principal creditors being Mr. Peter Speedy (£64), Bell, Gully and Izard (£80), and Mr. R. Cleland (£54). The assets were furniture, horse, and trap, valued by the debtor at £200.

The following statement by the debtor was read by the Official Assignee: — "For the past six years I have been head master of the Hutt State School, and previously I have had similar positions for many years. I have hitherto lived so as to keep my expenditure within my income, and my present difficulties are entirely due to heavy expenses incurred in a law suit. I am now out of employment, owing to the said law suit resulting in my resignation, and, with the pressing claim for immediate payment of Mr. Peter Speedy's claim, I have no alternative but to give np my small estate for the joint benefit of my creditors, and place myself at their discretion." Replying to a question, Mr. R. Cleland said that his claim was for groceries supplied. The Official Assignee stated that a bailiff he had sent out to the Hutt had estimated the assets would realise £102. Mr. Skerrett said that his client was practically penniless and was not in a position to make any proposals.

On the motion of Mr. C. H. Izard, seconded by Mr. Brandon, it was decided to hand back the debtor's furniture.

Mr. Cleland moved that the meeting recommend the debtor's discharge. Mr. Izard, in seconding the proposal, said that it was no use trying to make the debtor pay when he was not in a position to do so.

The Official Assignee observed that the bankruptcy was not one in which there had been any recklessness. The resolution was carried unanimously, and the meeting terminated.

1st October 1886 Wellington Education Board Headmaster, Lower Hutt School, Mr D. Barry, promoted from Kaiwarra ; headmaster, Taita, Mr J. H. Brain, promoted from Clareville ; headmaster, Parkvale, Mr C. A. Richards, late of Lower Hutt School ; head

2nd October 1886 A special meeting of the Board of Education has been called for Thursday next to consider a request of the Lower Hutt School Committee that Mr. J. H. Brann, of Clareville, should be appointed to succeed Mr. Richards as head-master of the district school. At the meeting of the Board on Wednesday last, Mr. D. Barry, of Kaiwarra, was appointed to the position, but the committee are desirous that Mr. Brann should receive the appointment.

7th October 1886 A deputation of the Hutt School Committee waited upon the Board of Education, at a special meeting of the latter body, held this afternoon, to support their recommendation that Mr. Brann should be appointed head master of the Lower Hutt School. After having heard the views of the Committee, the Board decided to adhere to its former decision that the appointment should be conferred upon Mr. Barry, of Kaiwarra.

8th October 1886 A meeting of the Lower Hutt School Committee was held yesterday evening week, to consider the appointment of a successor to Mr C. A. Richards, as head master of the local school. The Education Board forwarded his applications, and recommended the appointment of Mr David Bary, of Kaiwarra, a resident at the Hutt. The Committee, after due consideration of the applications, decided to request the Board to appoint Mr J. H. Braun, at present of the Clareville School. The Committee's reason for this was that it was considered desirable, considering the late disarrangement of affairs in the school, to appoint someone who was a comparative stranger in the district.

29th October 1886 An application for an increase of salary was received from Miss Richards, of the Lower Hutt School. It was decided to increase the applicant a salary from £40 to £60 per annum

25th November 1886 Wellington Education Board additions to the Hutt School, to cost £150 or £200, were authorised..

26th November 1886 A discussion took place at the Education Board meeting Wednesday in connection with the Hutt School log-book, which, the Chairman stated, had not been kept according to instructions, many of the entries being of a controversial nature. In the absence of the head master some time ago the second master had been in charge, and he had made the entries. ' Mr Buchanan suggested- that a circular should be issued calling attention to the instructions published in the log-books. It was eventually decided to censure the assistant master who had made the entries complained of

Charles A Richard Richards was by the December of 1886 at Parkvale School East of Carterton and remained there to at least 1894 . Edith was the Sewing teacher at Parkvale from 1889 to 1896 by the end of 1886

8th June 1907 Mr C A Richards was in London

11th December 1908 We learn that Mr C. A. Richards, who for many years was headmaster of St. Mary's Boys' School in the time of the late Ven. Arch Priest Garin), contemplates paying a visit to Nelson during Christmastide. Mr Richards is at present living in Napier and returned a couple of months' ago from a two years' visit to Europe. He expresses a desire to meet as many as possible of his old scholars during his stay here.

23rd November 1914 Wairarapa Daily Times Mr C. A. Richards, whose illness at Masterton we referred to recently, died on Saturday morning after a short illness. The deceased gentleman was 80 years of age, and had been a colonist for sixty years, bringing up a family

of seven—four sons and three daughters. Many years ago the late Mr Richards was headmaster of the Carterton school. The funeral took place yesterday, leaving Mr Z. M. Hoar's residence, Masterton, at 1 o'clock, reaching the Clareville cemetery about three.

25th November 1914 Colonist [Nelson Paper] The many friends and old pupils" of Mr C. A. Richards, formerly headmaster of St Mary's old school, Nelson, will regret to learn that a severe illness has necessitated his entering a private hospital in Masterton. Despite his advanced years Mr Richards has retained his health and activity in a remarkable degree, up to the present, and his early convalescence will be learned of with pleasure by a very wide circle

1887

1887	180	Hutt	Barry	David		Head Master	£ 250.00
1887	180	Hutt	Heenan	George C		Assistant Master	£ 160.00
1887	180	Hutt	Richards	Annie C		Assistant Female	£ 60.00
1887	180	Hutt	Speedy	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 30.00
1887	180	Hutt	Graham	Louise		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 30.00
1887	180	Hutt	Hobbs	Eliza		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 25.00

20th January 1887 The examining committee consists of Messrs. J. Young and A. W. Brown, the Inspector of Schools, and the head teachers of the Newtown, Mount Cook Boys', Willis-street, Terrace, Thorndon, and Lower Hutt Schools. There are 26 candidates.

26th April 1887 LOWER HUTT. The meeting held at Lower Hutt School, room last night, was one of the largest that has ever taken place in the district. Mr. W. A. Fitzherbert occupied the chair. The outgoing Committee reported the condition of the school as being satisfactory. The attendance had increased so much during the year that it had been necessary to obtain additional accommodation, and a handsome class-room had been added to the school building. The grounds had been improved, and the teacher's house had undergone repair. The balance-sheet showed that there was a good balance in hand. The report was adopted on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Cudby, senior. The election of the new Committee resulted in the return of Messrs. Bunny, Cleland, Caverhill, Payne, Fitzherbert, Wilkins, and Speedy. The result of the ballot was as follows : — C. E. Bunny, 73 ; R. Cleland, 28 ; T. Caverhill, 28 ; — Payne, 19 ; W. A. Fitzherbert, 16; J. Wilkins, 16 ; D. Speedy, 13; G. McIlvride, 12; C. W. Brown, 10. Messrs. J. Carley and D. Barry acted as scrutineers. Votes of thanks were accorded to the retiring committee and to the chairman of the meeting before dispersing. Mr. W. A. Fitzherbert has been elected chairman and Mr. C. E. Bunny secretary of the new committee

28th April 1887 An application was received from the Hutt Committee asking for sheds for the three schools in their charge. It was agreed to give the Committee £12 to spend on the three sheds.[In 1887 only Korokoro, Petone and Taita and Wainuiomata were active]

1st July 1887 Wellington Education Board It was decided to take into consideration the question of tuition of pupil teachers at the Hutt when the result of the examination is known.....A grant of L8 was made to the Lower Hutt Committee for repairs to residence. [L was used instead of £ sign if the type being used didn't have a £ sign]

13th July 1887 The Lower Hutt School Committee have decided to take proceedings against a number of parents who keep their children away from school, without reasonable excuse. It

would therefore be as well for those who are infringing the law to see that their children immediately attend school.

1882

1888	203	Hutt	Barry	David		Head Master	£ 275.00
1888	203	Hutt	Heenan	George C		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1888	203	Hutt	Richards	Annie C		Assistant Female	£ 60.00
1888	203	Hutt	Speedy	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 30.00
1888	203	Hutt	Graham	Louise		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 30.00
1888	203	Hutt	Hobbs	Eliza		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 25.00

28th January 1888 The. annual distribution of prizes at the Hutt School took place yesterday. The ceremony was performed by Mr W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman of the School Committee, in the absence of Sir William Fitzherbert who has usually made the presentations. The following members of the committee were present Messrs C. E. Bunny, D. Speedy, T. Caverhill, L. Payne, and B. Wilkins. 'Prize list Standard V.—Merit, Lilly Payne I, Frank Walmsley 2; attendance, Lilly Payne and Frank Walmsley. Standard IV.—Merit, Gertrude Burt, Arthur Blatchford, William Davidson, Emily Judd ; attendance, Emily Eglinton and Norman Knight. Standard III. Merit, Henry Mauttan, Florence Payne, William Fitzherbert, Lilian Brandt; attendance, Florence Payne and Stephen Speedy. Standard II, Merit, Bertie Judd, George Archer, Nellie Lund, Fanny Pursur, Annie Mauttan ; attendance, Nellie Lund, Bertie Judd. Standard I.—Merit, Sylvia Speedy, May Speedy, Charles Knight, Nellie O'Connell, Thirza Caverhill, Frank Brown, Pat. Fitzherbert ; attendance, Nellie O'Connell and Alfred Judd. Infants.—Merit, Daisy Tonks, Ella Fitzmaurice, Walter Judd, John Stratton, Happy Love, Arthur Judd, Horace Knight, Harley Davis, Maud England, Emily Haybittle, Minnie Judd, Sewing.— Standard VI., Annie Donnelly (best in school) ; Standard V., Minnie Eglinton ; Standard IV., Emily Judd ; Standard III., Kate Walmsley ; Standard II., Fanny Pursur; Standard I., Mabel Allen

12th March 1888 The following are the returns of the late examination of Sixth Standard scholars of the city and suburban schools by Mr. Lee, School Inspector:— Thorndon, 23 scholars presented, 21 passed ; Terrace, 20 presented, 19 passed; Mount Cook Boys', 17 presented, 6 passed ; Mount Cook Girls', 21 presented, 11 passed ; Te Aro, 26 presented, 19 passed ; Newtown, 17 presented, 14 passed ; Karori, 5 presented, 5 passed ; Pahautanui, 5 presented, 5 passed ; Judgeford, 1 presented, 1 passed ; Johnsonville, 5 presented, 5 passed ; Tawa Flat, 2 presented, 2 paused ; Kaiwarra, 1 presented, 1 passed ; Porirua, 1 presented, 1 passed; Hutt, 5 presented, 4 passed; Taita, 3 presented, none passed ; Petone, 0 presented, 6 passed; Upper Hutt, 2 presented, 1 passed. Two scholars from the Mount Cook Girls' School were presented for the Seventh Standard, both of whom passed

25th April 1888 Wellington Education Board A petition for the opening of a school at Haywards was referred to the Lower Hutt School Committee, and a similar petition from settlers at Manakau was relegated to the Otaki Committee.

25th April 1888 LOWER HUTT. Mr W. A. Fitzherbert took the chair, and the election resulted in Messrs G-. McIlvride, C. E. Bunny, T. Caverhill, . W. N. Fitzherbert, D. Speedy, L. Payne, and J. Hall being elected. Mr Fitzherbert was reelected chairman.

9th May 1888 Mr. C. E. Bunny was last night appointed Chairman of the Lower Hutt School Committee during Mr. W. A. Fitzherbert's lengthened absence at Napier

31st May 1888 Wellington Education Board In answer to a deputation from the Hutt School Committee, asking for increased playground room, the Board decided to give assistance if the cost of a lease did not exceed L 5 a year.

29th June 1888 The application of the settlers at Haywards to have a school of their own was withdrawn, as the train arrangements are now more suitable for sending their children to the Hutt School.

26th September 1888 Wellington Education Board Three months' leave of absence was granted to Miss Ellen [Eliza?] Hobbs, Hutt, on account of illness

8th October 1888 Inspector's report included Hutt School: Below Standard I. — 74 presented, 4 absent; Standard I. — 46 presented, 2 absent, 44 passed; Standard II.— 45 presented, 1 absent, 3 excepted, 10 failed, 31 passed; Standard III.— 46 presented, 2 absent, 1 excepted, 1 failed, 41 passed ; Standard IV.— 33 presented, 2 absent, 1 excepted, 7 failed, 23 passed; Standard V.— 19 presented, 1 excepted, 1 failed, 17 passed; Standard VI.— 8 presented, 8 passed ; Standard VII. —2 presented, 2 passed.

31st October 1888 Inspector Lee's report included Featherston and Lower Hutt were very satisfactory

22nd November 1888 Wellington Education Board . Of the additional entries three are from the Hutt school and four from Kilbirnie. As the entries were posted before the date of closing, they will be accepted, and the senders allowed to compete.

19th December 1888 The prizes at the Lower Hutt School were presented this afternoon by Sir William Fitzherbert, K.C.M.G. The following is the prize list — Merit— Std. VII., Ellen Speedy, Catherine Grove; VI., Harold Cleland, Mary Guilford ; V., Dora Grove, Ernest Knight • IV., Harry Manttan, 'William Fitzherbert, Ethel Brown, Lilly Brandt ; III., William Waterman, William Brown, Francis Power, Nellie Land, Annie Manttan ; II., Pat Fitzherbert, Walter Hall, William McKain, Kate Clout, Sylvia Speedy, May Speedy. 1., Walter Judd, Arthur Palmer. Edgar Hollard, William Kavanagh, Emma Fawcett, Minnie Judd, Jessie Peters, Eliza Paki. Attendance— Std. VI. and VII, Lilly Payne. Oswald Donnelly ; V., Rose Hall, Norman Knight IV., Florence Payne, William Fitzherbert; III., William Brown, Sydney Fitzherbert, Ian Judd ; II., William Fauvel. May Speedy; 1., Walter Judd, William Collett. Preparatory Classes — Clarence Buckingham , Percy Edlin, Henry Phet, Herman Brandt, Fred Cleland, Thomas Flaws, Maude England, Nellie Brown, Lima. Cleland, Florrie Creswell Leila Knight, Nellie Eglinton. Sewing— Std. VI and VII Minnie Eglinton 1 , Lilly Payne 2 ; V.,. Edith Archer 1, Rose Hall 2 ; IV., Florence Payne 1, Alice England 2, III Jessie McIlvride 1, Bessie Caverhill 2, Loni Judd extra prize presented by Mrs. Bunny ; II. Mabel Allen 1, Thirza Caverhill, 2; 1.,. Sarah Jones 1, Jessie Peters 2.

1889

1889	197	Hutt	Barry	David	Head Master	£ 275.00
1889	197	Hutt	Heenan	George E	Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1889	197	Hutt	Richards	Annie C	Assistant Female	£ 60.00
1889	197	Hutt	King	Mary E	Female Pupil Teacher	£ 40.00

1889	197	Hutt	Graham	Louise M		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 35.00
1889	197	Hutt	Meagher	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 20.00

13th February 1889 Pupil Teacher examination. 2nd Year Clara Meager . 3rd year Clara Speedy, 5th year Louise Graham

27th February 1889 Wellington Education Board Tenders were ordered to be invited for the painting of the Makara and Hutt Schools .

28th February 1889 Wellington Education Board Miss Speedy resigns

27th March 1889 Wellington Education Board The question of filling up a pupil teacher's vacancy in the Lower Hutt School. was considered. It was proposed to transfer Miss Mary E. King, who lives at the Taita, from Mount Cook Boy's School, but Mr. Young urged that Miss Payne, who resides at the Hutt, should be appointed. The Board resolved to make the appointment at next meeting, and in the meantime to institute enquiries from the committee on the subject.

27th March 1889 Wellington Education Board Various excerpts The Chairman reported that the committee appointed last month had visited the Kaiwarra, Ngahauranga, Petone, Hutt, and Taita Schools and inspected the buildings.....The fence at the Lower Hutt was in a most dilapidated condition and had evidently been up 20 or 30 years. The committee recommended that a fence should be erected as soon as negotiations for a new road were completed.....The Board decided that the Chairman should act in the matter of the road at the Hutt, and that tenders be invited for erecting fences at Petone and the Hutt

30th March 1889 On Friday afternoon Miss Speedy, who is resigning her appointment in the Hutt School, was presented with a very handsome gold bracelet and brooch by the teachers and pupils of the school The presentation was made by Mr. Barry, head master. The presents were purchased from Hislop & Co

24th April 1889 Wellington Education Board It was agreed that the Lower Hutt School should be painted at once, without waiting, as was lately intended, for the fencing of the place.

24th April 1889 Mr. W. A. Fitzherbert was called to the chair at the meeting of the Hutt householders. The committee's report quoted the high commendation of the work of the School by Mr. Lee, School Inspector. There were last quarter 297 scholars on the roll (as against 276 last year), with an average attendance of 213. The annual income of the committee had been reduced to £30 per annum or one half what it was last year, and thus the committee were unable to do many necessary things, and had it not been for the liberality of the public, the committee would have been unable to have carried out what had been done. The following committee was elected:— Messrs. C. McIlvride, W. A. Fitzherbert, C. E. Bunny, T. M. Caverhill, L. Payne; C. Hollard, and D. Speedy. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman of the retiring committee, and also to the head master (Mr. Barry) and the teaching staff The new committee subsequently elected Mr. W. A. Fitzherbert Chairman, and Mr. Payne Secretary.

29th May 1880 Wellington Education Board The Lower Hutt Committee's recommendation, that no school be erected at Waiwetu, [Sic] was adopted.

4th October 1889 First Grade Art Examination held by Wellington Education Board First Grade Model: Lower Hutt.— E, Archer (G), E. Donnelly, D. Grove, C. Hobbs. R. Hall (o), M. Hogan, A. Judd, E. Knight. W. Knight (E), S. Knight, E. Kilmister, W. Meager (G), M.

Miller, A. Miller (G), L. Palmer, L. Payne, I. Ross (G), N. Watkin (g) [G or g stands for Good. E for excellent]

9th October 1889 The result of the examination of the Hutt School is as follows :—264 presented, 230 passed. Preparatory Class—65 presented, 6 absent, 59 passed ; Standard I.—28 presented, 28 passed ; Standard II.—53 presented, 1 excepted, 51 passed; Standard III.—32 presented, 3 absent, 1 excepted, 24 passed Standard IV.—46 presented, 2 absent, 2 excepted, 34 passed ; Standard V. —22 presented, 2 absent, 1 excepted, 18 passed; Standard VI. —14 presented, 2 absent, 12 passed; Standard VII.—4 presented, 4 passed.

30th October 1889 Wellington Education Board The Board have also decided to appoint a male assistant at Carterton and transfer one of the teachers at the Lower Hutt to some other school.

23rd November 1889 It certainly does seem absurd that several thousand children should have been deprived of a day's teaching because there was a stock show at the Hutt, which scarcely any of them or of their teachers attended.

28th November 1889 The application of Miss Louisa Forbes [Actually Stuart-Forbes] of the Carterton School, to be transferred to the Lower Hutt School, was granted.....Miss Annie Richards resigned

19th December 1889 The presentation of prizes at this school took place yesterday, Sir William Fitzherbert presiding. The following is the prize list :— Merit. — Standard VII. — F. Walmsley, I. Ross, L. Payne, M. Eglinton. Standard VI.— W. Meager, R. Hall, A. Judd, N. Watkin. Standard V.— A. Miller, C. Hobbs, A. England, E. Brown. Standard IV— F. Mason, E. Hollard, N. Lund, M. McIlvride Standard III.— J. Murtagh, W. Hall, S. Speedy, M. Speedy. Standard II.-O. Knight, E. Holland, E. Paki, E. Faucett. Standard I.— H. Brandt, W. Speedy, L. Cleland, N. Eglinton. Preparatory Class.-H. Collett, H. Fleet, G. Hollard . W . Apps. T. Dobson, G. Gough. H. England. M Walmsley. E. Archer, E. Woods, E Cattle, M. Allen. Attendance: Standard VII -L. Payne Standard VI.— N. Knight. Standard V.-S. Knight, F Payne. Standard IV. -C. Fitzherbert K Wood standard III -P. Fitzherbert, M. Speedy. Standard II. — W. Judd, M. Judd. Standard I. —C. Buckingham, N. N. Brown. Sewing: Standard VI.— E. Archer. Standard V.— R. Whitehead. Standard IV.-J. McIlvride. Standard III.— M. Allen. Standard II.— E. Paki. Standard I.— L. Knight. Special prize presented by Sir W. Fitzherbert to pupil most proficient in geography.— P. Walmsley. Sir William Fitzherbert afterwards addressed the children, and the children in return gave Sir William three hearty cheers. The headmaster, Mr. Barry, kindly thanked Sir William for presenting the prizes. The children then adjourned to a paddock kindly lent by Messrs. G. and W. T. Cudby, where races and various games were entered into, and at 3 p.m. the children sat down to tea, after which they returned to the paddock, and various games and pastimes were carried on till dusk, thus terminating a very enjoyable day.

1890

1890	180	Hutt	Barry	David		Head Master	£250
1890	180	Hutt	Chatwin	George W		Assistant Master	£100
1890	180	Hutt	King	Mary E		Assistant Female	£60
1890	180	Hutt	Stuart Forbes	E		Female Pupil Teacher	£40

1890	180	Hutt	Graham	Louise M	Female Pupil Teacher	£40
1890	180	Hutt	Meagher	Clara	Female Pupil Teacher	£35

27th February 1890 Wellington Education Board Promotion. —The Board decided, on the recommendation of the Lower Hutt Committee, to promote Miss King, pupil teacher at the Lower Hutt School, to the position of assistant.....An application for the fencing of the Hutt School ground was deferred until further particulars had been received

24th March 1890 Mr. Heenan, recently assistant master in the Lower Hutt School, has received an appointment under the Auckland Board of Education [In December Mr Heenan was teaching at Waipuku North of Midhurst in Taranaki]

27th March 1890 Wellington Education Board t was decided to call for tenders for repairing the school residence at the Hutt School, and carrying out certain fencing work at the same school and repairing the Eketahuna School residence.’

29th April 1890 he annual meeting of householders was held last evening at the schoolroom for the purpose of electing a School Committee for the ensuing twelve months. The following gentlemen were elected :— Messrs. W. A. Fitzherbert, R. K. Jackson, D. Speedy, L. Payne, T. W. Caverhill, W. H. Whitton, J. O'Sullivan. Of those, Messrs. Fitzherbert, Jackson, Speedy, Payne, and Caverhill were members of the retiring committee. A vote of thanks was passed to the outgoing committee, and responded to by Mr. Fitzherbert, the Chairman. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Barry, head master, and his teaching staff. This was responded to by Mr. Barry in a few well-chosen remarks. At a meeting held by the newly-elected committee, Mr. Fitzherbert was re-elected Chairman and Mr. L. Payne Secretary and Treasurer.

20th December 1890 Wellington Education Board Scholarship Examination Country Schools:

Marion Suisted, Karori—. Florence Hall, Vogeltown

Harriet Cooper, Hutt — Arithmetic, 72; English, 75; history, 51; science, 50; geography, 53. Total, 301. The first of the three above scholarships is worth £30 a year for two years, and each of the others £15 for the same length of time. Children belonging to schools in the country on the Wellington side of the Rimutaka only were allowed to compete. Maximum number of marks for each scholarship— Arithmetic , 150 ; English, 150 ; history, 100; science, 100; geography, 100. Total, 600.

24th December 1890 LOWER HUTT SCHOOL. On Friday afternoon the annual distribution of prizes of the Lower Hutt School took place. The prizes were distributed by Mr W. A. Fitzherbert (chairman of the committee), as follows : Standard VII Merit H Cooper, W Meager. Attendance—N Watkin. Standard VI—Merit—L Brandt, R Whitehead, E Kilminster, W Gould. Attendance—F. Payne, S Knight, A Miller. Sewing—E Brown, A England. Standard V—Merit—N Lund, M McIlvride, F Mason, S Watkin. Attendance— K Wood, M Archer, G England, W Miller. Sewing—N Lund, M McIlvride. Standard IV— Merit—G Brandt, L Caverhill, W Hall S Watkin. Attendance—M Speedy, M Allen, M Sanson, A Judd. Sewing—M Allen, M McKie, M Speedy (special). Standard 11 Merit—E Paki, S Clout, E Holland, A Judd, A Davies, G Harrowby, Attendance—A Merrigold, M Judd, W Judd, O Miller. Sewing—E Paki, S Clout. Standard II—Merit H England, N Eglington, H Brandt, H Collett. Attendance—L Knight, F Cresswell G Gould, H Watkin. Sewing—L Cleland, N Eglington. Standard I—Merit—E Wood, L Clout, L Judd, W Apps, W Jones, R

Maunder, R Peters, M Fitzmaurice, E Cotter. R Stevens, W Mason, J Scholes. Attendance—A Donnelly, E Miller, G Gough, J Davies. Sewing—E Archer, M Allen. Preparatory Merit—JJ Knight, N Caverhill, W McKain, R Stevens.—Attendance—S Judd, H Trevithick.

Mr Fitzherbert briefly addressed the scholars, after which three cheers were given at the invitation of Mr Barry, for Mr Fitzherbert and the Committee, and then the same compliment was paid Mr Barry, the headmaster and his staff, also the ladies who had attended the presentation. The annual picnic and treat were held after the distribution of prizes. The children raced and played games. Messrs Fitzherbert, Payne and Caverhill, members of the Committee, and Mr Barry and the teachers working energetically to amuse the children. Tea was given in the school towards evening.

Miss Stuart Forbes went to Matarawa School in the Wairarapa and returned to to teach at the Hutt school in 1900

1891

1891	184	Hutt	Barry	David		Head Master	£ 255.00
1891	184	Hutt	Chatwin	George W		Assistant Master	£ 100.00
1891	184	Hutt	King	Mary E		Assistant Female	£ 60.00
1891	184	Hutt	Graham	M Louise		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 40.00
1891	184	Hutt	Meager	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 35.00
1891	184	Hutt	Nairn	Jessie		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 35.00
1891	184	Hutt	Taylor	Francis		Male Pupil teacher	£ 30.00

13th February 1891 Clara Meager third year pupil teacher was the only pupil teacher from the Hutt School to be listed as passing examinations

26th February 1891 In a long report from Inspector Lee was this piece: The Inspector said his impression was that year by year the reading in the public schools showed an improvement. In a class at the Hutt taught by Miss King the improvement was most noticeable; in fact the reading there was better than any he had heard for years. He was not at all dissatisfied with the reading as taught throughout the district under the jurisdiction of the Board

25th March 1891 Wellington Education Board Hutt, for drainage work, £9.

21st April 1891 School Committee Lower Hutt.— W. A. Fitzherbert, E. K. Jackson. L. Payne, J. O'Sullivan, D. Speedy, J. H. Whitton.

28th April 1891 LOWER HUTT. There were about 60 people present at at the Lower Hutt meeting, and Mr. W. A. Fitzherbert presided. The Chairman read the annual report of the Committee and of the headmaster, and the Secretary the balance sheet. Only six candidates having been nominated, there remained one vacancy to be filled. Three were nominated in the room— viz , Messrs. A. Peters, R. Gould, and W. Gough. A ballot was then taken, which resulted in Mr. Gough being elected The names of the new Committee are— Messrs. W. A. Fitzherbert, J. H. Whitton, R. K. Jackson. D. Speedy, J. O'Sullivan, L. Payne, W. Gough. The last-named six were re-elected. A vote of thanks was passed for the very satisfactory way in which the Committee had carried out their duties for the year. A vote of thanks was also given to Mr. Barry and his teaching staff. The annual examination showed that this school was second to none in its work for the year, and therefore great credit was due to the teachers. At a subsequent meeting Mr. W. A. Fitzherbert was re-elected Chairman, and Mr. L. Payne Secretary and Treasurer.

27th AUGUST 1891 Wellington Education Board The application of Miss Jessie Nairn to be transferred from the Johnsonville school to the Hutt school, was agreed to

14th November 1891 First Grade Drawing Results Geometry Hutt.[e Excellent, g Good] — Mabel Allan, F. Brown, Laura Caverhill, Thirza Caverhill, J. Cowan, Florence Hobbs, 'f. Foist, J. Heaton, J. Holland, W. Judd, C. Lund g, Murtagh A. Sanson, J. Wood g. E. Whitehead, S. Watkin. Scale Hutt.— Mabel Allen, Bossio Caverhill c, Laura Caverhill, Thirza Caverhill g, G. England, E. Eglinton, W. H. Gould g, W. W. J. Hall c, Amy Jonness, H. Judd, Gertrude Knight, C. E. Lund g, A. Maunder, Florence Payne g, May Speedy, J. Strand g, Hilda Samson, Flora Trevethic, Rose Whitehead g, E. Whitehead, T. B. Wood, S. Watkin

1892

1892	198	Hutt	Barry	David		Head Master	£ 255.00
1892	198	Hutt	Chatwin	George W		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1892	198	Hutt	King	Mary E		Assistant Female	£ 70.00
1892	198	Hutt	Graham	Louise		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00
1892	198	Hutt	Nairn	Jessie		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00
1892	198	Hutt	Meager	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 35.00
1892	198	Hutt	Prowse	Woodley		Male Pupil teacher	£ 25.00
1892	198	Hutt	Nairn	Margaret		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 15.00

27th April 1892 LOWER HUTT.

Mr VV. A. Fitzherbert presided at the annual meeting of householders on Monday. The annual report, which was adopted, stated that at the annual examination 169 passed out of 186 presented, giving a percentage of 70. The report of the Inspector was very flattering. The school had a very strong staff, working with energy and zeal. Arithmetic was generally well taught, especially in Standard VII, which produced good results. The highly creditable work of such a high Standard as VII. was a great feature of the year, all the candidates passing well. Miss King and Miss Graham's work was highly satisfactory, and Mr Chatwin's was good. There had been a slight increase both in the roll number and the average attendance. In the March quarter of 1891 the roll number was 253, average 183, and for the March quarter of 1892 the roll number was 258. overage 198, the last quarter showing a slightly better average than the corresponding quarter of 1891. Mr Barry has been greatly troubled with boys playing truant, and consequently has had to be more strict, the result being that children were attending much more regularly. The school was now in excellent working order, and Mr Barry might be congratulated upon the excellent work done during the past year ; also the teaching staff, who have one and all assisted Mr Barry. There were seven nominations previous to the meeting for the new committee, and one other nomination was received, which caused a ballot, the following being elected: —Messrs VV. A. Fitzherbert, L. Payne, W. Gough, D. Speedy (all re-elected), A. W. Collett, T. W, Caverhill, and W. Cudby, The usual votes of thanks closed the meeting. At a meeting of the new committee Mr VV. A. Fitzherbert was re-elected chairman and Mr L. Payne re-elected secretary.

28th April 1892 Wellington Education Board The Chairman proposed that the Board a regulations should be amended, so that the salaries of seven teachers should be raised by £5 a

year each, and eighteen by £10 a year, the headmasters at Greytown, Carterton, Featherston and Hutt by £50 a year,

2nd May 1892 HUTT SCHOOL.

TO THE EDITOR. Sir,—In the reports of School Committee elections, published in your paper, the percentage of passes at the annual examination of this school is given as 70. Will you kindly allow me to explain this, as it may be misleading to parents who notice that In every other school where the percentage is given it is over 90. This high percentage is calculated on the number actually presented for standards. In my case the percentage of the total number on the roll is given as it should be according to Order-in-Council, 12th October, 1891, par. 10, which says, “The percentage of passes at every examination shall be ascertained by dividing the total number of passes by the number of pupils on the school roll and multiplying by 100. The use of the term percentage of passes in any other sense than that in which it is used in this regulation is hereby declared to be highly reprehensible.”—I am, &c , David Barry, Headmaster.

7th July 1892 Wellington Education Board It was decided to call for tenders for effecting sanitary improvements at the Lower Hutt school.

4th August 1892 Wellington Education Board Mr Fitzherbert submitted tenders he had obtained for repairs and additions to outbuildings at the Lower Hutt School, the lowest being £27 15s 6d, but this was not accepted, and tenders were ordered to be invited in the ordinary course.

29th September 1892 Miss King, of the Lower Hutt school, and Mr Britland, of the Newtown school, were, each granted a month's leave of absence.

13th October 1892 Country schools allotted two scholarships of the annual value of .£15 or .£30, according to distance from Wellington — Kilbirnie, 5; Vogeltown, 5; Karori, 3 ; Makara, 2 ; Kaiwarra, 2 ; Johnsonville, 4; Porirua, 1; Levin, 1; Petone, 3, Hutt, 3. Wairarapa schools, allotted three scholarships.....

25th November 1892 Cricket SCHOOL COMPETITIONS. Te Aro defeated Hutt at the Hutt by an Innings and 34 runs, the scores being—Te Aro 61: (Jackson 11, Crawford 10), and Hutt 13 and 17.

1893

1893	182	Hutt	Barry	David		Head Master	£ 275.00
1893	182	Hutt	Burns	Andrew N		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1893	182	Hutt	King	Mary E		Assistant Female	£ 70.00
1893	182	Hutt	Graham	M Louise		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 60.00
1893	182	Hutt	Meager	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 35.00
1893	182	Hutt	Gould	William		Male Pupil teacher	£ 25.00

8th February 1893 The appointment of Mr. George W. Chatwin, formerly first assistant teacher at the Newtown State School, as headmaster of the Tauaru School, [East of Masterton on the Castlepoint Road] has been confirmed. [Mr Chatwin had left Newtown School over three years ago]

9th February 1893 Classification of Pupil Teachers: Furth Year Clara Meager'

22nd February 1893 Jessie Nairn, pupil teacher at the Hutt School, applied for a month's holiday and to be transferred to Kandallah. The holiday was granted and the transfer declined. [By December 1893 Jessie Nairn was teaching at The Thorndon School]

25th April 1893 At the annual meeting of householders Mr. VV. A. Fitzherbert was in the chair, about 50 householders being present. Reports from the retiring Committee and Mr. Barry, head master, were very satisfactory. Five householders were nominated previous to the meeting, and four others in the room, the following being elected : — Messrs. W. A. Fitzherbert, A. W. Collett, D. Speedy, T. W. Caverhill, L. Payne, W. Gough, and A. Peters. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Barry and his teaching staff and the out-going Committee. At a meeting held by the new Committee Messrs. Fitzherbert and Payne were re-elected Chairman and Secretary respectively

27th April 1893 Mary Graham, ex-pupil teacher at the Hutt, was granted an increase of salary from £40 to £60. [Still listed as a pupil teacher at end of 1893 only taught for the Wellington Education Board the two years at Hutt School]

2nd May 1893 Lower Hutt Borough Council: The Hutt School Committee wrote drawing the attention of the Council to the dangerous practice of people driving round the corner of the road at the Hutt School at such a pace as to endanger the lives of schoolchildren and requesting that the Council take steps to stop the practice. On the motion of Councillor Allen, it was resolved that a notice-board be erected in a conspicuous place cautioning horsemen against driving round the corner at other than a walking pace, and that the attention of the district constable and borough foreman be called to the matter.

5th May 1893 Mr. A. N. Burns, lately appointed first assistant teacher at the Hutt School, was, on Wednesday, at a concert given in his honour, presented with a silver hunting watch, suitably inscribed, by the residents of Wainui-o-mata, at which place he has for the last two and a half years acted as school teacher. Mr. R. Dick, Chairman of the School Committee, made the presentation, and with Messrs. J Wakeham and James Wood spoke eulogistically of Mr. Burns' services. The recipient replied in suitable terms. Mesdames Burdan and Wood, Misses Prouse, Wakeham, McIlvride, and Wilson, and Messrs. Wood and Willoughby contributed items at the concert.

26th October 1893 Drawing Examination Hutt School had 78 children sit the exam and 45 passed

1894

1894	196	Hutt	Barry	David		Head Master	£ 290.00
1894	196	Hutt	Burns	Andrew A		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1894	196	Hutt	King	Mary E		Assistant Female	£ 80.00
1894	196	Hutt	Jones	George A		Male Pupil teacher	£ 60.00
1894	196	Hutt	Meager	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 42.00
1894	196	Hutt	Gould	William		Male Pupil teacher	£ 25.00

28th February 1894 Wellington Education Board On the recommendation of the Inspector, it was resolved to appoint an extra pupil teacher for the Hutt school.

25th April 1895

30th May 1894 Wellington Education Board It was decided that the Hutt School should be painted at Christmas,

17th November 1894 Education Board Scholarship report included he next in merit are Thirza Caverhill, Hutt, 428; Cornelius Fraser, Petone, '416; Edith Mogenic, Hutt, 408; Leonard O'Connor, Shannon, 352 ; Walter Judd, Hutt, 318.

29th November 1894 Wellington Education Board The following Scholarships were awarded by the Board of Education yesterday in addition to those already published;—Maria Hitchcock, Mount Cook School; Thirza Caverhill, Lower Hutt School.

30th November 1894 he latest subscriptions to the Wairarapa Relief Fund are as follow: — Amount already acknowledged, .£1424 Is 2d; A. Eglinton, 10s; E. Feist, 10s 6d ; Lower Hutt School, per Mr Barry, £3 ; [The SS Wairarapa was driven onto the Great Barrier Island with a loss of about 140 lives]\

13th December 1894 Wellington Education Board It was decided to call for tenders for the painting of the inside of the Lower Hutt School

21st December 1894 The annual treat to the children attending the Lower Hutt School took place yesterday on the Agricultural Show grounds.

1895

1895	212	Hutt	Barry	David		Head Master	£ 295.00
1895	212	Hutt	Burns	Andrew A		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1895	212	Hutt	King	Mary E		Assistant Female	£ 80.00
1895	212	Hutt	Wolff	Rosabel		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00
1895	212	Hutt	Meager	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 42.00
1895	212	Hutt	Gould	William		Male Pupil teacher	£ 25.00

19th January 1895 The Education Board" has accepted the tender of J. Thompson for painting the interior of the Lower Hutt School, the price being £25. The other tenderers were W. Jennings, £31 ; and J. M' Alpine, .£34 19s.

15th February 1895 Horace William Gould passed his first year pupil teacher examination

14th March 1895 An excursion of the Petone and Hutt School children to Greytown will take place on the 20th.

23rd April 1895 School Committee At the Lower Hutt about 50 householders were present at the annual meeting, which was held in the Lower Hutt schoolroom. Eleven candidates were proposed as committeemen, and the following were elected: —Messrs W. A. Fitzherbert, W. Gough, L. Payne, E. W. Caverhill, J. O'Sullivan, W. Lawton and F. Upton. Votes of thanks were given to the outgoing committee and to Mr Barry the headmaster, and staff. Mr W. A. Fitzherbert was re-appointed chairman of the committee, and Mr L. Payne, secretary.

5th September 1895 Mr G. A. Jones, who was for some time at the Lower Hutt School, is to take Mr Cowles place at Mangatainoka

13th September 1895 Miss Rosabell Wolff, of Petone, has been temporarily appointed to the staff at' the Lower Hutt school.

26th September 1895 Miss Wolff was appointed pupil teacher at the Hutt and the local constable was appointed truant officer under the Act

1896

1896	214	Hutt	Barry	David		Head Master	£ 295.00
1896	212	Hutt	Burns	Andrew N		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1896	212	Hutt	Wolff	Rosabel		Assistant Female	£ 80.00
1896	212	Hutt	Braithwaite	Mary		Assistant Female	£ 80.00
1896	212	Hutt	Meager	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 42.00
1896	212	Hutt	Gould	William		Male Pupil teacher	£ 31.10

27th February 1896 The children attending the Lower Hutt Taita, Belmont and Haywards went on an excursion to Masterton on Tuesday day by the ordinary train. Messrs Williamson and Price, and Miss Meagher, teachers, accompanied the Taita contingent, the committee being represented by Messrs Daysh, D. Buck, ; Miller and Death. Messrs Barry, Burns Miss Meagher, of the Lower Hutt Schools, were in charge, and among the members of the Committee present were Messrs Caverhill, Gough Hooper. There were close upon 500 excursionists altogether. At Masterton (our correspondent writes) the excursionists visited the Oval, fish ponds, and other places of interest during their stay. They returned home by the afternoon train

28th April 1896 School School Committee LOWER HUTT. At the meeting of householder* at the Lower Hutt the following were elected the committee :—Messrs T. W. Caverhill, F. Upton, W. A. Fitzherbert, L. Payne, W. Gough, J. O’Sullivan and G. Cudby. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Barry, head-master, and the teaching staff, and also to the outgoing committee, special reference being made to the service rendered by Messrs L. Payne and W. Gough. Mr W. A. Fitzherbert was reelected chairman of the committee and Mr L. Payne secretary.

26th August 1896 Wellington Education Board The resignation of Misses Falla (Rongomai), Campbell (Newtown), and King (Hutt) were accepted.

30th September 1896 Wellington Education Board In consequence of the very satisfactory way in which Miss Wolff has discharged her duties at the Hutt School, it was decided to promote her to the position in the same school vacated by Miss King, who is now in charge of a Wairarapa School. [Mary E King was not teaching in any school for the Wellington Education Board by the end of 1896]

5th November 1896 A private telegram from Dunedin states that Mr. Andrew N. Burns, first assistant at the **Hutt School**, has passed his final section for the B.A. Degree of the Otago University. The examinations were held in Dunedin last week, and Mr. Burns passed in all the subjects for which he presented himself.....The annual examinations in connection with the Otago University were held in Dunedin last week, and some of the results have already been announced. Among the successful students is Mr Andrew N. Burns, first assistant at the Hutt School, who passed the final section for the B.A. degree. He secured a meritorious pass in every subject for which he presented himself. Considering the difficulties under which Mr Burns pursued his studies, he is to be especially congratulated upon the successful result.

1897

1897	217	Hutt	Barry	David	D1	Head Master	
1897	217	Hutt	Davies	William C	D3	Assistant Master	
1897	217	Hutt	Wolff	Rosabel	E2	Assistant Female	
1897	217	Hutt	Braithwaite	Mary S	D3	Assistant Female	
1897	217	Hutt	Gould	William H		Male Pupil teacher	
1897	217	Hutt	Meager	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	

27th January 1897 Wellington Education Board Concerning the Lower Hutt School, [Inspector] Mr. Lee reported that he did not think there was any room for additions to that school without acquiring more land. The Board decided to fall in with the desire of the Lower Hutt Committee, provided that the Committee should obtain the consent of the ratepayers and owners of property to do what was proposed.

5th March 1897 Mr. A. N. Burns, first assistant in the Lower Hutt School, has received notice that he has succeeded in passing the final examination for the B.A. degree of the New Zealand University. ' The examinations were held in November last.

1st April 1897 School Accommodation included The new infants' school at Petone has relieved the pressure at the main school, but the question of a more adequate and suitable school for the Hutt is one calling for an early settlement.

2nd April 1897 Mr. A. N. Burns, B.A., assistant master at the "Lower Hutt School, has been appointed assistant master of the Masterton School.

Andrew Nisbet Burns started in 1890 at Wainuiomata School leaving at the end of 1892

1893-1896 Assistant Teacher Hutt\

1897-1905 Assistant Master Masterton

1906-1913 Headmaster Carterton

1914- at least 1917 Headmaster Hutt DHS

19th July 1897 The Lower Hutt School Committee has approved the Education Board's appointment of Mr. W. C. Davies, of Auckland, as first assistant master of the school. Mr Davies expects to arrive about the 14th August

1898/1577	Bertha	Wolff	Andrew Nisbet	Burns
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1949/30893	Burns	Andrew Nisbet	77Y
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1957/27797	Burns	Bertha	86Y
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1899/15643	Burns	Verna Melvin	Bertha	Andrew Nisbet
1901/12278	Burns	Hector Nisbet	Bertha	Andrew Nisbet
1910/22083	Burns	Douglas McNiel	Bertha	Andrew Nisbet

10th December 1929 Andrew Nisbet Burns (Inspector of Schools, Wellington) said that there was an annual review of all teachers in the Dominion, when they were given grading marks. In his eleven years' experience of grading no teacher had received more than twenty marks in any one year for grading.

13th April 1897 The Masterton School Committee has decided to refuse to accept the appointment of Mr. A. N. Burns, of Lower Hutt, to the first assistantship of the Masterton School, and to again request the Education Board to appoint Mr. R. Darroch to the position.

9th June 1897 Mr A. N. Burns, who has been appointed to the Masterton School, will take up his duties on Monday next. Mr Davidson, the Board's relieving teacher, at present in Masterton, will succeed Mr Burns at the Hutt until a permanent appointment is made

16th August 1897 Mr. W. C. Davies, on leaving the Parnell School, Auckland, to take up a position in the Lower Hutt School, was presented by the 6th standard pupils with an address, a plated inkstand, and a gold pin.

19th August 1897 Mr Davies, from Auckland, the new assistant master at the Hutt school, in succession to Mr Burns, transferred to Masterton, has entered upon his duties

1898

1898	198	Hutt	Barry	David	D1	Head Master	£ 295.00
1898	198	Hutt	Davies	William C	D3	Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1898	198	Hutt	Wolff	Rosabel	E2	Assistant Female	£ 80.00
1898	198	Hutt	Braithwaite	Mary S	D3	Assistant Female	£ 80.00
1898	198	Hutt	Gould	William H		Male Pupil teacher	£ 50.00
1898	198	Hutt	Meager	Clara	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£ 42.00

28th January 1898 The scholars attending the Lower Hutt State School, with their teachers and friends, held their annual picnic to-day at Day's Bay, the s.s. Duchess conveying the party from the Petone Wharf,

26th April 1898 School Committee At the annual meeting at the Lower Hutt last night, Mr W. A. Fitzherbert in (the chair, the following committee was elected -.—Messrs W. A. Fitzherbert, L. Payne, W. W. Caverhill, S. Buck, T. Broad, C. Cudby and W. H. Gifford. Mr Fitzherbert was re-elected chairman, and Mr Payne secretary and treasurer.

29th September 1898 Wellington Education Board A grant up to £10 was voted to the Hutt Committee towards the erection of fencing along the river line

6th October 1898 Scholarship Numbers sitting from Country Schools included Petone, 11; Masterton, 8; Greytown, 8; Karori, 5; Hutt and Carterton, 4 each ; Johnsonville and Dreyerton, 3 each

14th November 1898 Scholarship Result Schools with average attendance between 100 and 200 — Diamond Jenness, Hutt, 425; 1st Alice Burnley 406 4th 3 scholarships awarded

26th November 1898 LOST, Sunday last, at Lower Hutt, large Black Dog, long hair, white chest. Reward on returning to Lower Hutt School, or Phillip's Hotel, Detainer prosecuted.

14th December 1898 In the course of his remarks at the Hutt School Flower Show yesterday, Mr. J. R. Blair, the Chairman of the Wellington Education Board, touched upon the change that has been coming over the theory of education. In former times education ran upon purely literary lines, but now there was greater attention paid to the practical or technical side. As an instance of the new spirit Mr. Blair pointed to the introduction of cookery as part of the school course for girls, and he wisely suggested that in country districts scientific instruction in agriculture would, prove more valuable to the children than some of the subjects to which their time is now devoted. Taking the children's flower show as his text, he was able to point to the practical advantages derivable from a knowledge of horticulture. For our own part we would gladly see the elements of agricultural science taught more generally in our country schools, and it is very significant that an effort to introduce such tuition is now being made in the Old Country. Some children have little literary bent, and their minds can best be trained, even from the purely educational view, by the more practical branches of work, and it is for their sakes that we are glad to find a man of Mr. Blair's position and experience uttering such

words. To effect the change at which he hinted, however, an alteration of the syllabus would be necessary, and attention might be drawn to that portion of Mr. Riley's valuable report which deals with the agricultural part of his technical education scheme. Before any real systematic classification of schools and scholars can take place the Department must take steps to reconsider the existing syllabus. Can it not summon a conference of Inspectors and the leading technical and literary teachers, as we suggested a short time ago? As it is there is not time or opportunity for agricultural work, nor yet for practical instruction in horticulture. The smaller houses in the outlying suburbs would gain a good deal from the children being taught to look after a garden, and a good monetary return would be derived from the sale of cut flowers, which are now almost a luxury in the city. The cultivation of their gardens would be excellent training for children, and might, as they acquired skill, be turned into a source of profit.

14th December 1898 The children of the Lower Hutt School and Mr. W. C. Davies [Instructor for EB in science in farming & gardening, who initiated the idea, are to be congratulated on the success of their first flower show, which was opened in the schoolroom yesterday afternoon. The competition was very keen, the vegetable section being particularly good ; and notwithstanding the recent flood in the Hutt Valley, the show of flowers was capital. Large collections of pot plants and cut flowers were sent by Messrs. H. C. Gibbons and Co., F. Cooper, Hunt, and Fitzherbert.

Mr. J. R. Blair, Mayor of Wellington and Chairman of the Education Board, performed the opening ceremony. The show was, he said, the first held by any school within the Wellington district, and he thought it an excellent idea. Incidentally, Mr. Blair was of the opinion that the present school building was inadequate, and he thought it high time that the people of the Hutt made a move in the matter. It would be necessary to procure a block of land containing five acres if the children were to have proper facilities for recreation and instruction. Mr. Blair then declared the exhibition open amidst cheers.

In the evening the building was crowded, and Minifie's Band played selections. There was also limelight illumination, microscope phonograph, and electric battery. The following competitions were decided in the afternoon :— Patching, A. Peters; darning, Olive Gray; buttonholes, Mabel Mason. The show is to be open again this afternoon till 5.30 and this evening from 7 till 10 o'clock. A concert will be held this evening. The following is the prize-list, the competitions being restricted to the school children except where otherwise indicated For children over 13 years of age. — Plants in pots — One cactus, M. Moginie 1, A. Scales 2; one geranium, T. Natrass; one fuchsia, R. Kingdon ; one pelargonium, N. Caverhill; three foliage plants (distinct varieties), M. Moginie; three ferns (distinct varieties), V. Crowe. Cut Flowers — Collection of 12 sorts (distinct varieties), N. Caverhill ; three roses (distinct varieties), N. Caverhill ; four (carnations (distinct varieties), E. Broad 1, C. Broad 2 ; four pelargoniums (distinct varieties), M. Caverhill 1, L. Allen 2 ; six pansies (distinct varieties) in groups of two, N. Caverhill 1, G. Buck 2.

For children under 13 years of age. — Plants in pots — One cactus, R. Gould 1, S. Gibbons 2 ; one fuchsia, S. Gibbons 1, G. Kilmister 2 ; one geranium, K. Caverhill 1, G. Kilmister 2; one ivy leafed geranium, M. Wolland 1, E. Fleet 2 ; one foliage plant, K. Glen 1, J. 1 Scales 2; one musk, T. Cox 1, D. Mitchell 2 ; one fern, K. Gibbons 1, I. Hollard 2. Cut Flowers— Six sorts (distinct varieties), K. Glen 1, F. Natrass 2; three roses (distinct varieties), J. Chapman ; three carnations (distinct varieties), E. Broad 1, C. Broad 2 ; three verbenas

(distinct varieties), D. Caverhill ; three pansies (distinct varieties), S. Buck 1 ; Bl Stevens 2\ t three stocks (distinct varieties), F. Moorhouse ; three snapdragons (distinct varieties), K. Glen 1, N. Alien 2. Vegetables. — Three cabbages, G. Glen 1, A. Manderson 2 ; two cauliflowers, G. Glen 1, It. Gould 2; three lettuces, L. Mitchell 1, R. Collier 2 ; 12 radishes, Roy Kingdon 1, Rodney Kingdon 2 ; 12 pods of peas, E. Broad 1, A. Manderson 2 ; 12 pods of broad beans, F. Natrass I', T. Cox 2 ; six turnips, E. Broad 1, D. Caverhill, 2; six carrots, R. Fitzmaurice; six potatoes (any kind), A. Manderson 1, F. Cox 2; six onions, H. Box 1 ; twelve stalks rhubarb, D. Mason 1, H. Caverhill 2 ; twelve strawberries, N. Caverhill. Bouquets &c.— Hand bouquet, K. Gibbons 1, N. Caverhill 2 ; lady's spray, N. Allen 1; gentleman's buttonhole (made in the room, F. Moorhouse 1, M. Moginie 2. Pressed Ferns. —M. McKinnon 1, E. Fleet 2, N. Caverhill 3. Competitions open to all children under 17 years of age. — One foliage begonia — E. Miller, 1 ; W Judd, 2. Two Ferns— J. Chapman, 1. Cut Flowers. — Collection of cut flowers (not; less than nine or more than 18 varieties), V. Crowe; three roses (one variety), J. Chapman ; twelve -carnations, pinks, or picotees (distinct varieties), E. Broad 1, C. Broad 2 ; twelve pansies (distinct varieties), S. Buck 1, G. Jenness 2; six slocks (distinct varieties), G. Jenness. Vegetables — Three cabbages, M. Cudby ; four lettuce.", R. Collier 1, H. Box 2; 12 pods peas, U. Box ; 12 pods French beans, J. Speedy ; six turnips, H. Caverhill 1, G. Wood 2 ; six potatoes (any), F. Cox 1, H. Box 2.

Bouquets, &c. (made under supervision in the exhibition room). — Best dressed basket of flowers, M. Kingdon 1, L. Lea 2 ; floral design, R. Peters ; bridal bouquet, C. Lee.

Cookery. — Blanc mange and boiled custard, J . Chapman ; toffee, I. Hollard ; cocoa nut ice, B. Stevens; scones, girdle or pan, currant or plain, O. Barber 1, J. Chapman 2 ; lemon syrup, O. Barber 1, M. Cudby 2 ; currant cake, N. Caverhill ; seed cake, O. Barber ; Madeira cake, M. Cudby ; jam roll, S. McKain. Fancy work. — Baby's bootees (knitted), N. Caverhill ; gentleman's socks (knitted), A. Peters; child's singlet (knitted), E. Box 1, E. Skinner 2 ; handkerchief, hemstitching and initials, M. Caverhill ; cushion, N. Caverhill 1, M. Neill 2 : best ' dressed doll, M. Moginie 1, I. Hollard 2. The judges were — For pot plants, cut flowers, and vegetables — Messrs. Cooper, Gibbons, and Glen. For bouquets, sprays, &c., school class — Mrs. Kingdon and Miss Fitzherbert; open class, Mrs. Humphrey and Miss Jackson. For cookery — Mesdames Climie and Purdy. For cakes — Mesdames Treadwell and Riddiford. For fancy work — Mrs. Purdy and Miss Jackson. Best dressed doll — Mrs. Gould and Miss Jenness.

1899

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1899	198	Hutt	Player	Mary P	D4	Assistant Female	£ 80.00
1899	198	Hutt	Braithwaite	Mary S	D2	ON Leave	£ 80.00
1899	198	Hutt	Holm	Mary E		Relieving	£ 80.00
1899	198	Hutt	Meager	Clara	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£ 42.00
1899	198	Hutt	Combs	Frank L		Male Pupil teacher	£ 25.00

[Frank Combs taught the Researcher's father at Featherston in the 1920's where Mr Combs was headmaster]

13th January 1899 An Assistant Teacher is required for the Hutt School salary .£80;
 13th January 1899 Victoria University college Scholarship Examination 12th Diamond
 Jenness Hutt School Candidates from West Coast to Taranaki and Hawkes Bay

14th January 1899 That appointments under the Wellington Education Board are widely
 sought after is proved by the number of candidates for the vacancies about to be filled — For
 the position of first assistant at the Te Aro School, 17; head teacher at Dreyerton, 20 ; head
 teacher at Waihakeke, 10 ; head teacher at South Featherston, 18; head teacher at Ponatahi,
 6; head teacher at Korokoro, 14 ; female assistant at Newtown, 20 ; female assistant at
 Hastwell, 7 ; and female assistant at Lower Hutt 20, The applications will be considered at
 the next meeting of the Board on the 25th inst.

26th January 1899 Miss Mary Player from Rintoul Street appointed assistant

14th February 1899 The teachers of the Lower Hutt School have made a presentation to Miss
 Wolff, one of their late colleagues, to mark their congratulations upon the promotion entailed
 in her transfer to Masterton School.

Rosabel Wolff Taught as an assistant at the Hutt School from 1895 to 1898 and then at
 Masterton to at least 1915

1916/5957	Rosahill	Wolff	William Henry	Jackson
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William Henry Jackson was headmaster of Masterton School and had three wives. Rosabell
 was the last one

1937/16093	Jackson	Rosabell	71Y
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6th April 1899 Inspector's report to Wellington Education Board The Mount Cook Girls',
 Lower Hutt, Wadestown, South Karori and Kaiwarra are small unsuitable confined areas, and
 in all these the out-buildings are necessarily too near the main building to be either pleasant
 or healthy

12th April 1899 Wanted Pupil Teacher Hutt School

25th April 1899 At the Hutt School about 30 householders attended, Mr. W. A. Fitzherbert
 presiding. The report stated that during the year efforts had been made to secure a new school
 site, but so far without success. Thanks were returned to those who assisted in the school
 flower show, and to the teaching staff. The headmaster in his report said — "I am sorry to
 have to say that we are still working under difficulties, increasing year by year, in the same
 unsuitable building. Not only so but it is absolutely dangerous, from its position, to the lives
 of the children. The number of children now on the roll is 249. The attendance, though
 improved, is still nothing like what it should be, very many parents being careless about
 sending their children regularly." The profits accruing from the flower show gave the children
 an enjoyable outing at Day's Bay, as well as adding a considerable number of books to the
 library. The balance-sheet shows receipts £49 9s 7d, expenditure £37 12s, credit balance £11
 17s 7d. The following were elected a Committee for the ensuing year : — Messrs. W. A.
 Fitzherbert, Caverhill, A. Gray, Barraud, Buck, Lawton, Cudby, and Woollam. Votes of
 thanks to the staff and retiring Committeemen were carried

29th June 1899 Wellington Education Board that two acres at the Hutt, near the present
 school, should be purchased as a site for a new school

11th December 1899 On. the recommendation of a special committee, it was decided to
 acquire a piece of land for a school at the Hutt and dispose of the present site and buildings.

HUTT SCHOOL FLOWER SHOW

To be opened on TUESDAY. 12th DECEMBER, At 2 p m., By the Chairman of the Education Board.

Open from 2 to 5.30, and 7 to 10 p.m., on Tuesday and Wednesday. Refreshment and other Stalls. Numerous Attractions.

Promenade concert By Minifies Band each evening. WM. C. DAVIS, Hon. Sec.

12th December 1899 FINE EXHIBITION. From small beginnings the annual flower show promoted by the children attending the Lower Hutt School has grown into an exhibition of which the City Horticultural Society would not feel ashamed. A creditable display was made last year, the first of the series, but the show opened in the school-house by Mr. J. R. Blair (as Chairman of the Education Board) this afternoon has more than doubled its predecessor in the number and variety of exhibits, 475 being the total of the entries. Under the direction of Mr. Davies and the other teachers, the school has been tastefully, and in some of the rooms elaborately, decorated with flowers and shrubs. The exhibition of cut flowers, shown by the children is a very fine one, the specimens offering striking evidence in support of the Hutt's claim to being the Garden of Wellington. The vegetable class is a good one, and shows some monster pumpkins, beans, potatoes, etc. Messrs. H. C. Gibbons and Co. contribute a handsome collection of ferns, pot plants, and cut flowers, which won the special commendation of the judges, and Mr. Hunt (Wellington) has sent out a nice collection of geraniums. As the show is promoted as a means of raising funds in aid of the annual school picnic and the library, there are several attractions other than horticultural. These include a stall containing fancy articles, the work of the scholars, in charge of Miss Jenness ; a lollies stall, presided over by Mesdames Sheffield, Sharp, and Broad; and a refreshment stall, controlled by Mesdames Moorhouse, Galbraith, and Gould. Minifies Band is to play this evening and to-morrow, and as the latter occasion is a half-holiday in town, Wellingtonians should enjoy a visit to the show. The officials in connection with the show are : —President, Mr. W. A. Fitzherbert ; Hon Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Wm. C. Davies ; Judges — For pot plants, cut flowers, and vegetables. Messrs. Cooper, Gibbons, and Glen ; for bouquets, sprays, etc. (children's class), Miss Jackson, Mesdames Riddiford and Travers; for bouquets and table decorations (open class), Lady Hector, Mrs. Perry, and Mrs. Sladden. The prizes, of which there are two to every class, for the most part amounted to 2s 6d for first and 1s 6d for seconds, but there were several larger amounts. The following is the prize-list, with the exception of the pot plants and cut flowers, the judging of which was not completed when our reporter left : — Class C. (Open to all children in the district under 16). Vegetables and fruit. —2 cabbages, Edwin> Broad, 1 ; Roland Collier, 2. Two cauliflowers, A. Pickard, 1 ; James Bowie, 2. Two lettuces, A. Pickard, 1 ; Zoe Barber, 2. Twelve radishes, Albert Manderson, 1 j Lancelot Allen, 2. Twelve pods peas, H. Pilcher, 1 ; W. Manderson, 2. Twelve pods broad beans, P. Emery, 1 ; C. Gwillam , 2. Twelve pods French .beans, W. Manderson, 1; A. Manderson, 2. Six turnips, James Stewart, 1 ; L. Allen, 2. Six potatoes (kidney), James Stewart, 1; L. Allen, 2. Six potatoes (round), Edgar Strand, 1 ; C. Gwilliam, 2. Six stalks rhubarb, Herbert Kilmister, 1; David Bowie, 2. Twelve gooseberries, Violet Peck, 1 ; Zoe Barber, 2. Class D. (Open to all children in the district under 16.) The exhibits in this class were made up in show room, under supervision, this morning.— Bouquet of native flowers and foliage, Jean Caverhill, 1 • Jessie Chapman, 2. Bridal bouquet (any design), Jean Caverhill, 1. Hand bouquet, Kate Gibbons, 1 ; Jean Caverhill 2 Lady's spray, Mildred Barber, 1 ; Muriel Gray, 2. Gentleman's buttonhole,

Daisy Odlam, 1 ; Ethel Allport, 2. Basket of flowers, Ethel Allport, 1 ; Muriel Gray, AMATEUR CLASSES. (Open to all residents in the Hutt district) Class E— Fruit and Vegetables (co be judged according to their fitness for use) —Asparagus, 25 heads, W. A. Fitzherbert, 1. Broad Beans, — . Fabb, 1 and 2. Cabbages, 3 (of any variety), W. A Fitzherbert, 1. Cauliflowers, 3 (of any variety), — . Fabb, 1. Gooseberries, best collection (12 of each variety), W A Fitzherbert, 1 ; J. Whittington, 2. 'Lettuces, 3 (of any one variety), — . Fabb 1; Miss Foster, 2. Onions, bunch of 6 (autumn sown), -. Fabb, 1 ; H. Kilmister, 2. Peas, 24 pods (any one variety), T . Fabb, 1; T. Broad, 2. Potatoes, 3 distinct varieties (12 of each), J Whittington 1 ; T. Broad, 2. Rhubarb," 12 stalks, W. A. Fitzherbert, 2. Collection of vegetables, — . Fabb, 1 ; T. Broad 2 Class F.— Pot Plants and Cut Flowers — Specimen window plant, in flower— Mrs. Allen, 2. Cut flowers, best collection—Mrs. R. Miller, 1; Mrs. T. Allen, 2. Roses, 6 distinct varieties — Miss Foster, 1. Pansies, best collection— Hunt, 1; Nellie Barr, 2; Fanny Mason, h.c. Bridal bouquet, any design— Miss Fitzherbert, 1 ; Mrs. Allen, 2. Hand bouquet—Myrtle Lee, 1 ; Isa Fitzherbert, 2. •vase or arrangement of flowers for table decoration — Miss Fitzherbert^ 1; Miss Jackson, 2*

(.Vice Competition (open to all residents in the district. — Fruit cake, not weighing less than 2 lb— Mrs. Wright, i ; Mrs. Galbraith, 'P.. Heed cake, not weighing less than 2 lb—Cakes. Gould, 1 ; Mis. Lei', 2. Sponge cake (roll or sandwich) — Miss Foster, 1 ; Mrs. Lee, 2. [lb = pound weight]

14th December 1899 The interesting flower show promoted by the scholars of the Lower Hutt school was brought to a conclusion last night. The exhibition, which had been held as a means of raising funds for the holding of the annual picnic and improving the school library, was in every way successful, and Was highly creditable to the teaching staff as well as the scholars.

20th December 1899 HUTT SCHOOL FLOWER SHOW. THE Secretary of the Hutt School Flower Show wishes to heartily thank those ladies and gentlemen, both in the Hutt and Wellington, whose untiring efforts contributed so materially to the success of the Show.

1900

1900	207	Hutt	Barry	David	D1	Head Master	£ 295.00
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1900	207	Hutt	Combs	Frank L		Male Pupil teacher	£ 32.00

24th February 1900 The scholars of the Lower Hutt School, together with their teachers and friends, to the number of 350, held their annual picnic at Day's Bay yesterday, the picnicers being conveyed from the Petone Wharf to the bay by the Duchess.\

29th May 1900 Report on Technical School Cooking classes included Miss Williams attends the Petone, Hutt, Otaki, and Levin Schools, while Miss Millington pays regular visits to the principal schools in the Wairarapa and Forty-Mile Bush districts.

2nd August 1900 Wellington Education Board Mr Barry is being paid £20 more than the Board's regulation allowed. [Along with a long list of other teachers]

9th October 1900 On Saturday afternoon, at Greytown, a quiet wedding was celebrated, when Mr W. C. Davies, assistant master at the Hutt School, and eldest son of Mr. j E. Davies, of

Parnell, Auckland, was married to Miss M. S.. Braithwaite, second daughter of Mr Henry D. Braithwaite, of Waihakeke, Carterton.

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.

27th December 1900 An afternoon tea was given at the Lower Hutt on Saturday afternoon in honour of Miss Haase, who is giving up the private school for young ladies which she has conducted there during the last five years. The tea was held at the residence of Mr W. G. Foster and was attended by the parents of pupils and ex pupils of the school, in addition to other friends. As a parting gift, the scholars presented Miss Haase with a silver photo-frame of choice design. The school will be continued by Miss Hayden, who has recently arrived from New - South Wales.

1901

1901	200	Hutt	Barry	David	D1	Head Master	£ 295.00
1901	200	Hutt	King	Eustace	B2	Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1901	200	Hutt	Forbes	Emma L S	E1	Assistant Female	£ 100.00
1901	200	Hutt	Player	Mary P	D4	Assistant Female	£ 80.00
1901	200	Hutt	Meager	Clara	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00
1901	200	Hutt	Bennett	William D		Male Pupil teacher	£ 50.00

31st January 1901 Teacher salaries In a long list of what some teaches of the Wellington Education Board are paid and what increase they might get was Hutt C L S Forbes[Actually E L S] Current wage £ 80 and proposed increase is £5

7th February 1901 Wellington Education Board Teacher Salaries. Included in a long article about proposed increases of teacher salaries:At the Hutt school, for instance, a teacher who had only been there about three months received an increase of £20 a year, while another, receiving the same salary, but who had been there over two years, was passed over, although she held a higher certificate. Mr. Hogben — You put her down in the first position on the list. The Minister— Which holds the higher position in the school? Mr. Blair said the schedule arbitrarily made positions which did not exist. They had no such thing in the district as heads of the girls' or boys' departments. All these teachers were doing exactly the same class of work. Mr. Hogben — The only way to make a uniform scale is to pay according to the responsibility of the work. He went on to say that the Department had assumed that the order in which they were placed in the list supplied by the Board was the rank in which they stood in the school. If it was not so the Department had made a mistake.....

20th February 1901 Letter to the editor of the Evening Post TO THE EDITOR. Sir, — In reading the report of the interview between a deputation oi the Wellington Education Board to the Minister of Education, I am rather surprised at the remarks of the Chairman of the Board in reference to a teacher in the Hutt school. Mr. Blair is reported to have said in referring to the inequalities in the allocation of the money, and the anomalies they produce, that at the Hutt school, for instance , a teacher who had only been there about three months received an increase of £20 a year, while another receiving the same salary, but who had been over two years, was passed over, although she held a higher certificate. i\ow, sir, this statement conveys

a very wrong impression as to the position of the teacher in the school and in the Board's service. The teacher (Miss Forbes,) has been in the Board's service for over twelve years, and for nine years was in sole charge of the Matarawa School but owing to ill health resigned for the less arduous duties of assistant in the Hutt School. although the step financially was a retrograde one. The other teacher referred to as having been over two years in the Hutt School has only been six years in the Board's service, as against Miss Forbes twelve. If merit and long service is to be considered, then I say Miss Forbes is justly entitled to an increase. By inserting this letter in your valuable paper you will be only doing justice to the teacher in question, as from the report in the papers one would naturally infer that Miss Forbes was either a pupil teacher or an outsider, just taken into the Board's service. — I am. etc., W. A. FITZHERBERT, . Chairman Hutt School Com.

21st March 1901 Wellington Education Board A grant of £17 was made for repairs to the residence at the Lower Hutt School.

21st March 1901 Wellington Education Board List of Hutt teachers showing proposed increases Hutt — (Roll 202), first female assistant, £100 (£20); pupil teacher, £50 (£8); pupil teacher, £50 (£5)

23rd April 1901 School Committee Lower Hutt.— Messrs. J. W. Whitten {Chairman), Barnard, Broad, Gould, Moorhouse, Routly, and Woolland

25th April 1901 In the report of the retiring Lower Hutt School Committee, the present school building was described as a disgrace, and as being most insanitary, and a recommendation was made that the new committee should get- the member for the district to take up the matter and endeavour to obtain a vote for a new school.

30th May 1901 Wellington Education Board The question of the erection of a new school at the Lower Hutt was briefly discussed by the Education Board yesterday, and it was suggested that it was possible that bricks might soon be as cheap as wood, if not cheaper. The Chairman said a new site had been procured and the residence would be kept on the old site. A new school was urgently required. Consideration of the question was eventually deferred in order that the Board may see whether it will be affected by the site of the new bridge.

25th June 1901 In a meeting of the commission on salaries Mr Joblin stated Mr. Charles R> Joplin, Headmaster of the Wadestown School, stated that his experience as a teacher in Now Zealand extended from 1877. He had been under the. Wellington Board, with the exception of three or four years when he toured Great Britain, Switzerland, Germany, and Belgium, inspecting the schools there. Ai teacher, of the present day had a much easier time than the- teacher of 20 years ago. The sanitary arrangements had much improved. He found the work of the assistant in the Lower Hutt School [One year 1881] easier than his previous work as sole teacher, of. The Korokoro School of 26 pupils.-

24th July 1901 Plans for the re-building oi the Terrace School recently destroyed by fire, were laid before, a meeting of the Education Board this afternoon. It was stated that an application had been made to the Government for a special grant in respect of the Hutt School.

4th November 1901 The Upper Hutt School first eleven defeated the first eleven of the Lower Hutt School on Saturday by an innings and 4 runs.

2nd October 1901 Wellington Education Board The application of Mr E. J. King (Hutt) for a - month's Leave to prepare for university examination was refused.

9th October 1901 Mr. Wilford urged that Education Boards are crippled for want of funds, and that funds should be provided for a new school at Lower Hutt. The Minister was understood to say that the matter would be considered.

1902

1902	214	Hutt	King	Eustace	B2	Head Master	£ 248.00
1902	214	Hutt	Charters	Alexander B	C2	Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1902	214	Hutt	Forbes	Emma L S	E1	Assistant Female	£ 110.00
1902	214	Hutt	Meager	Clara	E3	Assistant Female	£ 80.00
1902	214	Hutt	Sullivan	Margaret R		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00
1902	214	Hutt	Burnley	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 40.00

22nd February 1902 Mr. E. King, B.A., one of the masters of the Lower Hutt School, has received advice that he has passed the M.A. examination of the New Zealand University, with honours in political science.

27th March 1902 Wellington Education Board On the question of calling tenders for the Hutt School, Mr Hogg expressed the opinion that the Government ought to help to build it in brick for a number of reasons, principal among which was that the Government, being its own insurance agent, should take the most effective manner of protecting its interests. .

29th April 1902 The. river protection works and the widening of the main road will make. the removal of the Lower Hutt school absolutely necessary. A deputation from the Hutt School Committee will wait on the Education Board to-morrow to again urge that a new Schoolhouse in another part of the district should be erected at an early date.

29th April 1902 School Committee The chairman of the outgoing committee (Mr J H Whitter) presided The report showed that 60 pupils had entered the school since the new year the roll was now 276. The credit balance is about £16. The new committee is Rev J Jones, Messrs T Broad, F Barnard, W Routley, J Judd, W Judd, L Gwilliam. Mr Whitton was unable to accept office for another term

3rd May 1902 Wellington Education Board Chief Inspector's Report included: The Mount Cook Girls and Lower Hutt school buildings, though long condemned are still doing duty.

4th June 1902 Hutt Brough Council He [Mr Ward Engineer] also submitted a plan of land proposed to be taken under the Public Works Act for roadmaking ai the Hutt School corner, Alicetown .

26th June 1902 Wellington Education Board An application for a school in the Epuni Settlement was referred to the Hutt School Committee and the inspectors.

31st July 1902 A petition was recently presented to the Education Board by settlers in the locality, asking' that a new school should be erected at the Nai Nai.[Sic] the matter was reported to the Board s inspectors, and Mr Bakewell reported as follows: —“I don't recommend the bunding of a new school as proposed in the petition. In my opinion the Taita School and the Hutt School should meet all requirements for some considerable time to come, but effectually to do this it will be necessary to move Taita School to some more convenient site further down the Valley, and I strongly recommend that the school committees should be consulted in order that the matter may be settled by the Board before the building of a new school is commenced.”

22nd September 1902 Mr David Barry, a well-known schoolmaster, was found dead in a bathroom at the house of Mr Yerex, Lower Hutt, yesterday afternoon. The deceased had been suffering from influenza. When Dr Ross called to see him yesterday, he was told that Mr Barry was in the bath. ' After having waited for some time, the doctor opened the bathroom door and found his patient dead. The deceased gentleman was a widower, about 70 years of age, and had no relatives in Now Zealand. It is believed he had a brother, a land agent, residing near Sydney, and a sister in the Old Country. Death is considered to have been due to failure of the heart [I have not found a death notice nor a funeral notice for Mr Barry, I cannot find the registration of his death with BDM under Barry or Berry]

30th September 1902 Those having claims against the estate of the late David Barry are requested to render their accounts by the 3rd October to Mr W. T. Grundy, who also desires those owing money's to the estate to pay them at once. [W T Grundy was the long term headmaster of Masterton School from 1880 to 1888 and from 1889 to 1915 was headmaster of Clyde Quay school in Wellington]

31st October 1902 The Education Board has selected Mr. D. M. Yates, of the Otaki School, for appointment as head teacher of the Hutt School

3rd December 1902 A long discussion took place on a request from the Hutt School Committee that Mr Burns, and not Mr Yates, should be appointed to the charge of the Hutt School, and a protest from Mr Yates against such a course being pursued. Mr Yates's appointment was unanimously confirmed.....After going over the whole of the district. from the Hutt to the Taita. The committee was satisfied that the Hutt School should be erected on the new site with the least possible delay, and that arrangements should be made for the erection of a new school somewhere near the Epuni Hamlet Settlement

28th November 1902 Wellington Education Board A long discussion took place on a request from the Hutt School Committee that Mr Burns, and not Mr Yates, should be appointed to the charge of the Hutt School, and a protest from Mr Yates against such a course being pursued. Mr Yates's appointment was unanimously confirmed.

10th December 1902 A deputation of residents of Lower Hutt also attended, accompanied by Mr. Wilford, M.H.R. , to protest against- the Board's action in regard to the appointment of a headmaster of the school, and to complain that the Hutt School Committee's recommendation of an applicant for the position had had no weight with the Board. The real complaint, said Mr. Wilford, was that the Board had actually made a choice when it sent the matter on to the committee for a recommendation. Mr. Judd (chairman of the Lower Hutt School Committee) said the deputation was the outcome of a public meeting held at the Hutt, and they asked the Board to reconsider the matter. The Acting-Chairman said the appointment was made in the usual way, and the Board's selection was forwarded to the committee for approval. Mr. Buchanan pointed out that the Board' had strictly followed the procedure laid down by the Education Act. After a long discussion, the Acting Chairman said the Board adhered to the decision it had arrived at.

17th December 1902 THE HUTT HEADMASTERSHIP. A well-attended meeting of householders of the Lower Hutt, was held in the local schoolroom last evening, Mr. W. Judd, Chairman of Committee, presiding. The Chairman, in opening proceedings, explained that at a previous meeting it had been decided, that in the event of the recent deputation to the Education Board being unsuccessful in its endeavour to persuade, the Board to reconsider its

(the Board's) appointment of a Headmaster, for the Hutt School, another meeting should be held to consider what further steps should be taken by the householders. He detailed what had taken place at the conference, which resulted in the Board, with the exception of Messrs. Hogg and Robertson, emphatically refusing to reconsider their decision. It had been suggested that the committee should, close the school, but their legal adviser (had informed them that this was not in their power, and such action would not help them. The Board had stated that the appointment had been made in the ordinary manner. If the gentleman they had appointed did not" prove satisfactory the committee could dispense with him, and the deputation was told that if they had any charge to. bring against the moral character of the Board's appointee it was open 'for them to do so. He (the Chairman) , thought this was a most improper request for the Board to make. The committee -wished to see the best of the applicants appointed, and a permanent appointment made. Mr. Routley said that the committee had taken their stand as a matter of principle. He thought that at least out of fifty applications the Board might have given the committee a choice of five or six. Rather than submit 10 the action of the Board, he would prefer taking another building, engaging a teacher and educate the children themselves. This, as he understood teachers were paid by results, with the option householders had of sending their children to other schools, might soon settle the matter. The Chairman expressed the opinion that if a vote of householders were taken he was sure that 9 out ' of every 10 would vote for the committee's choice. Mr. Loudon thought it was the duty of the committee to make further protest by placing the whole matter before the Premier. ,There was nothing so important to any district as the 'schoolmaster. From the number of wasted lives they saw around them, he felt sure that in a large number of cases the chances of the young were simply gambled away by incompetent teachers. The committee had taken high ground in their action, and rightly so, for the greatest duty they owed, was to the rising generation in the matter of education. The Act strictly provided that no appointment should be made before the Board's selection had been approved by the School Committee, and this should form the basis of their representation of the matter -to the Premier. He moved — "That this meeting views -with dissatisfaction the Board of Education, in the appointment of a Headmaster to the Hutt School without reference to the committee, and that representation bs made to the Premier and Minister of Education on the subject, arid that it be urged that legislation giving wider powers to committees, and more equitable representation on Education Beards; should be provided by Parliament." The motion was seconded by Mr. Dunn, and unanimously agreed to. It was further decided that petitions be circulated in the Borough for signatures praying that effect bs given lo the above resolution. The Chairman was requested to nuke necessary arrangements for the interview, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the committee and chair.

23rd December 1902 Last Friday (says our Otaki correspondent) Mr Yeats, headmaster of the Otaki State School, was presented- by the school children and school committee with a valuable travelling bag and testimonial prior to his leaving to take charge of the Lower Hutt School. Mr Ward, the chairman of the committee, spoke in high terms of Mr Yeats's services. Mrs Yeats was also presented with a watch and an address, and Miss Young, assistant mistress, who has resigned, received a testimonial and a greenstone pin set with pearls

1903

1903	227	Hutt	Yeats	Duncan M	D1	Head Master	£ 252.40
1903	227	Hutt	King	Eustace	B1	Assistant Master	£ 155.00
1903	227	Hutt	Forbes	Emma L S	E1	Mistress	£ 115.00
1903	227	Hutt	Meager	Clara	E2`	Assistant Female	£ 80.00
1903	227	Hutt	Sullivan	Margaret R		FP4	£ 50.00
1903	227	Hutt	Burnley	Alice		FP4	£ 50.00

18th February 1903 Wellington Education Board The new school site at the Lower Hutt, timber and workmen were found at the ground.[Possibly referred to the Epuni School]

30th April 1903 Wellington Education Board in a long article about funding by the Government included He [Mr Buchanan] agreed that the Wellington district had for years been kept behind owing to the insufficiency of the building grant. The Chairman said recently the government was asked for a grant for the Lower Hutt School, and the reply was "Why not take it out of the usual grant ?

Mr, Hogg : That has been swallowed up long ago. Mr. Buchannan said he was informed that no reply had been received to any of of the Board's application for a special grant

16th June 1903 Hutt Borough Council The Secretary of the Hutt School Committee while thanking the Council for its offer of trues, out down 'in front of the school, declined the gift, as it was intended to use coal for heating purposes

20th June 1903 Wellington Education Board Mr W. D. Bennett, late pupil teacher at the Hutt school, to Bideford. William D Bennett had a long career with Wellington Education Board Starting in 1894 as a Male Pupil Teacher until 1899 and still a pupil teacher at Taita in 1900 and Hutt in 1901. He was not teaching in 1903 and may have been at training college In 1903 was appointed to Bideford until 1907 then at Reikiorangi from 1908 to 1914. In 1915 he was Head master at Tawa Flat. From 1917 to 1921 he was Headmaster at Porirua. In 1923 when my records end he was an assistant teacher at Newtown School

1st July 1903 Wellington Education Board Tenders. for gravelling at the Hutt and Epuni schools will be received by the Education Board up to noon of Friday next

6th July 1903 Wellington Education Board Finance report included in a long list of shortfall of funds Lower Hutt Tender £2360 Paid £1350 Owing £1010

7th July 1903 Hutt Borough Council The secretary of the Hutt School Committee wrote inviting Councillors to the opening of the. new school on 20th inst. and requesting that a crossing may be put in at the entrance gates. The invitation was accepted and the crossing agreed to on the usual terms.

21st July 1903 THE NEW HUTT SCHOOL.

OPENED BY THE PREMIER. The Premier went out to the Lower Hutt yesterday afternoon and opened the new State school which the Wellington Education Board has built there to meet the needs of a rapidly-growing district. The school building stands in a two-acre section just at the end of the avenue running towards the river, exactly opposite the Railway Hotel. It has a roomy interior and a pleasant exterior, and when properly equipped should be one of the best as well as one of the largest schools in the district.

The Premier, who was accompanied by the Chairman (Mr. F. Bradey) and several members of the Education Board, was met at the school-gate by Mr. Judd (Chairman) and members of the School Committee, and the school cadets formed a guard of honour.

The ceremony began immediately on the arrival of the town party.

The Premier, addressing the gathering assembled in front of the school building, said that nothing marked the substantial advancement of a locality more than the opening of a school. Further, no expenditure of public moneys was so profitable to a 'country as that upon education, because it was for the good of the great majority. (Hear, hear.) As the world was progressing, it was essential if we were to hold our place and remain in the van to give our children the best education possible. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Seddon enlarged upon the responsibilities of parents towards their children, in seeing that they obtained the best education that the country could give them, in order that they might secure future advancement. Send children regularly to school, don't keep them at home on washing days — (laughter) — for there was nothing so heart-breaking to teachers or injurious to the children themselves as irregular attendance. Parents who kept their children at home were doing a wrong to the teachers, to the children, and to the colony. Our system was not yet "complete, and the Premier again repeated a previously-expressed opinion that the State ought to aid in enabling children whose parents were unable to help them beyond the primary schools, in getting to the secondary schools and finally to the university. Such a course must, in his opinion, prove of benefit to the country, by fitting these young people for' the professions of life. Above all things, they must see to the education of the rising generation. He hoped that in planning the building opened that day they had made provision for future as -well :us present requirements. He was sorry to hear that the Education Board was on the wrong side of the ledger. However, they had got the school. Whether they would be able to pay for it was another matter. (Laughter.) He believed that the Government of a country ought to provide as much as possible for such buildings. He complimented the school cadets upon their appearance and turn-out, expressed belief that military training was good for boys, as it taught them discipline, and established comradeships that often lasted through life. As Defence Minister he looked forward to the time when he would see all these boys following their military course from the school to the volunteer corps and was inclined to think that it would be . in the best interests of cadet corps if they were under the Defence Department instead of under the Education Department. But that was a matter for future consideration. Finally, Mr. Seddon thanked the local committee and all concerned for his reception.

The Chairman of the Education Board (Mr. F. Bradey) contrasted the Hutt district to-day with its appearance sixty four years ago, when he, with his parents and a number of other immigrants, landed on the Petone beach from the ship Adelaide. Where they stood that day there then stood a dense forest. There were no habitations, and the only inhabitants were Maoris. Things had changed very materially. He referred briefly to the Board's overdraft, hoping the Government would assist them, spoke of the economy of the Board's management, and thanked the local authorities for their invitation to the members of the Board to attend that day.

Mr. W. H.' Field, member for Otaki, spoke briefly on the need for Government assisting Education Boards in general, and the Wellington Board in particular, as far as it legitimately could, and Mr. A. W. Hogg, member for Masterton, said a few words to the same effect. He had hoped to see the school built of brick instead of wood, believing that the wooden age was passing, but the Board had not the money.

The Premier then received the key of the new building from the Chairman of the School Committee, was cheered by the assembly — which also gave cheers for Mr. Bradey and Mr. Field— and Mr. Seddon then unlocked the doors, and the whole party inspected the interior. Later on tea was served in one of the big class-rooms. The Premier and the city party returned to town by the 5.15 train.

The new . school can accommodate something like five hundred children, and it was built by Messrs. J. and A. Wilson, of Wellington, from plans prepared by Messrs. T. Turnbull and Son, at a cost of about £2400.

Last evening a musical and dramatic entertainment was given in the Oddfellows' Hall in celebration of the opening of the school by the Roseneath Musical and Dramatic Club and the newly-formed. Hutt Orchestral Society. The hall was packed. The concert part of the proceedings included items by Misses A. O'Brien, Young, and A. Coombe, Messrs. A. Gordon, J. Elias, J. Sinclair, R. Brewer, G. Weller, H. Fraser, H. Sinclair, W. Watts, and Sawtell. The dramatic side consisted of a performance of the one-act comedy "Bowled Out " the characters being, effectively taken by Misses V. O'Brien, J. Gordon, B. Highet, Messrs. N. Hales, H. Fraser, G. Weller, and W. Highet. The entertainment was well arranged and heartily enjoyed.

10th September 1903 The bazaar in connection with raising funds for a tennis ground and cricket ground for the Hutt school was opened by Mr Wilford, MHR., yesterday afternoon. The exhibits and articles for sale were excellently arranged.

19th September 1903 Yesterday representations were made to the Minister for Education by Mr Wilford regarding the financial position of the Wellington Education Hoard. The member for the Hurt pointed out that there wore sums owing by the-Board, even for fencing work at the Lower Hutt school, and labourers who depended upon their weekly earnings for actual living were being kept out of their money through the impoverished state of the Board's exchequer. The Minister promised that he would grant the Board £1000 as an advance against the special building vote for schools in new districts.

23rd September 1903 In a long article on the poverty state of the Wellington Education Board The total amount due on the Hutt. School alone runs to £1050. The situation 'is admitted to be critical and is probably unprecedented in the history of educational administration in this colony.

9th October 1903 Hutt River Board It was decided that the Board's valuer, Mr G. H. Scales, should confer with the .Education Board, regarding land required for street widening at the Lower Hutt School residence

30th October 1903 Wellington Education Board The Board formally agreed that tin proceeds of the sale of the old school site at the Hutt should ho sot against the cost of the new site recently purchased there

1904

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1904	262	Hutt	Ballachey	Ernest H	B2	Assistant Master
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1904	262	Hutt	Burnley	Alice M		FP5

1904	262	Hutt	Gamble	Frank W		MP3
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29th January 1904 Frank Gamble approved of as a pupil teacher at Hutt by the inspector

24th March 1904 Mr E King resigns as a teacher at Hutt

29th March 1904 Wellington Education Board New Schools included The Petone Schoolhouse, which has now been practically rebuilt at a cost of £2730. provides convenient and adequate room for 805 pupils. The Hutt School property having been taken by the Borough Council for street and river improvements, the Board had to purchase a site elsewhere and erect new buildings. , The site cost £650 and the school buildings £2610.

At the Epuni Hamlet a new building has been erected at a cost of £817 . The school has now 115 children on the roll with an average attendance of 91

30th September 1904 Secondary Education in WELLINGTON Wellington Education Board The School Inspectors recommended the renting of a temporary building somewhere between Petone and the Hutt, until such time as a permanent building could be provided, pointing out that there was insufficient accommodation at either of the primary schools for Secondary classes. Mr. McDowell however, moved that the present Hutt School should be raised' to the status of a District High School, but the motion was not' seconded. Eventually a motion by Mr. Field was carried, authorising the Chairman and Inspectors to select a room or rooms in or in the vicinity of the Lower Hutt for the purposes of a District High School, and that application be made to the Government for a grant for rent. .

1st October 1904 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 The inspector's report was then read. This agreed with the need for a high school in the district. The Petone school was overcrowded in two rooms, but the Hutt school had ample accommodation for primary education. But it had to be distinctly understood that no district high school could be established where it was detrimental to primary education. The inspector was in favour of the establishment of a district high school in a separate building. He was quite sure it would do the Wellington schools no harm. The inspector's report was adopted.

5th October 1904 The seeming intention of the Education Board to give prior consideration to the Lower Hutt's requests in the matter of a High School was criticised at last night's meeting of the Petone Technical School Board, and a resolution was passed, on the motion of Mr. R. Mothes, seconded by Mr. W. G. Loader, affirming that it is absolutely necessary in the interests of the secondary education that a District High School should be established at Petone. It was stated that Petone's request had gone before the Hutt's. Further, the Rev. A. Thomson averred that Petone had gone through all the necessary statutory formalities and gone to the Board with full and reliable data — steps the Hutt had not taken at all. There were 1100 children attending school at Petone, as against 300 at the Hutt, but the idea at the Hutt apparently was : "We must get in ahead of Petone." As a result of representation!! made by him (Mr. Thomson) sines last meeting of the Education Board, the Chairman of the Board (Mr. Robert Lee) was the Chief Inspector , (Mr. T. Fleming) had inspected, with him, Mr. T. Price's property at Petone, which was in the market. They were greatly struck with its suitability for a High School, and a splendid offer had been made the Education Board to sell

it the large house and land. The opportunity was an exceptionally good one and should not be allowed to pass by. During the discussion last night it was suggested that a protest should be made against the Hutt being given the preference over Petone, but Mr. Loader urged that an emphatic affirmation of the absolute necessity of a High School in Petone would be better, and in this view the meeting concurred

6th October 1904 A paragraph published in last night's Post contained references to remarks made at the previous evening's meeting of the Petone Technical School Board regarding the request for the establishing of a High School in the Lower Hutt. At the Petone meeting the Rev. A. Thomson averred "that Petone had gone through all the necessary statutory formalities and gone to the Board with full and reliable dates — steps the Hutt had not taken at all." Mr. W. Judd, Chairman of the Lower Hutt School Committee, asks us to state that Mr. Thomson is incorrect in his statements. The Hutt Committee not only made its application before the Petone Committee's request was sent in, but the application was also in conformity with the directions set down in the Act. The Education Board referred the Hutt Committee's application to its Inspectors on the 25th August, and considered the Inspectors' report on, the 29th September,,

24th October 1904 Mr Denis Heenan, who had lived in Dunedin for many years, having carried on business - there as a produce merchant, died on Thursday last, _ aged seventy-five years. Away back in the fifties Mr Heenan was a school teacher at Lower Hutt.

26th October 1904 Dissatisfied, apparently, with the action of the Education Board, which, on the advice of its inspectors, decided that one central High School for the Hutt district would meet the needs of the case, a Petone deputation yesterday interviewed the Minister for Education and asked for assistance in the purchase of a property for the purposes of a High School for Petone. It was urged that the Petone School was overcrowded, and that there were sixty-five pupils ready to receive higher education. Mr. Seddon said he was willing to assist in giving all the facilities for higher education provided for by Act, and he asked to be supplied with details of the proposed scheme of acquiring property, in order that he might bring it before Cabinet.

29th November 1904 The Claims of Petone and Hutt

Considerable controversy is taking place with regard to proposals put forward for providing secondary education facilities at Lower Hutt and Petone, and it will be interesting at this juncture to set out the exact position of affairs. About two months ago the Lower Hutt School Committee applied to the Board for the establishment of a district high school. The application was referred to the chairman and inspectors to report upon at the next meeting of the Board. At the next meeting, a deputation from the Petone School Committee waited on the Board and applied for a district high school for Petone. That request was also referred to the chairman and inspectors to report upon, and eventually, after receiving both reports, the Board recommended to the Government that district high schools be established both at Lower Hutt and Petone. In the meantime a deputation from Petone had waited on the Premier as Minister for Education and extracted 'from him a promise of a subsidy of £200 for the purposes of a high school (not a district high school) at Petone. Subsequently a Petone deputation waited on the Board and put that promise of £200 before it. The deputation also asked the Board to purchase Price's building for £2200, the £200 from the Government to be the deposit, and the Board to take up the liability of the balance of £2000. The Board pointed out to the deputation

that it could not acquire land or buildings for high school purposes, as a high school would have to be under the management of a Board of Governors, and the Board, had nothing to 'do with the school except recommending its establishment or otherwise. No reply has been received from the Government to the Board's recommendation for the establishment of district high schools at Petone and Lower Hutt, except that a letter has been received from the Premier informing the Board that the sum of £200 is available for the Petone High School when the Board intimates that a building has been acquired. At the last meeting of the Board, another Petone deputation urged that Price's building should be acquired for the purposes of the district high school. The Board pointed out that the Government had not given permission to establish a district high school at Petone or Lower Hutt, and until such sanction had been given the Board could do nothing in the matter. The opponents of the proposal to establish a high school proper at Petone point out that the cost would be very heavy, even on the basis of £2200 for Price's building, as another £1000 would have to be expended in alterations and equipment ; whereas, if a district high school were established, it would be attached to the primary school, and the small amount of increased accommodation necessary could be provided at very small cost, as is done at other places, such as Masterton and Pahiatua. Further, Price's building would, it is urged, be altogether too expensive for district high school purposes, besides being too remote from the primary school, to which a district high school has to be attached. Mr. Field, M.H.R., who is a member of the Board, speaking to a Post representative on the subject, said he thought there was room for a High School at Petone. In default of that, however, the Hutt Valley was becoming so thickly populated as to justify the establishment of District High Schools both at Petone and Lower Hutt. His view of the subject was that if only one District High School was established it should be at the Lower Hutt, as being more central. He understood that Price's building was very suitable for the purpose, and as the cost was low he thought the opportunity of securing it should not be lost. But that was a matter for the Government, and not for the Board, on account of the state of its finances. He would be quite willing to see a High School at Petone and a District High School at Lower Hutt. Mr. J. Robertson, another member of the Education Board, said the Lower Hutt was in the 'fortunate position of having spare room in the school for secondary education purposes. He considered that Mr. Price acted in a very public-spirited way in offering his building for educational purposes at a lower price than he would have taken for any other purpose. Where the hitch had occurred was that when the Premier intimated that £200 had been allocated, he used the words "High School." Mr. Robertson thought the Education Department was annoyed at the Premier having given £200 without consulting it, because at the October meeting of the Board the Petone deputation informed the Board that the Premier had promised £200, and yet just previously a letter had been read from the Department stating that nothing could be done in the matter before Christmas. If a High School was established at Petone there could not be a District High School at Lower Hutt, because a District High School could not be established within three miles of a High School. Mr. Robertson favoured the claims of Petone for facilities for secondary education. Wellington College had not sufficient room for free scholars under the Act, and at Petone there were from 50 to 60 pupils ready to go into the school as soon as it was opened. His sympathies, he added, were with the people of Petone, for the reason that there was a large artisan population there, while at Lower Hutt there was

a better-to-do population, who would probably not send their children to a District High School if it were established.

8th December 1904 Wellington Education Board that the passage of the Hutt School residence be papered;

9th December 1904 DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.

HUTT VERSUS PETONE. BOTH SUBURBS MAY HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL.

Again yesterday the Education Board had before it the question of the establishment of District High Schools at Petone and Lower Hutt, a matter which has been the cause of much, tribulation between the Board and those concerned, and has even reached the ear of the Minister for Education.,

The following letter was read from Mr. Seddon, as Minister -for 'Education" :— "With reference to .previous correspondence on the subject of secondary education at Petone and the Hutt, I am given to understand that those interested and the Board of Education are of the opinion that the local circumstances render the establishment of District High Schools preferable. I therefore beg. to inform the Board that the sum of £200 is available to be applied towards the purchase of Price's, laud and building at Petone for a District High School, and beyond this the Government are not further committed. The amount named is now available for the purpose stated. " I also have to inform the Board that ' the ',Government, believing there, is room for the establishment of District High Schools at both Petone and the Hutt, have approved of the establishment of such schools at both places."

Mr. McDonald expressed gratification at the statement that the Government approved of both suburbs having high schools but took exception to the impossible conditions imposed in the case of Petone. He was not prepared to accept the Ministers offer under the conditions named, which would pledge the Beard 'to the expenditure of J320U0 for the purchase of the 'site, and probably another £500 in preparing the building for the purposes of a High School. He moved, how over, that a District - High School be established at Lower Hutt after the expiration of the Christmas holidays. Mr. Buchau.au had his doubts about the Board acting hurriedly in this matter. What did the communication of the Minister mean? The £200, as understood it, would secure the option of the land, but if the Board went on with the purchase it would have to find security for payment of the balance, and pay interest, while further expenditure- would be required to put the building into condition. It seemed to him a most harrowing business. A committee of the Board ought to interview the Minister and get further information. As he understood the position, the land in question was in the hands of a syndicate, which had offered it to the Board. He was not sufficiently satisfied to give a. vote without further consideration. Mr. Hogg moved that District High Schools be established r.t Petone and the Hutt, subject to the School Committees finding the necessary accommodation. £c did not see why the Board should involve itself with land and buildings. The Government had offered £200, and why should the Board take responsibility which the Government had refused, to take? Let the Committees make their own arrangements. . : ' On a vote being taken, Mr. McDonald's motion was carried, and the Hutt thus secures its, school, there being already sufficient, accommodation in the present school building. As regards Petone, Mr. Feist said he approved of Mr. Buchanan's suggestion. They should wait on the Minister. Mr. Allan thought the Government proposal was with better consideration. The purchase of this property

would remove the existing pressure at the Petone School and provide for some years to come. The proposed building would not want much alteration, if any. Mr. Hogg opposed another begging expedition to the Minister. He was told that "it was absurd to suppose that a private residence could be converted into a High School without expense, and the position he took up was" that the Board had no right to mortgage any portion of its "funds for the redemption of a purchase of the kind suggested. He moved that a District High School be established at Petone subject to the committee finding the accommodation) Mr. McDonald wondered •whether the Government would allow the £200 grant to be used for the purpose of finding accommodation — not necessarily in the building suggested, but where the Board might consider expedient. It might be suggested to the Minister. The Chairman said that when he and the Inspector saw +he is building they were of opinion that it would be suitable for temporary purposes, but they did not then entertain the idea of purchasing it. The Board had to keep a tight rein on its expenditure for months to come, in view of engagements already made with regard to new school buildings. Finally Mr. Buchanan moved that a deputation consisting of the Chairman, Messrs. Allan, McDonald, and Robertson,

1905

1905	332	Hutt DHS	Yeats	Duncan M	D1	Head Master	£ 266.12
1905	332	Hutt DHS	Ballachey B A	Ernest H	B2	Ass. Master	£ 170.00
1905	332	Hutt DHS	Forbes	Emma L Stuart	E1	Mistress	£ 120.00
1905	332	Hutt DHS	Latham	Robert	D4	Ass Master	£ 100.00
1905	332	Hutt DHS	Meager	Clara	E2`	Ass. Female	£ 85.00
1905	332	Hutt DHS	Burnley	Alice M		FP5	£ 55.00
1905	332	Hutt DHS	Taylor	Cuthbert H		MP3	£ 40.00
1905	332	Hutt DHS	Thompson	Florence		FP1	£ 20.00
1905	332	Hutt DHS	Lyne BA	C J		Secondary	

DHS stands for District High School. Most areas had DHS schools before High Schools or Colleges were introduced. These schools were administered by the School Committee and Primary School Principal with dedicated secondary school teachers appointed. Most were on the same site as the primary school

21st January 1905 HUTT DISTRICT HIGH SOHOOL.

HIGH SOHOOL Classes will be commenced on TUESDAY,. 24th January, 1905. Subjects to be taught— Latin, Algebra, Euclid, Science, Bookkeeping, Arithmetic , and English Literature

W. JUDD, Chairman Hutt School Committee.

21st January 1905 Letter in the Evening Post

Sir,—In to-night's Post a local appears stating that " the establishment of a District High School for the Hutt is now an accomplished fact, thanks to the efforts of the local School Committee, and it is expected that a fairly large number of pupils, most of whom would have had to come into town to receive the benefit* of higher education, will be enrolled." Now, sir, could you inform me where in Wellington these children could have received the same benefits on the same terms as they will enjoy at the Hutt. In all the towns of Now Zealand, with any pretensions, excepting Wellington, provision has been made for giving secondary

education to children who have complied with the conditions set out in the regulations. The Empire City, where we are always boasting of our progress, alone lags behind. Many boys and girls from twelve years old have worked hard and gained the proficiency certificate, and now find that the expected reward is denied them. What an encouragement for them -to strive to excel I True there is a proposal to give a Secondary" technical " course — an excellent thing for those who desire it, but many of the children have their eyes set on Victoria College, and what of them? The natural progression for these would be to such an institution as the Wellington College. It- appears, however, that they are not wanted there. The opinion is held pretty generally — whether rightly or wrongly— that- the governing body of Unit establishment wish to keep it exclusively for the song of the " nobs and snobs of our city. If there are people who wish their boys to be educated at a " select " school, by all means let their wish be granted, but let them pay for their fad, and the governors surrender their endowments granted by the public I have tried to discover exactly the extent of this college* endowments and the return from them, but without success. Could you, sir, inform the public on this point, and also publish the last balance-sheet of the college It may prove illuminating. To turn now to the Wellington Education Board and the city School Committees — Do they recognise their duty to the children ? Some time ago there was talk of establishing secondary classes at two of the city schools— the Terrace and Mount Cook. What has become of that proposal? I would point out that the schools reassemble next week, and I presume those children who have passed the seventh standard will have to start again in; seventh course de novo with those who at last examination passed the sixth, and if they continue through the year they thus practically lose it year of their school life. I would again remind you, sir, that this is the "Empire City," and would ask you on behalf of the children to agitate this truly democratic matter, and not let faith be broken with our future citizens. Meanwhile time flies. — I am, etc., PONEKE. 17th January, 1905. [The Post has from the beginning championed the cause of the excluded children, our latest protest being continued in an editorial of 7th ult.]

23rd January 1905 The population of the Lower Hutt borough shows an increase for the five years of 1211

25th January 1905 The Petone and Lower Hutt District High Schools started yesterday, the former with a roll of 47 pupils, and the latter with 26 pupils. Mr. Eustace King M.A. has charge of the Petone class and Mr. Yeats, Headmaster at the Hutt School, is taking charge temporarily of the local secondary class. It is understood that the Petone School Committee is endeavouring to get the members of the Education Board to visit Petone tomorrow morning to inspect the State School — where Mr. Home is said to be finding great difficulty in housing the large army of children — and also Price's building, which is advocated as being suitable for the purposes of the District High School.

24th February 1905 The Education Board yesterday accepted the following resignations from the teaching staff F. W. Gamble, Hutt, from 6th February..... Florence Thompson and Cuthbert Henderson have been selected as Pupil Teachers at Hutt

31st March 1905 Wellington Education Board A committee was set up to deal with the question of teacher* and salaries of the District High Schools. The secretary mentioned that it was proposed that the Terrace and Newtown Schools should each have a male teacher at

£240 and a female teacher at £150, while the proposed salaries for the other schools were: Petone £210, Levin £110, Hutt £150, Greytown £200.

4th May 1905 Hutt Borough Council The chairman of the Hutt School Committee wrote asking that the Committee be allowed to have about fifteen loads of the gravel removed from Parliament Street for blinding some of the rough part of the playground. It was decided to reply that the Committee may have the gravel free of cost.

21st August 1905 Rugby: Clyde quay School defeated the Hutt School by 24 points to nil. Clyde quay School wins the championship for the year

6th June 1905 Mr. C. J. Lyne, B A. late of St. Patrick's College staff, has been appointed second assistant at the Hutt District High School

7th June 1905 Mr. C. J. Lyne, B.A., has been appointed master in charge of the secondary department of the District High School at the Hutt, not second assistant master, as stated yesterday

26th August 1905 It is announced that the next term of Miss O. Hayden's private school at St. James's Schoolroom, Lower Hutt, is to begin on the 14th prox.

1906

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1906	372	Hutt DHS	Ballachey B A	Ernest H	B2	Assistant Master	£ 205.00
1906	372	Hutt DHS	Forbes	Emma L Stuart	E1	Assistant Female	£ 135.00
1906	372	Hutt DHS	Meager	Clara	E2`	Assistant Female	£ 135.00
1906	372	Hutt DHS	Latham	Robert	D4	Assistant Master	£ 110.00
1906	372	Hutt DHS	Taylor	Cuthbert H		MP4	£ 55.00
1906	372	Hutt DHS	Eager	Olive		FP1	£ 45.00
1906	372	Hutt DHS	Thompson	F L		FP2	£ 35.00
1906	372	Hutt DHS	Livingstone BA	F		Secondary	
1906	372	Hutt DHS	Lyne BA	C J		Secondary	

1st March 1906 In a long article on Agricultural Education was this snippet At the Hutt there is neither laboratory nor ground space suitable for a garden at present. The price of land in the immediate vicinity of the school is £1100 per acre.[£188, 840,35 in September 2019]

2nd March 1906 The Lower Hutt District High School Committee has confirmed the Education Board's selection of Miss Fanny Livingston, B.A., of Dunedin, as assistant in the District High School at the Hutt.

9th March 1906 The Government has recognised under the cadet regulations No. 3 Wellington Public School Cadet Battalion, until the following officers:—Major Burlinson, late major of the Otago No. 3 Battalion, to command the battalion Finlay Bethune ,commanding the Johnsonville Public School Cadets, to be adjutant; and D. M. Yeates [Sic] , headmaster of the Hutt District High School, to be quartermaster.

19th March 1906 At the Hutt school on Friday afternoon the annual distribution of prizes for regular attendance took place. Among those present were Mr Robert Lee (chairman of the Education Board), Mr T. W. McDonald (Mayor of the Hutt and -a member of the Board), and Mr Judd (chairman of the School Committee). After a short address to the scholars, Mr Lee distributed the prizes as follows;

First-class (not once absent). —High School—Leonard Emeny, Leonard Webley, Albert Webley. Standard VI. Harry Barlow, Raymond Baker. Standard V.—Mabel Pole, George Lowe. Standard IV.—Rita Maule, George Lowe. Standard III.—Lucy Williams, Norman Hopple, George Webley.

Second-class (not more than five half days' absence in the year) High School—Ethel Pole. John Sinclair, Fred Nash. Standard VI.—Connie Whitton, Hortense Speedy. Standard IV.—Ross Fleet, Raymond Pinny. Standard III —Olive Walker, Lily Pole, Willie Barlow, diaries Pole. Standard II. George Osborne. Standard I.—Ewen Taylor, Major Wilson, Stoddart Wilson, Charles Osborne. Infants Sidney Hobbs.

Third-class (not more than ten half days absent ill the year).—High School —Thomas Langford. Standard VI. Given Whitton, Llewellyn Gwilliam. Standard V.—Janet Spilman. James Wilson. Standard IV.—Percy Judd. Louis Judd, Harry Wengdall, Sylvia Pringle. Standard III.—Edward Purser, Sidney Stratton, Charles Seager, Standard II.—Madge Whitton, Gwen Stevens, May Stratton, Oliver Burt, Bertie Lawrence. Standard I.—Marjorie Mason, Mary Seager, Edith Hepple, Edith Bennett, Mabel Abbott Cyril Fleet. Infants—Ethel Stratton, Percy Bowers.

19th July 1906 Census Results Hutt Male 1,805 Female 1,599 Petone 3,076 2,731 Onslow 1,069 1,029 Wellington 30,146 28,406 Eastbourne 193 160

28th September 1906 Wellington Education Board HUTT VALLEY SCHOOLS.

The committee appointed to consider the educational needs of the Hutt Valley reported—The committee, having visited the district in company with the Minister of Education and the Inspector-General of Schools, and also having met the chairmen of the Petone and Hutt School Committees, report:—(1) That a new school should be built on the Wilford estate, at the end of White's Line, as a second school for Petone; (2) that a new site be acquired on the east side of the Hutt bridge, as a side school for the Lower Hutt. This the committee recommend as a provision for the future educational needs of the valley; The main school at the Hutt will eventually be built on the site to be acquired for side school, and the present Hutt school be converted into a high school for the Hutt Valley.

In speaking to the report Mr Allan said that from Taita to the sea there was an estimated population of 12,000 people, Petone was going ahead rapidly, and itself would very soon boast a population of 11,000 or 12,000. The population of the Hutt beyond Taita was also increasing, and it was only a matter of time when they would have to make school provision higher up the Valley. He objected to the High School ever being moved from Petone, indeed he looked forward to- the time when there would be a high school at the Hutt as well. With regard to the site offered to the Board on the Wilford estate, Mr Allan said he had been informed that it was low-lying and could not be properly drained. This opinion had come from an expert. The discussion was adjourned for a month. '[See Petone School for more discussion on school sites]

9th October 1906 Hutt Borough Council Applications by the Hutt School Cricket Club for a match and practice pitch on the recreation ground, and the Hutt School Old Boys* Cricket Club for a practice pitch, were referred to the Reserves Committee.

7th November 1906 Miss N Macey appointed assistant In 1904 Nellie M S Macey was at Greytown School. In 1906-1906 was at Kereru School in the Horowhenua and then spent 5 years at Hutt DHS

6th September 1911 The engagement is announced of Miss Nellie M. S. Macey, daughter of Mr. W. H. Macey, Blenheim, to Mr. John J. Rodgers, son of Captain Rodgers, Upper Hutt.

6th November 1906 Petone, 905; Newtown, 888; Te Aro, 718.; Clyde quay, 664; South 'Wellington, 584; Terrace, .606; Mount Cook (boys'), 363; Mount Cook (girls'), 351; Normal School, 403; Mount Cook (infants'), 396; Brooklyn, ,494; Masterton, 748; Pahiatua, 278; Levin, 349; Hutt, 376; Kilbirnie, 231; Greytown, 245; Carterton, 273; Karori, 164; Johnsonville, 197; Mitchelltown, 142; Wadestown, 110; Kaiwarra, 101; Island Bay, 147; Khandallah, 78

29th November 1906 Mr R Latham resigned. Only Taught for the Wellington Education Board at Hutt School

14th December 1906 Wellington Education Board Approved Hutt District High School, tables for secondary department.....The following recommendations of the Sites Committee were adopted:— Brooklyn—That application be made to the department for amount of purchase money of section adjoining the school. ' Hutt, Miramar, Maranui—That the question of sites be considered at the January meeting.

14th December 1906 HUTT AND PETONE SCHOOLS SITES TO BE ADVERTISED FOR.,

“Report re educational needs of Hutt Valley” was one of the items on the order paper before the Wellington Education Board yesterday. When this matter was reached, the chairman, Mr R. Lee, moved that consideration should be deferred until the January; meeting. This was_ agreed to. The chairman also gave notice that ho would move at the next meeting that the question of the site for the second primary school for Petone, which had already been decided by the Board, should be reconsidered. .

The matter of education in the Hutt came up again in the report of the • Sites Committee. The committee recommended that the question of the site for a secondary school at Lower Hutt should be held over till the January meeting.

Mr T. W. McDonald objected to further postponing this matter. It had been before the Board now for about twelve mouths. Several of the members of the Board had gone to the Hutt the day before in order to inspect a site. Ho, Mr McDonald, had purposely not accompanied the party, in order to facilitate its deliberations; but it seemed that, whether ho was there or not, the committee was unable to arrive at a decision. He considered the Board should have come to a conclusion after visiting the site. If the site was suitable and the Board considered the price too high ; the Board would wait until the price became higher still. That was what it amounted to. The delay was, in his opinion, unnecessary. The Board had passed a resolution that a secondary school should ho erected, and the nest thing to do was to select a site.

Mr A. H. Vile preferred to defer consideration. He considered it desirable to advertise for other offers of land for the site.

Mr A.- W. Hogg said he had seen the proposed site. An acre was offered to the Board for £000. That appeared to him to be too high a price. That was the only offer submitted for the Board's consideration. He had seen at the Hutt a number of paddocks which were entirely unimproved and which ought to be as suitable as the section offered. It was very desirable that other offers should be invited.

Mr McDonald: Move in that direction, and I won't object.

Mr Hogg: I will do that.

Mr Lee said one of the results of the visit of members of the Board to the Hutt on the preceding day was that they came to the conclusion that the site for the new school must be on the eastern side of the river, and not more, or very little more, than half a mile from the Hutt bridge. He moved that the Board should invite offers of sites at Lower Hutt on the eastern side of the river and within half a mile of the bridge.

The motion was carried.

1907

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1907	400	Hutt DHS	Ballachey B A	Ernest H	B2	Assistant Master	£205.00
1907	400	Hutt DHS	Meager	Clara	E2`	Assistant Female	£135.00
1907	400	Hutt DHS	Forbes	Emma L Stuart	E1	Assistant Female	£135.00
1907	400	Hutt DHS	Rodgers	John		Assistant Master	\$99.00
1907	400	Hutt DHS	Macey	Nellie M S	E3	Assistant Female	\$80.00
1907	400	Hutt DHS	Kibblewhite	Bruce M		MP3	\$55.00
1907	400	Hutt DHS	Thomson	Florence		FP3	\$45.00
1907	400	Hutt DHS	Caverhill	Kath I		MP2	\$35.00
1907	400	Hutt DHS	Livingstone BA	Fanny R		Secondary	
1907	400	Hutt DHS	Lyne BA	Christopher		Secondary	

Note: Kath I Caverhill's notes are as listed in the official published records. It is certain that it was Kathleen Caverhill's record. There were 2 Kathleen Caverhill's working for the Wellington Education Board at this time One Kathleen I and the Other Kathleen M

1890/2507	Caverhill	Kathleen Isabel	Amy Laura	Thomas William
1892/2146	Caverhill	Kathleen Mary	Adeline Mary	Charles Robert

18th January 1907 Hutt River Board Permission was granted Hutt school boys to bathe in the river near the school, under the supervision of a master, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock. Cancellation of the permission will follow any irregularity

21st January 1907 Indignation meeting at Petone included The White's Line site was condemned no less strongly by the Hutt School Committee as being entirely unsuitable. Another site was then, proposed, two acres of land being offered in the Wilford Settlement, part of the land purchased from Divan Bros, for the erection of workers' homes.

22nd March 1907 Wellington Education Board The Minister's sanction to the sale of the Hutt School teacher's -residence was received, the proceeds to be paid into the public account. It was decided to take steps to effect the sale.

26th July 1907 . The Education Board has deferred to a future meeting consideration of a letter from the chairman of the Hutt School Committee recommending that the site recently used for a teacher's residence should have an infant school built on it, and have an adjoining site purchased for a playground.

30th August 1907 The command of the First Wellington Public School Cadet Battalion, rendered vacant by the resignation of Major Foster, has been filled by the appointment of Mr F. A. Hempleman. The position was offered to Mr A. C. Blake, but he declined, and the Education Board yesterday decided to recommend Mr Hempleman. Lieutenants Henry

Barlow and Gordon Trevithick, [Presumably Pupils] of the Hutt school, have resigned their commissions in the Third Battalion, and Mr Bruce Kibblewhite (teacher) and Colour-sergeant L. G. William, will be recommended for the vacancies.

10th September 1907 Hutt Borough Council A letter from Mr Yeats, applying for a practice ground and match pitch on the Recreation Reserve, for the use of the Hutt District High School Cricket Club, was referred to the Recreation Committee

4th October 1907 Wellington Education Board It was decided, subject to the consent of the Minister. to give a strip of land about 12 feet wide on the eastern side. and part of the present Hutt School site for street, widening purposes.

25th October 1907 Mr C J Lyne resigned

26th October 1907 The resignation of Mr. C. J. Lyne, assistant at the Hutt District High School, was considered on Thursday in committee by the Education Board, who decided to hold it over until the end of the year. [Still teaching at Hutt DHS in 1908]

22nd November 1907 Wellington Education Board Yesterday the Education Board granted leave of absence to Mr Yeats, headmaster of the Hutt School, from November 12th to the Christmas holidays;

13th December 1907 The question of the establishment of a new school at Eastern Hutt was considered by the Education Board yesterday. The truant officer reported that he had made a canvass of the district and had reported that there were 315 children in the area which would be served by the new school. Of this number about sixty were under five years of age 156 were attending the Hutt District High School; 32 at Epuni; 29 at the Roman Catholic School; 19 at a private school; 5 at the Wellington Girls' High School, and 2 at the Terrace School, Wellington. It was estimated that four rooms would be required, and the question at issue was, whether the new building should be classed as a separate school, or a side department of the main school. It was finally decided to hold over the matter until the next meeting, and in the meantime a sub-committee, consisting of the Chairman (Mr. Lee), Captain McDonald, Messrs. A H. Vile, and William Allen would go into the whole question and prepare a report.

1908

1908	456	Hutt DHS	Yeats	Duncan M	D1	Head Master	£310.00
1908	456	Hutt DHS	Ballachey	Ernest H	B1	Assistant Master	£215.00
1908	456	Hutt DHS	Forbes	Emma L Stuart	E1	Assistant Female	£145.00
1908	456	Hutt DHS	Meager	Clara	E2'	Assistant Female	£140.00
1908	456	Hutt DHS	Rodgers	John	Lic	Assistant Master	£109.50
1908	456	Hutt DHS	Macey	Nellie M S	E3	Assistant Female	£105.00
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1908	456	Hutt DHS	Thomson	Florence		FP4	£50.00
1908	456	Hutt DHS	Caverhill	Kathleen		FP3	£45.00
1908	456	Hutt DHS	Speedy	Margaret		FP3	£45.00
1908	456	Hutt DHS	Livingstone BA	Fanny R		Secondary	
1908	456	Hutt DHS	Lyne BA	Christopher J	B3	Secondary	

30th January 1908 In connection with the Lower Hutt School, it is likely that the Education Board will recommend the establishment of a main school upon the new site recently selected instead of a side school

7th February 1908 At a meeting in the Lower Hutt school last evening, attended by teachers, members of the committee, and several parents, arrangements in connection with, the annual school treat were made. Decision as to locality was postponed. The 21st inst. was fixed provisionally as the date of the picnic. Canvassers were appointed. Mr R. Y. Shearer chairman of the School Committee, presided.

9th March 1908 LAWN TENNIS. , Terrace District High School met Lower Hutt school at tennis on the latter's court on Saturday, winning the singles and losing the doubles. Results, the Terrace player being mentioned first in each case: Singles- Eva Stevens—Alice Box, 20—22; Carol McColl—Elsie Gunter, 19—20, Edna Burr—Ellen Macaskill, 20—20. Nora Fernandez—Grace Hosie, 20—U ; Gladys Worboys—Elsie Treseder, 20—7, Sylvia Cederholm—Myrite Jones, 20—10. Totals—149—126.

25th March 1908 Petone Technical School new building: the Petone and Lower Hutt school cadet corps are to be asked to form a guard of honour on the occasion

3rd April 1908 PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

This afternoon was an important one for the children attending the Lower Hutt School, the occasion being the annual presentation of prizes. These, to the number of 106, were presented at 2 o'clock in the infant room by Mr. Aitken, M.P., acting chairman of the Education Board. The quality of the work in the sewing competitions and the general standard of efficiency of the scholars who took part in the drill competitions reflected credit upon the headmaster, Mr. Yates, [Sic] and his staff of assistants.

Following is the prize-list : —

Infant Room. — Headmaster's special prizes. — Best singing. Standard I. — Ida Trim, 1 ; infants— Queenie Keay and Madge Shearer. Best recitation, Standard 1. — Boys, Eric Home I, Walter Hall 2 ; girls, Muriel Frethey 1 ; infants, Dora Curtis 1.

Standard I. — Mr. Wallace James's prize for best boy, Gordon Mason ; Mr. Steppen Strand's prize for best girl, Nellie Meade.

Standard III.— Mr. H. J. Jenkins's trophy for mental arithmetic (Boys), Alfred Mills ; Mr. W. J. Eddie's prize for best writing (boys), Thomas McIntyre.

Standard IV. — Mr. Bridger's trophy for mental arithmetic (boy's), Briton Matthews; Mr. Johnson's prize for best writing (boys), Richard Burt.

Standard V. — Mr. Edwards's prize for best sewing, May Cottle. •

Secondary Classes. — Mr. Bowie's trophy for mental arithmetic — Seniors, Llewellyn Gwilliam ; ' juniors, Daisy Gardner.

Sewing Prizes. — Standard II. — Janet McIlvride, 1; Ethel Atkinson, 2. Standard III. — Marjory Mason, 1 ; Edith . Hepple, 2. Standard IV. — Madge Whitton, 1 ; Mabel Clort, 2. Standard V.— May Cottle , (Mr. Edwards's special prize), 1 ; Madge York, 2. Standard VI.— Gladys Strand, 1 ; Ruby Monte, 2.

Drill Prizes. — Non-coms. — Col.-Sergeant Macastill, 1 ; Lance-corporal Mason, 2. Cadets. — Standard V. — Fred. I Wheeler, 1 ; Edward Purser, 2. Standard VI.— Roy Lawton, 1 Geoffrey Osborne, 2. |

Attendance Prizes. — (Only the names of those pupils who have not missed one half day are recorded.) — Standard II.— Nancy Law, Ethel Stratton. Standard III— Major Wilson, Stoddard Wilson, Edith Hepple, Elsie Hazelwood. Standard IV. — Norman Hepple, George Webley. Standard VI. — George Lowe, Percy Judd. Secondary Classes. — Ethel Box.

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10th April 1908 THE NEW HUTT SCHOOL. The recommendation of certain members of the Wellington Education Board, to the effect that an additional school should be erected at the Lower Hutt, about a mile away from the present institution, is viewed in a different light! by a large section of Hutt residents, who consider that the new school should be in the form of a side school, to accommodate scholars up to Standard III. It is contended that the proposed procedure on the part of the board would result in a large portion of senior pupils being drawn from the present- school, thus creating two comparatively weak schools. The present attendance at the public school is 450; in the secondary division, 30

27th April 1908 The election of the Hutt School Committee takes place tonight, when an interesting contest is expected

13th May 1908 The first meeting of the new Lower Hutt School Committee was held last night, Mr. T. H. Wilson being in the chair, and Messrs. Barlow, Jenkins, Buck, McCaskill, Hendry, Shield, A Webley (hon. secretary) being present. The chairman reported that the committee started the year with a credit 'balance of £22, and 'capitation amounting to, £32 16s. -1(1. brought the balance up to £54 odd. The Education Board wrote, with reference to insurance of school buildings, and asked the committee to see that no dry growth- was allowed near the building. It was resolved that the Board should be asked to have a supply of water laid on to one or two points. The headmaster's report' was read, giving the attendance as 433 on a roll of 494, -and drawing attention to the increasing want of accommodation in the buildings under the committee's control. The children residing on the west side of the river number 248, and those on the east side numbered 250. These were accommodated in the building 1 which was adapted for 400 pupils. There had been an increase of 67 pupils since the beginning of the present year. He suggested- a separate building for the infants, as even if the King's Road School were built there would still be overcrowding in the main school. The rent paid for the temporary secondary school building represented the interest on a capital value of £1100. The opinion was freely expressed that something must be done to do away with the overcrowding, especially in the infant department and it was considered that it was impossible to bring back the High School pupils to the main schools, even if the King's Road School was built. It was resolved that the Education Board be written to pointing out that even if the new school was built there was urgent necessity for increased accommodation, especially in the infants' department! The Hutt Dramatic Club was granted the use of a room for rehearsals.

A football match was played on the Recreation Ground yesterday between teams representing the Mount Cook School and the Hutt District School. Two half-hour spells were played. In the first, spell Osborne scored a try for Hutt, and this was repeated by Baumber in the second spell, the game ending in favour of Hutt by 6 to 0. The Hutt team will meet Petone on Thursday afternoon next

16th May 1908 The Hutt and Petone Public school- teams played a game of football on the Recreation Ground, Petone yesterday and after a good game Hutt School won by 1 try to nil

29th May 1908 Wellington Education Board EASTERN HUTT SCHOOL. In regard to the Eastern Hutt school, the Department suggested the establishment of an infant side school, pending further developments. This would relieve the pressure for the present, Mr McDonald maintained that this suggestion would not meet the case. This matter had now been under way for two years, and nothing had yet been done. The question was referred to the finance committee, to report to next meeting.

22nd July 1908 The Hutt School Committee met last evening, when the Education Board was requisitioned for an extra grant for cleaning purposes. This was rendered necessary by the necessity of having the children housed in two temporary buildings outside the present permanent school. Permission was granted to allow grazing on the pasture in the school grounds. Accounts to the amount of £22 4s. 7d. were passed-for payment. Mr. A. Webley, who had tendered his resignation on account of business pressure, consented to withdraw it.

31st July 1908 The sum of 10s a week was voted to the Hutt School Committee for the cleaning of the temporary school buildings, until the school was finished.

12th August 1908 At the meeting of the Lower Hutt School Committee last evening it was reported that the infants are to be accommodated in the temporary quarters provided in Victoria street for the first time to-day. It was decided to ask the Borough Council to have the road to the building metalled.

28th August 1908 Wellington Education Board On the motion of Captain T. W. McDonald, the Education Board resolved yesterday to reiterate the urgent necessity of some definite settlement being made by the Education Department with regard to the effective organisation of the Hutt District High School, as the present state of affairs is fatal to efficiency. As the board's inspector put it, "The distribution of the children in three separate buildings at such a distance from one another as are the Hutt school, Mr. Wilford's house, and the new room, must obviously interfere with the organisation of the school work."

15th September 1908 Some time ago subscription lists were circulated among the State schools of Wellington soliciting contributions towards the Canadian Memorial Fund, a fund that was being established to purchase the historic Plains of Abraham at Quebec as a national reserve in connection with the tercentenary celebrations at that city. It was stretching the crimson thread of kinship considerably to send the hat round the schools in the Wellington district. Lists were sent to 88 schools, and the sum of £19 7s. 4d. precisely was realised when they closed a few days ago, an average of a little over 4s. a school. The Hutt School headed the list with £1 14s. 4d., but there were others that only produced a few coppers.

16th September 1908 The usual monthly meeting of the Hutt School Committee was held last night, Mr. T. H. Wilson, chairman presiding. The headmaster reported that the attendance at the primary school was 431 on a roll of 490. and at the secondary classes 24 on a roll of 26

25th September 1908 EASTERN HUTT SCHOOL.

A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION. A difference of opinion exists as to whether the immediate establishment of the new school at the Eastern Hutt should be proceeded with as decided by the Education Board, or the vexed question of increasing the accommodation at the Main Hutt School be settled first, as the Education Department thinks it should.

At yesterday's meeting of the board, a letter from the Department was read which bade fair to disturb the harmony of that usually placid body. Writing on the question at issue, the

inspector-general remarked:— " In the opinion of the Department, the establishment of a school in that locality (Eastern Hutt) will not solve the question of overcrowding at the Lower Hutt School, which seems to be a most urgent question at the present time. It appears, therefore, that an addition should be made to the latter school, of infant class rooms to accommodate say, 160 children, in a separate building. It is the opinion of the Department that if this were done, the building of the Eastern Hutt School, whether as a main or side school, might safely be postponed for a time." The letter brought Mr. A. H. Vile to his feet in strenuous protest. The Department's arrangement, if given effect to, would, he said, only be trifling with the question. He moved:—

"That the Education Department be informed that in the opinion of the board, the erection of a school to accommodate at least 250 children on the Eastern Hutt site recently acquired is the only solution of the accommodation question at the Lower Hutt which would meet the obvious necessities of the situation for a reasonable time'; that the erection of an infant school on the present school site would be a needless expense and would not remove the necessity for a new school; and that the board thinks that the erection' of the eastern site school will relieve the congestion, and, by the time this school is erected, the present school attendance will be complete." Captain M 'Donald seconded. Both Mr. Lee (the chairman) and Mr. T. R. Fleming (senior inspector) put in a strong plea for the favourable consideration of the Department's proposal. The alternative course would inflict a hardship on the teaching staff at the main school.

.. "Just so, that's at the bottom of this agitation," remarked Captain McDonald, who contended- that the educational interests of the district should not be subordinated to those of the teachers. Mr. Fleming pointed out that the Department's proposal did not shelve the Eastern Hutt question for all time; it would only be delayed. It was desirable, however, for the efficient working of the Main School to maintain the roll at 500.

Captain McDonald spoke strongly against any attempt to .further delay the question, which had been dragging on for the last three years. Committee after committee had recommended the erection of the school, and they were now committed to the work. Mr. Field asked for particulars as to the distance, from existing schools, of the Eastern Hutt site, and was informed by the inspector that the site was situate 1 ¼ miles from Epuni school, 1 ¼ miles from the Main Hutt school and 2 ½ miles from Taita.

After further discussion, the motion was put and carried.

16th October 1908 LOWER, HUTT SCHOOL QUESTION REVIVED. COMMITTEE SUSPECTS SIDE ; TRACKING. (From Our Resident Reporter.)

A school, a whole school, and nothing but a school, is the watchword of the Lower Hutt School Committee just now, A communication from the Education Department read at the monthly meeting of the committee indicated that there was still a hesitancy to proceed with the erection of the proposed new school in King's road. The letter expressed the opinion that even though the school were erected there would still be overcrowding and renewed the suggestion that a wing be added to the present school. This latter course, which involves the indefinite postponement of the erection of a new school, has been consistently advocated by the headmaster and by several members of the Board, but at the last meeting of the latter body a resolution definitely committing it to the new school project was carried. The committee showed no disposition to condone any going back on this decision, and after discussion

decided to invite the householders to fortify their attitude by resolution at a public meeting. The resolution carried specifies the object of the proposed meeting to be: 'To protest against the action of the Department, and to insist that the erection of the school in King's road be proceeded with.' Mr T. M. Wilford, M.P., and Capt. T. W. McDonald will be asked to attend the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously. It was also decided that members of the committee should canvass the district in support of their attitude, as they were of opinion that the Department was endeavouring to "side-track" the main issue.

22nd October 1908 The scholars of the Lower Hutt School were assembled around the flagstaff yesterday to be taught somewhat of the significance of the ensign that was run up aloft. The National Anthem was sung, also, a patriotic song by the girls. Mr Yates [Sic], the headmaster, impressed on the children the vital importance to the Empire of its navy—in fact, so taken up was he with this phase of the matter that he forgot all about Nelson, and devotion, and hero worship, and things that Southey makes the eyes water when he tells

24th October 1908 The Lower Hutt School Committee have not been idle since last meeting, when it was decided to canvass householders in connection with a meeting to be held on Monday night to impress upon the Education Board the necessity for proceeding with the erection of the King's Road school. The various members have been actively engaged during the past week and they will report, to a special meeting of the committee to be held, tonight. Mr Wilford and probably several members of the board will be present.

26th October 1908 A meeting of the Lower Hutt School Committee was held on Saturday evening, when there were present Messrs. T. H. Wilson McCaskill, Hendry, H. J. Jenkins, Webley (secretary). It was reported that the circulars regarding the King's Road School question had been freely distributed. The householders' meeting, will be held - at 7.30 tonight sharp when Mr. Wilford, and probably several members of the Education Board, will be present.

27th October 1908 LOWER HUTT SCHOOL. MEETING OF HOUSEHOLDERS. About sixty ladies and gentlemen attended a meeting of householders in the Lower Hutt Town Hall last

night. The chair was occupied by Mr T. U. Wilson. Messrs T. M. Wilford, M.P., Captain McDonald (member of the Education Board), A. Macaskill, E. T. Evans and Rushworth addressed the meeting in support of the demand for a second school. Mr Wilford held that in the interests of efficiency and of the health of the scholars the proposal to enlarge the present school should not be entertained. A motion was moved by Mr Rushworth, "That this meeting of householders and parents of Lower Hutt strongly urges the Education Department to immediately allocate a sufficient sum for the erection of a school on the eastern Hutt site already acquired for the purpose and heartily endorse the action of the Education Board and local committee," was carried

28th October 1908 The Lower Hutt School Committee has asked the Education Board for a water hydrant for fire purposes

30th October 1908 Wellington Education Board the question of additional school accommodation at the Hutt came before the Education Board yesterday, when intimation was received that a meeting of ratepayers had decided to urge the Education Department to allocate a sum, for the erection of a school on the eastern Hutt site, which has already been acquired for the purpose. It was decided to write to the Education Department that the Board held to

its previous attitude and was backed up by the residents of the district. It was pointed out by the chairman that additional accommodation was required at the existing Hutt school, but, at the same time, another school was necessary on the new site to meet the requirements of the Hutt Valley. The chairman, Captain McDonald, Mr A. H. Vile, the secretary, and the inspector were appointed a committee, to draw up reasons for the Board insisting on its action.

3rd December 1908 HUTT AND PETONE

THE EDUCATION QUESTION. THE CASE FOR AN ENLARGED SCHOOL. (From Our Resident Reporter.)

The question of either the erection of a second school at Lower Hutt or an enlargement of the present building is now before the department, and the latter's decision will, it is expected, be available for consideration at the next meeting of the board.

Speaking to a "Times" reporter, Mr Yates, the headmaster of the present school, put the matter as follows: "The Hutt school is built for four hundred, and there are five hundred on the roll. A temporary building is used for a class of fifty three and the secondary classes are in a building on the Hutt Petone road. It is proposed by the department to put an addition to the present buildings, and so bring up the number to six hundred, which is now held to be the highest that one school should contain. Owing to an agitation of a few parents living near King's road, the board, resolved to ask the department instead to build a new school on a site which was secured last year in King's road to build a school on when the need should arrive. This site is just a little over one mile from the Hutt school and almost the same distance from the Epuni school. From one hundred and thirty to one hundred and fifty children at present attending the Hutt school would in all probability leave, and go to King's road, the effect of which would be very seriously to impair its efficiency in this way. At present the school is well staffed, with headmaster unattached to a class, and therefore able to give all his time to supervising the various classes, and helping the younger teachers—in fact, keeping the machinery in good order, and turning out good work. But with a loss such as would take place in the event of a new school being opened, the staff would be reduced to such an extent that there would be no longer a teacher for each class, and the headmaster would no longer be able to devote his time to supervision, etc. This marks the difference between the efficient and the inefficient school. It is recognised that, the opening of a number of small schools near each other is against the principles of education, and this is clearly shown by the fact that all the educational experts connected with the matter are in favour of completing the present school at once, and when occasion demands, which it will do within the next two years, erecting a school at King's road. These experts are the Inspector-General, with his two assistant inspectors, who are the authorities of the Education Department; the chairman of the board, ex-chief inspector and the three inspectors of the Wellington Board, besides the headmasters of the Hutt and Epuni schools. On the other side are a majority of the board, but as the opinion of local members is generally taken by the others, and naturally so —being ignorant of the circumstances—it resolves itself into one or two non-experts as against all the experts who have to deal with the matter.

"In addition to reduction of staff, added Mr Yates, "there is also the great probability of some of those left being removed and replaced by others of less experience, as no salaries will be decreased until two years after the fall in grade. Those teachers who are 'receiving more pay than they are entitled to by the grade of the school will be transferred to positions entitling

them to the salary they must receive in accordance with the Act. This means the total disorganisation of a school that is now efficient and doing excellent work. And for what? Merely for the convenience of a certain number of children. It means throwing back the education of the children for several years. Of course, the new school at King's road would be even less efficient than Hutt school would be—at any rate, for some time. This arrangement would impair also the efficiency of the secondary department of the Hutt school, as the headmaster; who takes classes there every afternoon, would thus be tied to a class in the primary department, and unable to help in the higher work [Yates is actually spelt Yeats]

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1909	466	Hutt DHS	Yeats	Duncan M	D1	Head Master	£345.00
1909	466	Hutt DHS	Ballachey	Ernest H	B1	Assistant Master	£245.00
1909	466	Hutt DHS	Forbes	Emma L Stuart	E1	Assistant Female	£185.00
1909	466	Hutt DHS	Meager	Clara	E2`	Assistant Female	£155.00
1909	466	Hutt DHS	Rodgers	John	D3	Assistant Master	£140.00
1909	466	Hutt DHS	Macey	Nellie M S	E3	Assistant Female	£125.00
1909	466	Hutt DHS	Caigou	Charles		Assistant Master	£108.00
1909	466	Hutt DHS	Caverhill	Kathleen		FP4	£55.00
1909	466	Hutt DHS	Speedy	Margaret		FP4	£55.00
1909	466	Hutt DHS	Thomson	Florence M		FP5	£55.00
1909	466	Hutt DHS	Castle	Arthur P		MP3	£45.00
1909	466	Hutt DHS	Stevens	Flora		FP2	£25.00
1909	466	Hutt DHS	Myers BA	Phoebe	B2	Secondary	

3rd February 1909 A meeting.-of the Lower Hutt School Committee,'- presided over by Mr.: T., H. Wilson, was held last evening ' A letter .from the Education -Board 'notifying the -committee. of the deputation to wait on the Minister for Education in Reference to the King's Road School was received and it was decided, that the. full committee attend the. Deputation No date was fixed for the school picnic, as arrangements had not been completed;,-A further meeting will-be held next; week to' confer with the teachers

9th February 1909 A , deputation from the, Wellington Education Board will wait upon the Minister for Education to-morrow afternoon, in reference to the Eastern Hutt School.-- The Minister is averse to building in the meantime on the site recently acquired, preferring to make additions to the existing school. The board; however, maintains that the erection: of a school on the new site is a matter of urgency.

12th February 1909 The roll number at the Petone District High School is now 1050;' scholars, with an average attendance of 920. The attendance at the Lower Hutt school averages 475 on a roll number, of 538.

24th February 1908 A. concert in aid of the Lower Hutt School -picnic fund: will be held to-morrow night. 'An .'excellent 'programme will' be. submitted and a-large attendance is anticipated'

24th February 1908 A JOINT DEPUTATION. REQUIREMENTS OF THE VALLEY. THE MINISTER'S REPLY. A joint deputation, consisting of members of the Wellington Education Board and the committee of the Lower Hutt school, waited upon the Hon. G.

Fowlds, Minister of Education, yesterday, to ask for the establishment of another school at Lower Hutt—on a site which had already been acquired—so as to relieve the congestion of the present school. Mr Field, M.P., introduced the deputation,, other members of the Education Board in attendance being:—Hon. A. W. Hogg, M.P., and Messrs A. H. Vile, J. G. W. Aitken, and Captain McDonald'. Mr' Hogben, Inspector-General of Schools, was also present. SCHOOL OVERCROWDED. Mr Field said the Lower Hutt school was overcrowded; so much so, indeed, that the secondary and infant, classes had to be conducted in separate buildings, which was detrimental, to the scholars. It was much better to have them all under the one roof.' The Education Board had been in, correspondence with the Education Department asking for a central school.! A site "had been chosen on the eastern side of the Hutt river, the total cost' of which was £2250. The department although contributing to the cost of the site, had refused to sanction the, erection of a school upon it. The deputation bed now come before the Minister in order to have that decision modified if possible. The present school was not sufficient for the requirements of the district, and more] accommodation was needed and must be provided immediately. The Education Department recognised that something should be done, by supplying money for the purchase of a site. Even if extra accommodation was provided at the present school it was not sufficient for the children on the eastern side of the river. The population was increasing rapidly, and fifty-eight houses had been erected in the eastern portion of the district during the past twelve months. ' A number of children were being kept from school altogether owing to the limited accommodation in the present building. The erection of a school in the locality mentioned would reduce the congestion both at the Hutt and Epuni schools.- In the latter school the pupils could hardly get standing room. It seemed that the time had come when the department should comply with the request of the board and erect the school. There were 503 pupils on the roll of the Lower Hutt school. if the new school were built 200 pupils could be enrolled at once, and many of these were without any schooling at all because of the distance to be travelled to the present school and its overcrowded condition. TEMPORARY BUILDINGS. Captain McDonald pointed out that there were two temporary buildings outside the main building at the Hutt school , for the accommodation of a large number of children -who should really be in the school proper. It was owing to this fact that the department was" asked to provide more accommodation. The board was paying interest on a large sum of money spent on the acquisition of a new site, and on that money there was absolutely no return. Another school was urgently needed, and the board desired that it should be erected on the' new site. The department's reply was' that all the children could be accommodated—at least for a time—by extending the present school buildings. Such a course they strongly objected to. It meant that all the infants would have to come from the very northern extremity of the district and travel over the Hutt bridge : which was extremely dangerous and. not fit to be used even by adults in the winter time. A new school building was being completed at Petone, which could absorb a number of children from that part of the district, and there would be no need for further accommodation in that portion of the valley. Why should there be any objection to erecting a school in a portion of the Lower Hutt -which would be of benefit to a large number of the residents?

THE HON. MR HOGG.' The Hon. A. W. Hogg, M.P., considered that the opinions of the Education Board in reference to such matters should have some weight with the department.

The members of the board examined localities and knew the requirements of the parents and children in various-districts. It frequently happened that in proposing new schools they came into conflict with headmasters and teachers, who, like everybody else, looked after their own interests. The duty of the board, however, was to conserve the interests of the residents, and that was what was being done at the present time. He had noticed that the headmaster of the Lower Butt School had stated that members of the board were not conversant with the new site -which had been selected. Members of the board had viewed the site again and again and know that a school there would be amply attended ; and ho was sure that such a school -was absolutely necessary. If the building of the new school prejudicially affected the existing school or its staff the board could not help that, for the board's duty was to place the interests of the children in front. He was sorry that there should be any conflict of opinion with. the Education Department.

A HIGH SCHOOL PROPER. Mr Vile said it had been suggested that there should be an additional room for secondary scholars at the 'Lower Hutt School; but he desired to point out that, according to published reports, an attempt was being made to secure a high school proper for the Hutt Valley—more particularly for Petone. That had not gone before the Education Board, but it might be well to state that such a movement was on foot, and the board was hoping that there would be such an institution established at no distant date. Mr Hogben: It was suggested by the department more than six years ago. Mr Vile said the question of accommodation for secondary classes should not be a very serious' one just now, and the board did not object to the erection of a room. No argument was being raised against additional classrooms, if they wore necessary. It might, however, be so arranged as not prejudicially to affect the school they wanted on the eastern side of ' the river. The erection of two class-rooms at the present school would not for any considerable period satisfy the demands of the district. Mr Wilson, chairman of the Lower Hutt School Committee, pointed out

that the area of ground on which the Lower Hutt School was erected was too small to justify the erection of further additions, as the children would not have enough playing space. The distance some children had to travel to school was a great drawback, and a number of parents were sending their children to private schools. The existing school was not central enough, - the new site was; and there was plenty of space for playgrounds, the area being three acres.

THE MINISTER'S REPLY. The Hon. Mr Fowlds replied that the educational requirements of the Hutt Valley had received a great deal of his attention since ho had been Minister for Education. He did not think that in every case the best thing had been done when the Education Board had arrived at a decision upon a question. He instanced the new school for Petone, which he did not think was placed on the best site. He did not know whether it was possible to authorise any expenditure in the immediate future. He could not make bricks without straw. Authorisations for school buildings were very heavy just now, and it was no use making further promises if there was no money to carry them out. The present school at Lower Hutt was provided with five largo rooms to accommodate 500 or more pupils, and until there was an attendance of that number of children full use could not be made of the school The rooms would accommodate classes of about sixty. If a now school was built and a popular toucher placed in charge the attendance at the existing school might in consequence be reduced . It was not the business, of the department to build new schools under such circumstances. It was

all very well to say the residents were unanimous that the new site should be built upon, seeing that somebody else had to pay. Would they be so willing to erect a school if they had to contribute a portion of the cost? If they had to find part of the money the wisdom of expenditure would be more seriously considered by the residents. The very utmost, that could be justified under the circumstances would be the provision of a building for a side school, which would enable the younger, children in its neighbourhood to attend. The distance to the present school he did not consider a bar. Children in many other places had to travel a much greater distance to school. The department could not provide funds for a new school within three-quarters of a mile of the present one merely because the existing school was, not in the best place. Ho Iliad had a list carefully 'compiled which showed only 115 children in the vicinity of the proposed new school. He had difficulty in finding money from day to day for urgent cases—and in some of those real hardship was involved.

WHY THE CONTRIBUTIONS Mr Field wished to know why the department contributed to the cost of a site?

Mr Fowlds said the department frequently provided money for the purchase of land for future requirements and when a sum had been provided for this purpose at the Hutt it was clearly understood that nothing more than a side school was to be provided

Captain McDonald asked that the amount of money the department proposed to expend on the existing school should be given to the board to build a small school on the new site for the accommodation of children up to, say, Standard IV. . '

Mr Fowlds said the Lower Hutt School would be incomplete until it was provided with class rooms sufficient to accommodate the normal number of children the school, was de-signed-to hold. Captain McDonald explained that the board was opposed to side schools. No side school was built unless it was absolutely essential. The board wished -to get rid of the term "side school." .

Mr Hogben: Make it a separate infant school. Mr Fowlds: That might be better. Captain McDonald: That would get over the difficulty. The Minister said he had no objection to anything of that sort. The amount for the building would be limited to the minimum to relieve the overcrowding of the present school. A separate infant school would meet the case up to Standard I.

26th February 1909 , HUTT SCHOOL PICNIC FUND. • -The. concert held in the Lower Hutt Town Hall, last evening .drew a :crowded audience; and; the result will be the handing over of £10 or so to the. School picnic and prize fund. The items were received with every evidence of satisfaction, and encores were insisted on in quite a number of instances. ..Members of the Lower Hutt Dramatic Club staged a one-act play entitled "The Man in the Street;" which .was listened to with interest,. The parts were well sustained by Miss-B. Stevens; Mr. ; G. H. R Sykes, and Mr J Culford Bell. A humorous sketch . At -the Dentist's;" which . was 'ably carried- out by-Miss M Rumgay 'and. Mr. J. Culford Bell, proved most diverting, and- the same may-be said of Mr. Attridge's drawing room entertainment.; The other .items were Songs Mrs Watson-Maud / Miss Welch, Mr. T. H. Wilson, Mr. Frank Hendry, Mr. W Hendry, and. Mr. Hobman ; duet, Messrs. P Hendry and Hobman; and trio, Messrs. W. H Hendry, and T. H. Wilson

The school picnic will be held at Upper Hutt today

[There were a number of articles not copied in February 1909 in discussion of the merits of various schooling in the Lower Hutt Valley

27th February 1909 HUTT SCHOOL PICNIC.

Following were the principal prize winners at the Hutt school picnic held on Maidstone Park yesterday: —

Boys. — School champion runner, C. Pole. High school classes : C. Russell, E. Purser. Standard VI. : K. Lockett, F. Hancock, R. Lawton. Standard V. : A. Kilminster, — . Cray, N. Routley, H. Taylor, E. Firth. Standard IV. : R. Burt, S. Bowers, E. Coney, K. Baum-be-r. Standard III. : T. Slinn, Chorley, Mason, Hanson, Smith. Standard II. : Pointon, Lusty, Smith, Seager. Standard I. : Wood, Cudby, Fawcett, Wastney, M. Wilson.

Girls. — School champion, L. Lynch. High School classes : E. Gunter. Standard V. : I. Hall, V. Haiselden, E. Bennett. Standard V. : C. Burt, M. Summers, M. Mason, M. Abbott, G. Burt. Standard IV. : R. Ross, C. Jones, E. Hanson, I. Cudby. Standard III. : N. Meade, M. Perfect, E. Judd, D. McDonald. Standard II. : E. Ross, P. Summers, D. Ballinger, C. Sylva. Standard I. : P. Waugh, D. Wood. M. Abbott, T. Summers, A. McIlvride.

22nd March 1909 Mr Bruce Kibblewhite, a member of the teaching staff of the Lower Hutt School who has entered the Wellington Training College, - was entertained on Saturday evening by the young people of Knox Church. During the evening the members of the Young n's Bible-class presented Mr Kibblewhite: with a token': of their, appreciation of his services to the class.[Bruce Kibblewhite didn't teach for the Wellington Education Board until working at Levin in 1921 and was still there in 1923]

27th March 1909 Miss Sicely, who has been mistress of the Mangatainoka School, Pahiatua, for the past fifteen years, will be transferred to the Hutt School on 3rd April [Actually was appointed to the Upper Hutt School]

22nd April 1909 It is stated that two ladies have consented to allow themselves to be nominated for seats on the Lower Hutt School Committee

23rd April 1909 School Committee Nominations Lower Hutt committee: —Messrs J. O. Anson, A. Macaskill, A. E. Webley J. L. Barlow, T. H. Wilson (the present chairman) W. Hendry, H. Baldwin, E. P. Rishworth, W. Taylor and T. E. Shiel

27th April 1909 A meeting of householders of the Lower Hutt School district was, held in the schoolroom-, last evening. , Mr., ,T. H. Wilson, chairman, of the school committee, presided. There was a. crowded attendance. The report and balance-sheet .were passed without discussion. It was understood .that the south end people were mainly interested in the return or otherwise of the lady members, and that the chief concern of -the north end residents was to return members favourable to a north end school. ; The. following;' candidates were. elected A. Macaskill, 114 votes; T. H. Wilson,; 108; TV. Barlow, 100;. W. Hendry, 91; A. Webley, 82; E. P. Rishworth, 76; 'H. Baldwin, 73; J. o. :Anson, '68; T. Shiel, 63.

9th June 1909 Part of a long article on Secondary Schools: The interests of secondary education in the Hutt Valley are at present served by two district high schools, one. at the Main Hutt School, " and the other, not three miles away, at Petone School. District high schools are designed, fundamentally speaking, to afford as far as possible, the advantages of free secondary education to children who are unable, by reason of their geographical situation, to attend a properly constituted high school. Petone is a large . and populous suburb, and the Hutt,, although less densely populated, has, nevertheless, a large population distributed over

a greater area. Taking these factors into consideration, it will, I think, be generally admitted.. that a properly constituted high school to serve the requirements of these two districts is a reasonable proposition.

26th June 1909 The Lower Hutt school committee, after many months' fruitless battling for a second school in the township, has unanimously agreed to the compromise suggested recently when the matter was being discussed with the Minister. The Education Board has requested the department, therefore, to make Lower Hutt an appropriation for a side school.

3rd July 1909 In discussions on planting trees at Hutt Park [The old Harness Racing ground in Gracefield was this"] The* chairman (Mr. H. Baldwin) stated that the caretaker of the park would look after trees planted on, Arbor Day. Mr. -W. Joliffe mentioned that the Horticultural Society would supply the trees, the individual donors being Messrs. Cooper and T. -Ward. > Mr.. D. McKenzie said that he had no doubt that the Petone School Committee and the teachers would be willing to fall in with the idea. He undertook to interview the teachers. Messrs, Webley and Macaskill spoke similarly regarding the Hutt School' Committee. Mr. McKenzie moved that the Government nurseries be written to and asked for trees for the purpose of beautifying the park

30th July 1909 The Wellington Education Board has decided to ask the Government to, establish a school at Eastern Hutt, to accommodate 120 children, and also to proceed with the necessary additions to the Main Hutt School.

3rd August 1909 Some time ago Mr Wilford, M.P., offered prizes to the Hutt school children for the best essays on "The Rise and Progress of the Hutt District." In the absence of Sir William Steward, who was to be asked to judge the essays, as he had done the Petone ones, Mr Wilford submitted the work of the pupils to Mr W. H. Atack as judge. The report was received by Mr Wilford last night. The judge remarks: "The one thing I can really compliment the children on is the patience and industry they have shown in compiling their facts. They have in the main amassed a large amount of knowledge of their district which does them credit." As to the results, the judge says that "S." in standard VI. Hutt District High School is easily first, and "L" second. In standard V., same school. Nos. 5, 1, 9 and 10 are the best; "No. 5" is placed first and "No. 1" second. In the other department the judge considers that Nos. 9, 21, 5, 8 and 12 must be given preference, with "No. 9" as first and "No. 21" second.

15th September 1909 At the monthly meeting of the Lower Hutt School Committee last evening, the report of the inspector upon his recent examination of the school was read. The report affirmed that the school was fortunate in having on its staff pupil teachers of such experience and service as qualified them for the management of separate classes. The schemes of work were in all classes thorough and comprehensive, and in many cases considerably amplified by additional teaching notes drawn up by the teachers. The scheme of work for all classes in English was specially commended. A discussion took place upon the advisability of assisting the Petone main committee in its endeavours to conserve the powers of committees. It was decided to take no action. The chairman expressed the opinion that members of the board were in a much better position to judge of the qualifications of candidates —having the advice of their experts to guide them—than were members of school committees and were less likely to be influenced by personal considerations. The secretary said the board's action in submitting the name of only one teacher in connection with the last

appointment to the Petone staff was doubtless the, result of the breach of confidence which occurred in connection with the appointment to Petone "West.

15th September 1909 While at Petone the congested state-of the main school has been relieved by the erection of an additional school-house^ in the western end of the town, the accommodation at the Lower Hutt school continues to be overtaxed. It is now some time since the action of the Education Board in deciding to recommend-j the erection of a side school m King's Road silenced much of the local agitation for an improvement of the conditions under which the staff was working but nothing in the direction indicated by the board has apparently yet been done- to relieve the overcrowding. Reporting upon the position in a letter read at last night's meeting of the School Committee, the inspector of schools mentioned that the. infant room was again overcrowded, notwithstanding that Standard IX was now accommodated in another building. The erection of the Side school at Eastern Hutt would afford some relief, but even then the accommodation at the main school would be insufficient. The exceptional disadvantages under which Miss Meager worked had been noted in previous reports. On every occasion that he had visited the school during the last three years, continued the inspector, the room had been overcrowded to such an .extent as to seriously hamper her in her work and the organisation of her class.

24th September 1909 TEACHER v. BOARD,

SEQUEL TO A DISMISSAL. MOTION FOR INJUNCTION AGAINST THE BOARD, Mr. Justice Chapman, in chambers* this morning heard argument in the matter of Christopher John Lyne, teacher, Lower Hutt District High' School, against the Wellington Education Board.

The plaintiff, who was represented by Mr. Chapman, K.C., sought an interim, injunction restraining the defendant board from removing him from his position in .the Hutt District High School and from refusing to pay him his salary and remuneration in respect thereof.

Mr. A. de B. Brandon appeared for the Education Board.

The facts of the case as set forth at length in the statement of claim, and; reviewed by counsel, were that on the 5th April last the plaintiff was absent from his duty on account of ill health, due to insomnia and rheumatism. He sent a messenger with the keys of the school and a verbal message of explanation to the headmaster for his absence^ Next morning the plaintiff attended at' the school and performed his duties. He saw the headmaster, who did not complain or make, any enquiries as to his absence on the previous day.' The, plaintiff said .he was not .quite better, and if he were absent in the afternoon the headmaster would know the reason, of his absence. On account of indisposition he was absent that afternoon* On the evening of the 6th the chairman of the School Committee and two 'members purported to suspend the plaintiff owing to absence without leave or other, sufficient reason. Two days- later the Education Board confirmed the suspension. The School Committee removed the suspension on the 15th April, but when the plaintiff attended school the next day for -the purpose of resuming his duties, he was prevented by the headmaster and a member of the .committee from doing so, as a relieving teacher was teaching in his place. The plaintiff was directed by the Education Board to resume his duties on the -19th April. Since that date the plaintiff continued in the performance 'of his duties. On the 19th April the .plaintiff appeared before the School Committee and gave an explanation of his absence, on the 5th April and the afternoon of the 6th, and tendered the evidence of the messenger sent to the headmaster. The

committee refused to hear such' evidence and declined to give particulars of the charge or allow the plaintiff to cross-examine witnesses. Subsequently, on the 30th April, and on several occasions since, the Education Board wrote to the plaintiff requesting 'his resignation. The plaintiff asked the board to furnish him with particulars of the charges against him. These were never supplied to him. A sub-committee of the defendant board conferred on the 17th June with some members of the Lower Hutt School Committee with respect to the conduct of the plaintiff. On the 29th June the secretary of the defendant "board wrote to the plaintiff, in accordance with a resolution of the board, purporting to terminate his employment as from the 30th September. The plaintiff claimed that such termination of employment was invalid and ultra vires, on the following grounds :—

(a) The charges made against the plaintiff had never been formulated, so that he might be given an opportunity of meeting them.

(b) The plaintiff had not been given a full opportunity of tendering evidence of himself and his witnesses in his own defence.

(c) The plaintiff had not been given an opportunity of hearing the evidence or cross-examining the witnesses who gave evidence against him.

(d) The defendant board had not duly or properly consulted the Lower Hutt School Committee with reference to his dismissal before it took place.

Argument by counsel was directed to the question whether the board had power, to dismiss under the circumstances detailed.

Mr. Chapman submitted that the proceedings leading to the dismissal could not be complete until both board and committee were in possession of all the evidence Mr. Lyne wished to give. The board had acted in a high-handed manner. The idea that Mr Lyne, instead of attending to his duties, was drinking in a public house had been abandoned since. His presence there was explained by the fact that he was waiting in the hotel to see a doctor, as his house was too remote for visit. It was necessary to bring the case before the Supreme Court, as there was no charge formulated that might be brought before the Teachers' Board of Appeal.

Mr. Brandon contended that the remedy for teachers in case of.- any complaint against the action of an education board lay in the specially established court of appeal, to which they might refer appeals against dismissals or suspensions. The proper course was for the plaintiff to have taken his complaint before this court of appeal.

If the present court were to grant an injunction the board would have no power to compel Mr. Lyne to perform his duties satisfactorily during the continuance of that injunction. If there could be any security for that, it might be a different matter .

His Honour declared that he would take time to consider his decision.

21st October 1909 Trafalgar Day Celebrations The chairman of the Wellington Education Board, addressed about one hundred of the 5th, 6th, and 7th standard children at the Hutt School this morning. Mr. Lee mentioned that he had been on board the Victory fifty years ago, and he had sailed across Trafalgar Bay ; he had seen the lifelike figure of Nelson in Westminster Abbey; and had visited the relics of Nelson and the model of the battle in Whitehall Palace. His references to these matters were listened to with interest by the scholars for some fifty minutes, and it was evident that his recital of the chief features in connection with the memorable day had impressed his hearers

25th November 1909 Notice has been given by Mr. Wilford to ask the Minister of Education if he will this year, in compiling annual grants to Education Boards, provide , a. sufficient sum for the erection of a school at Kings-road, Lower Hutt. In an attached note. Mr. Wilford added : "The Education Board and the Education Department cannot be held to be any longer at arms' length, and the Hutt school committee has notified the Board that it is prepared to accept the Department's offer as to the size and capacity of the school."

16th December 1909 PLAYING THE GAME. Mr Yeats, headmaster of the Lower Hutt school, at a tennis prize-giving yesterday, gave a simple and effective little homily :on "playing the game." It was in explanation of the fact that school tennis medals were awarded not for their intrinsic value but as a recognition of endeavour only. Clean healthy sport was worth much for the honour that a boy or girl might earn personally, but still more for tb© honour to the pupil's school. The ancients strove for honour and a crown of bays or laurel. Later the finest athletes strove valiantly in order that the best man might wear a wreath of parsley. The importance of emulation of lay not in the mercenary profit that might accrue to a winner, but to the fact that hearty strife in the fields of both learning and sport was the finest spur to success in adult life. No sport was more generally useful to scholars than tennis, which called in a player for of mind and vigour of body. Mr R Lee, endorsing Mr Yeats's remarks, emphasised the importance of sport and the fact that in all the civilised world the authorities had recognised the value of the ancient adage that a sound mind must have a sound body as a host

20th December 1909 'Before the. Lower Hutt, School broke up for the holidays last week a presentation was made to Miss . Florence Thompson, who is severing her, connection with the school; by :Mr. Yeats, headmaster, on behalf of the scholars of the of the second standard took the form of 'a: very crocodile-skin purse bag and two silver hat-pins. Miss. Thompson' .was also the recipient. of another presentation—an ebony and silver' brush and-comb suitably, inscribed—given by the staff of the school.,, Mr. Yeats,: in making .the presentation spoke highly of Miss Thompson's work during the five years in .which she was a member of his staff.

24th December 1909 For three years past the Hutt School Committee, with the member for the district (Mr. Wilford);, has been agitating for' the erection of a side school at King's Road, Lower Hutt upon a piece. of' land already owned there by the •; board. Departmental and Education Board's objections have, however, prevented this from; being carried out. Early this month : a nutation; was put on, the order paper by Mr' Wilford;' asking- for ;a- sufficient sum for.' the :< erection of the school; . Ho pointed out to the Minister that the!;-School .Committee; at; the Hutt had written to the Education Board agreeing to the erection of any building according to the Departments suggestion, this concession removing any- objection ; that-,-formerly was raised. The Minister last night informed that £1260 had been granted for the erection of a school at once.

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1910	516	Hutt DHS/Eastern Hutt	Yeats	Duncan M	D1	Head Master	£350.00
1910	516	Hutt DHS/Eastern Hutt	Ballachey	Ernest H	B1	Assistant Master	£250.00

1910	516	Hutt DHS/Eastern Hutt	Forbes	Emma L Stuart	E1	Assistant Female	£190.00
1910	516	Hutt DHS/Eastern Hutt	Meager	Clara	E2`	Assistant Female	£160.00
1910	516	Hutt DHS/Eastern Hutt	Olson	Walter H	D4	Assistant Master	£135.00
1910	516	Hutt DHS/Eastern Hutt	Macey	Nellie M S	E2	Assistant Female	£130.00
1910	516	Hutt DHS/Eastern Hutt	Caiyou	Charles	D4	Assistant Master	£120.00
1910	516	Hutt DHS/Eastern Hutt	Feist	Lois M	E1	Assistant Female	£90.00
1910	516	Hutt DHS/Eastern Hutt	Stansell	Florence E		Assistant Female	£90.00
1910	516	Hutt DHS/Eastern Hutt	Caverhill	Kathleen L		FP5	£55.00
1910	516	Hutt DHS/Eastern Hutt	Speedy	Margaret		FP5	£55.00
1910	516	Hutt DHS/Eastern Hutt	Castle	Arthur P		MP4	£55.00
1910	516	Hutt DHS/Eastern Hutt	Rothwell	Leah E		FP3	£45.00
1910	516	Hutt DHS/Eastern Hutt	McCaw	William T		FP1	£20.00
1910	516	Hutt DHS/Eastern Hutt	Box	Lucy E		FP1	£20.00
1910	516	Hutt DHS/Eastern Hutt	Myers BA	Phoebe	B2	Secondary	

11th January 1910 Hutt Borough Council A request was made that the council should do certain work for the Lower Hutt School Committee, the cost thereof to be charged against the committee. After a discussion concerning the ethics of the council doing work, for other local bodies in competition with tradesmen, a motion that the work should be done by the council's employees lapsed for want of a seconder.

28th January 1910 The Wellington Education Board received word that the following money grants had been made by the Government:— Annual buildings grant, 1909, £4355; Eastern Hutt (school building), £1260

23rd February 1910 At a meeting of the Lower Hutt School Committee the following resolution was passed:— "That a letter be written to Mr. T. M. Wilford, M.P., expressing the hearty thanks and appreciation of the committee for his efforts in obtaining a special grant of £1260 for the erection of a side school at Kings-road, Lower Hutt.

5th March 1910 The Hutt District High School pupils held their annual picnic at Maidstone Park, Upper Hutt, yesterday. The weather, though showery in the early morning, cleared later. About 700 persons in all travelled by special train from the Lower Hutt, and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. An energetic canvass by the School Committee had resulted in sufficient funds being- raised to give the children -(about 500) a, free trip and two good meals. The following won prizes at the races : — Girls : Championship, Lena Lynch. Secondary classes : Lena Lynch, Essie McCurdy. Standard VI. : A. Stevens, G. Burt. Standard V. : W. Lockett, M. Davies, E. Carr. Standard IV. : M. Perfect, C. Stratton. Standard III. : M. Winnie, F. Waugh, P. Summers. Standard II. : I. Crichton, M. Abbott, G. Lee. Standard I. : E. Akuhata, D. Ziman, S. Suggers. Boys : Championship, C. Pole. Secondary classes : E. Purser. Standard VI. : K. Lockett, E. Firth, H. Potter. Standard V. : R. Burt, E. Coffey. Standard IV. : S. Bowers, T. Slinn, A. Chorley. Standard III. : S. Lawton, Pointon, D. Bowers, D. Manderson. Standard II. : R. Cudby, M. Wilson, J. Burt, Standard I. F. King, Armstrong, A. Hendry.

11th March 1910 . The Lower Hutt School Committee has refused to. sanction religious instruction in the school house after school hours by the Rev. H. Braddock,

15th March 1910 HUTT OR PETONE? QUESTION OF SITE RAISED, During last night" s meeting of the Lower Hutt Borough Council a deputation was received from the Hutt School

Committee, which requested that a section on the Western Hutt Road which had been purchased for the purposes of a gasworks should be allotted as a site for a secondary school to serve the requirements of the whole Hutt Valley. Members of the deputation stated that their objection to the establishment of, the proposed institution at Petone (for which there had been considerable agitation was that a school of the kind in Petone would not be sufficiently central

30th March 1910 ARGUMENTS OF RIVAL CLAIMANTS

HUTT V. PETONE THE HIGH SCHOOL QUESTION DISCUSSED.

There has always existed a sort of undefined opposition to the movement for the granting of a high school to Petone, and the present -attitude of the Lower Hutt school committee, condoned as it is by the borough council, comes as a matter of small surprise to those who have been aware of the trend of local sentiment. But hitherto the fact that the question was at bottom one of Hutt versus Petone has not been openly acknowledged in any quarter, and the committee, by frankly advancing Lower Hutt's claims in opposition to Petone's, has, apart from the merits of the question, taken a stand which should materially assist toward bringing about finality. The issue now is clear, and presumably the borough which can make out the better case will obtain the boon which each is now striving after. A statement of the position from the point of view of each borough was sought by a " Times " reporter yesterday.

The Rev. A. Thomson, who has been the prime mover in the agitation on behalf of Petone, declared that Lower Hutt was, under statute, out of court and had no legal standing whatever in the matter. "There was, he said, only one party to the question at present. The conditions governing the erection of the secondary department of a district high school into a high school proper require that the school applying to be so erected shall have a minimum of sixty students enrolled. The number of students enrolled in the secondary department of the Petone district high school is eighty. In the case of Lower Hutt it is twenty- seven only. All requirements, in the case of Petone, were fulfilled over a year ago, and the Education Board then decided to forward the petition to the department, with a recommendation that it be granted. But at the last moment the chairman of the board had a clause added to the recommendation stipulating 'that the creation of a high school in Petone was not to interfere with the secondary classes of the Hutt district high school,

"Why the board allowed such a clause to be added passes comprehension," continued Mr Thomson. "It virtually tied the-hand of the department, which could do nothing in the face of it, seeing that the creation of a high school in Petone practically meant the disestablishing automatically of all the secondary schools - in the valley. Another argument in favour of Petone's claims as opposed to those of Lower Hutt is that of contiguity to the populated area. The site adjoining the technical school offered by the Petone Borough Council is central to at least eight thousand of the present population of the valley. Aid to the east of it there is unbuilt-on land "(including five hundred building sites owned by the Government) capable of carrying another three thousand, whilst the new bridge will make it of easy access., to the whole of the south-eastern portion, of Hutt borough. Anyone who knows anything of the growth of population in Petone must know that all the land lying towards its eastern boundary must be occupied in the not distant future. '.

"Another argument is that both the inspectors and the department are of the opinion that any high school in the valley should be conducted mainly on technical lines, and the fact that

Petone is at present in possession of an up-to-date and well-equipped technical school at which students could pursue those subjects not* included in the ordinary board curriculum seems to me to outweigh any argument that could be urged in favour of an up valley site. Further that this, Petone is the only centre in the valley in which a building and land has been secured for the purpose of secondary education. In that building the present secondary classes are being conducted, and, according to Act, properly once dedicated for purposes of secondary education, cannot be diverted to any other purpose unless the disestablishment of the school be decided upon. All that the Petone school committee really has asked the department, through the board, to do has been to proclaim the present a high school. One immediate effect of this would be to enable the school to be more fully staffed better equipped and rendered altogether a more efficient institution than it now is, and if this petition, after being properly presented and after all the requirements in connection with it have been fulfilled, is allowed to be blocked by the opposition of a party which is quite out of court the public will assuredly want to know the reason why." Referring further to the site offered by the Petone Borough Council, Mr Thomson said, that it was simply a continuation of the technical school property. The argument that it was of restricted area was met by the fact that it adjoined the borough recreation ground, than which there was no finer play-ground, or in fact one nearly as fine, attached to any secondary school in the Dominion.

THE CASE FOR THE HUTT.

Mr T. H. Wilson, chairman of the Lower Hutt district high school committee, said that his committee had a large amount of sympathy with the movement which it was now endeavouring to checkmate. But the view he and the committee took was that the future was of infinitely more importance than the present and that to establish what must prove to be a permanent secondary school for the Hutt Valley right on its southern extremity would be a step which «would be bitterly regretted in days to come. Those who spoke of Petone as being destined to carry the bulk of population of the valley forgot that the area of that borough was only one fourth that of Lower Hutt and that an ever-increasing proportion must be taken up with manufactories. Anyone casting their eye over the great extent of country between White's line east and Taita. must recognise that it was there that the population must eventually become" centred. Were Petone's proposal given effect to at present it must inevitably result in the shutting down of the secondary classes of the Lower Hutt school. This would mean great inconvenience to a number of students (more especially those travelling from up the valley by rail) right away and the trouble would become more and more aggravated from year to year. "We recognise," said Mr Wilson, "that the present Petone district high school is very efficiently staffed and I have done markedly good work in the preparation of matriculation and civil service candidates. That being the case and looking to the future of education in the district, we think that for a few years longer Petone might put up with the present position rather than force the department to give effect to the petition which has gone in." Mr Wilson said that wherever the school was to go he thought one of the first essentials in the choosing of a site should be spacious grounds. Too many educational institutions were cramped up on small sections and their usefulness thus restricted and the health and happiness of the scholars prejudiced. A public recreation reserve such as it was urged would be available if the suggested Petone site were agreed on did not meet the

requirement in any degree. Such an area would not be always available and in any case it was not desirable that children should be turned out on a common to "play."

15th April 1910 At a recent meeting of the Lower Hutt School Committee, the chairman, Mr. T. H. Wilson, reported that he had been, again, approached by the Rev. H. Braddock for the use of the school after regular hours for the purpose of delivering religious instruction to children subject to the consent of their parents. He (the chairman) had granted an interim permit - with the proviso that it should be signed by at least four members of the committee. As this had already been done it was decided to uphold the chairman's action.

A letter was received from the Education Board intimating that tenders had been called for the new school on King's Road.

An entertainment is shortly to be held for the purpose of increasing the school prize fund.

A draft of the committee's report for the year ending March 31 last was, with a few amendments, unanimously adopted.

27th April 1910 Once more the Wellington Education Board has made a pronouncement on the proposal to establish a high school at Petone. It was yesterday decided, on the motion of Mr R. Lee Chairman of the board to inform the Petone school committee that a high school cannot be erected because it could not be done without disestablishing the Hutt school, to which both the board and Education Department were opposed. The motion was seconded by Mr A. W. Hogg.

30th April 1910 The people of Normandale were asking for a school to be built.

24th May 1910 Hutt Borough Council It was agreed to supply water without charge to the new Eastern Hutt School in King's Road.

1st June 1910 Wellington Education Board An application was received from Hutt school committee that in view of the rapid increase in attendance, three wooden class-rooms should be erected instead of two brick class-rooms, proposed. —The board decided to approve the proposal and refer it to the Education Department. The chairman cautioned members, not to look on the balance-sheet in too rosy a light, because the Government had advanced £1000 on the Eastern Hutt school, which would in due course be required.

1st June 1910 Finding that with the present relative prices of timber and brick buildings it is possible to secure a larger building in wood than in the other material for the same money, the Hutt School Committee wrote to the Education Board, asking that its new school might be erected in wood, not brick. On the recommendation of the inspector, it was decided at the board yesterday afternoon to ask the department to sanction such a change of material.

14th June 1910 Hutt Borough Council The chairman of the Hutt School forwarded a copy of a resolution recently passed at a meeting of Lower Hutt burgesses, which recommended the council to submit to the Government, the section of land originally acquired for a gasworks site for a High School for the Hutt Valley. On the motion of the Mayor, it was decided to obtain, the borough solicitor's, opinion, as to whether the section could be used for what it was required.

20th July 1910 THE HIGH SCHOOL QUESTION. A conference of the Hutt and Petone School Committees for the purpose of establishing a high school for the Hutt Valley was held in the Lower Hutt School last evening. Both committees were well represented, and Mr. D. McKenzie (chairman of the Petone District High School Committee) was voted to the chair.

The chairman stated that it was suggested that White's Line would be a very suitable site for the school, as the building would then be on the boundary between Hutt and Petone, and convenient to all. After quoting correspondence from members of Parliament and the Education Board, Mr. McKenzie concluded by remarking that Petone was inclined to waive its claim to a high school in favour of one for the Valley.

The Rev. Mr. Thomson (Petone) was not in sympathy with the chairman. It was only a waste of time talking of White's Line. He advocated embodying a technical school with a high school and said. That it was the aim of education people, to subsequently convert the Petone Technical School into a high, school.

Mr. Cairns (Petone) remarked that he was in favour of a high school for Petone, ;but as the Government would not ' . grant .it. without the. disestablishment of the. Hutt District High School, the only way was to try to get a high school for the Valley. He was not in favour of. the Belmont site..

Mr. Townsend advocated dropping of parochial feelings and acting in unison

Mr. Wilson (Hutt)'thought that the time was not yet ripe for a high school, but if his committee was against his opinion then he hoped that a satisfactory arrangement could be come to. Ho could not see how it was possible for technical education to work hand in 'hand with secondary education. [Referring to the site, Mr. .Wilson was in favour of e high school where the , bulk of the population was. If the Hutt land Petone gave up the District High School, then there would be. nothing according to the- Act that could stop Petone erecting a high school of its own. This the two committees were .not going to do, and therefore he would fight against a high school proposal for the reasons which he had given.

Mr. Rishworth (Hutt) did not agree with the Rev. - Mr. Thompson regarding the establishment of a high school at Petone. Ho was in favour of , the site already suggested at White's Line, but learned to the opinion that Petone wished to go too fast. It ought to mark time for the present, or it might fall.

Mr. Baldwin .(Hutt) thought that Petone should remember that it was through the Hutt that they (Petone) had secured a Technical School. Had they (Hutt) made objection, the Minister for Education' might not have agreed to the establishment of that •school. Petone was not the place for a' secondary school. He agreed with Mr. Wilson that the time was not yet ripe for the establishment of a. high school in the Valley.

Mr. Macaskill (Hutt) said that Petone people made too much of Petone. He did not agree with the previous speakers that . the time was not yet ripe for a high.; school, but he would not. be ,a party 'to any suggestion for a site for the school on the Petone side of White's Line.

Mr.-Hendry (Hutt) .stated that it was plain that no decision could.be-arrived at now, and therefore suggested that the Hutt -Committee- should discuss the .subject and inform Petone of its ultimatum.

15th August 1910 Proposed High School The Lower Hutt school committee hat decided to give effect to the board's suggestion to convene a meeting of delegates from the various school committees in the Hutt Ward to 'consider the question of a site for the proposed high school.

3rd October 1910 Public Schools Cricket Association Volkman and Tucker's, cup, which 'was won by the Hutt school last year for' the) second time, was presented to Mr Yeats, as representing the school

21st October 1910 Mr. R. Lee, chairman of the Education Board, addressed a number of scholars at the Hutt School this afternoon. In connection with His speech it is interesting to note that about fifty years ago Mr. Lee sailed across Trafalgar Bay in Nelson's flagship^ the Victory.

25th October 1910 Hutt Borough Council Captain Ballachy applied for permission to use the Normandale quarry for the class firing of the Hutt School Cadets on Friday afternoons, and undertook to accept all responsibility with regard to securing the absolute safety of the public. The application was agreed to.

13th December 1910 The Wellington Education Board applied for a free water service in connection with the sewerage system at the Hutt School on the same lines as existed in connection with the King's Road School.

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1911	541	Hutt DHS/Side School	Box	Lucy Ethel		FP2	£25.00
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12th January 1911 Hutt Borough Council the Education Board expressed its thanks to the council for providing free of cost the water supply for the main Hutt school.

18th Jn 1911 Class A (Schools with roll over 200) Lindon C Hemery Junio Board and Junior National Scholarship winner from Hutt School

17th February 1911 School Committee Aggrieved. Part of a long article: A view similar to that above expressed is taken of the matter by the Hutt School Committee. At its meeting on Tuesday evening, members expressed indignation at the action of Mr. D. McKenzie (chairman of the , Petone District High School Committee) in canvassing the Hutt district for pupils for the proposed agricultural course at Petone. Subsequently it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Mr. Rishworth: "That: this committee fully endorses the action of its chairman (Mr. McCaskill) and its headmaster (Mr. Yeats) in making public the extraordinary conduct of the chairman of the Petone District High School." ' Mr. Yates stated, in a letter to Mr. McKenzie: "That a canvass of the Hutt district for pupils for the proposed rural course at Petone was entirely unfair, and the best possible way of advancing your scheme would have been to advertise it."

15th March 1911 the Hutt County Council decided yesterday to call the attention of the Health Department to the fact that there has been an outbreak of scarlet fever in the Epuni Hamlet. It was

stated that owing to the outbreak some of the Epuni school children were attending the Taita School, and the others the Hutt School.

28th March 1911 Miss Rothwell resigns Wellington Education Board

15th June 1911 "On the Carpet." The suggestion that some precaution was necessary to ensure that "the proposed instructors are specially qualified to teach the subject efficiently" appears to have offended the commandant of the junior cadets, continued the speaker, and on the first occasion that Captain Ballachey visited cadet headquarters on official business he received a "wiggling" from Major McDonald. Major McDonald jr. said to have intimated to Captain Ballachey that he (the cadet commandant) would not send any more instructors to the Hutt School till Captain Ballachey asked for them. It is presumed, by those acquainted with the facts of the case, that this order was given effect to, for the next occasion upon which one of the stiff instructors visited, in the forenoon, the Petone Cadets and the Marist Brothers' School Cadets, he did not, as was his wont, visit the Hutt School in the afternoon.

17th June 1911 Another long article on the above matter was not copied

20th July 1911 Members of the Lower Hutt School Committee, assisted by the teachers and scholars, planted about 500 trees and shrubs yesterday (Arbor Day) in the King's Road School grounds. The committee desires to thank Messrs. T. M. Wilford, M.P., F Cooper, Ltd., W. E. Hughes, F. J. Pinny, Stanley Knight, and several of the parents for contributions of trees, etc, Mrs. Wilford had intended taking part in the work, but sent an apology, explaining with regret that she found it impossible to attend.

1st August 1911 At a meeting of the Lower Hutt School Committee held last evening the chairman Mr. H. Baldwin, announced his intention of offering as a prize one year's free tuition in any subject the winner chooses at the Petone Technical School, for competition amongst the scholars of the higher standards, in commercial subjects on the lines of the competition inaugurated some time back by the Chamber of Commerce, the subjects to comprise arithmetic, handwriting, and composition. He also offered to provide a prize for competition among the girls attending the Kings Road School, the details of which would be arranged by the headmaster

2nd October 1911 INTERESTING CEREMONY AT NOKMANBALE, Dotted about the hills overlooking Lower Hutt are a score [A Score was 20] of dwellings constituting the. Normandale settlement. The situation is pleasant, healthy and picturesque, and the view of the. Hutt valley and Port Nicholson is extremely fine; but the difficulty of access is a great drawback. Hitherto the settlers have had to send their children some two or three miles along a winding, dangerous road to Lower Hutt school, away down in the valley below. On Saturday afternoon, however, this disadvantage was removed by the opening of a new public school sufficiently large to meet requirements for some time to come.

2nd October 1911 At the Normandale School opening Mr Robert Lee chairman of the Wellington Education Board and ex Inspector of schools included in his speech: Mr. Lee also remembered the time when the Hutt School was held in the blockhouse under the guidance of Mr. J. Martin. "The place was so dimly lighted that you could scarcely tell one boy's face from another." There were between thirty and forty on the roll. "It is extremely interesting," concluded Mr. Lee, "to be on the old pound once again and witness such a transformation." Mr. Lee's remarks reminded Mr. Wilford of the first time he met Mr. Lee. Mr. Wilford was then & pupil at the Taita. School, and Mr. Lee, as inspector, was naturally looked upon by the scholars with fear, "But I'm not afraid of him now," added the speaker, amidst laughter,

11th October 1911 Arrangements are now being made by the committee of the Lower Hutt, School to hold a school concert shortly. The funds raised will be in aid of the animal picnic

14th December 1911 At the breaking-up for the summer holidays of the Hutt District High School, Miss Macey, who is leaving the school staff to be married, was the recipient of several presents. On

Tuesday, Mr. H. Baldwin, chairman, on behalf of the School Committee, presented Miss Macey with an afternoon tea service. On Wednesday morning she was presented by the pupils of the Eastern Hutt School with a valuable and chaste silver-mounted afternoon tea tray, as well as several other useful articles. The headmaster (Mr. J. M. Yeats) made this presentation, and Rev. J. McCaw replied feelingly for Miss Macey, thanking the children for their very kind gifts. He then called for three cheers for Miss Macey and the other members of the staff. Again, in the afternoon, at the headmaster's office, Miss Macey was the recipient of an elegant Queen Anne teapot, presented by the school staff, accompanied by congratulations and heartiest best wishes. At the breaking up of the secondary department on Tuesday, Miss Meyers pupils gave an excellent rendering of "As You like It." It was evident that great attention had been paid to correct pronunciation. The headmaster congratulated Miss Meyers on the success of the year's work and hoped the parents in the Hutt Valley would prove more loyal than formerly to their own high school. Rev. J. McCaw also spoke, and eulogised the work of the High School, and bespoke the loyalty of parents.

15th December 1911 At the Lower Hutt School the following pupils gained certificates: — Proficiency : Frank Eddie, Eric Lazarus, Len. Ludlow, Gordon Lusty, John McDougald, William Martin, Harold Nicol, Herbert Pole, Arnold Smith, Ewen Taylor, Major Wilson, Desmond Wilson, Thomas Waugh, William Gadsby, Oscar Mudgway, Ethel Atkinson, Leah Avison, Mertyl Austin, Clarice Burt, Ena Carr, Vora Eddie, Constance Jilkes, Norah Knight, Nancy Law, Winnie Lockett, Flora Macaskill, Agnes McCaw, Jean McDonald, Ethel Nicol, Ruth Patten, Addie Stevens, Eilene Strand, Maggie Ward, Marie Simon.

Competency : — Ferdinand Avison, Cyril Fisher, Alfred Foothead, Hector Gosse, Paul Sullivan. Nellie Cloake, Lenore Cudby, Ruby Olliver.

1912

1912	554	Hutt DHS/Side School	Yeats	Duncan M	D1	Head Master	£360
1912	554	Hutt DHS/Side School	Ballachey BA	Ernest H	B1	Assistant Master	£260
1912	554	Hutt DHS/Side School	Forbes	Emma L Stuart	E1	Assistant Female	£200
1912	554	Hutt DHS/Side School	Meager	Clara	E1	Assistant Female	£170
1912	554	Hutt DHS/Side School	Olson	Walter H	D3	Assistant Master	£140
1912	554	Hutt DHS/Side School	Caiyou	Charles	C3	Assistant Master	£135
1912	554	Hutt DHS/Side School	Young	Mabel F	D2	Assistant Female	£100
1912	554	Hutt DHS/Side School	Fogelberg	Norma E	B4	Assistant Female	£95
1912	554	Hutt DHS/Side School	Tasker	Kate L	B4	Assistant Female	£95
1912	554	Hutt DHS/Side School	Richmond	Marietta		FP4	£55
1912	554	Hutt DHS/Side School	Williamson	Isa		FP4	£55
1912	554	Hutt DHS/Side School	Donkin	Catherine J		FP3	£45
1912	554	Hutt DHS/Side School	Jacobsen	Victor G		MP2	£35
1912	554	Hutt DHS/Side School	MacCurdy	Elsie D		FP1	£20
1912	554	Hutt DHS/Side School	Myers BA	Phoebe	B1	Secondary	

31st January 1912 Wellington Education Board It was agreed to pay half cost of improvements at the Hutt school.

19th February 1912 Cricket Lower Hutt school defeated Petone West school by an innings and 11 runs.

6th April 1912 The annual distribution of prizes at the Lower Hutt school and King's road side school took place on Thursday afternoon in the presence of a number of spectators. Mr

H. Baldwin, chairman of the committee, made the presentations. Captain Stevens, commandant, also presented the cadets with the Winchester shield, recently won by them at the North Island competitions.

The prize-list is as under:— . 4 I Main School.—Attendance prizes (figure 1 signifies first-class prize, and 2 second-class). —Infants: Arthur Doran 1, Delsie Johnson and Vera McDonald 2. Prep.: Hector Fleet, Thomas Haiseldon, and W. Walton 1; Horace Hobman 2. Standard I.: Stan. Burn, Hoy McDonald, and D. Merchant. 1; George Armstrong 2. Standard II.: Leslie Knight. Alex. Wright. Ivy Dormer. Daisy Fleet, B. Hepple, Eva Haiseldon, and Nancy Ward 1: Keith Butler. Leon England, Peter Mason, Jack Summers, Vora Jenness and Jack Armstrong 2. Standard _ IV.: a Fleet, A. McIlvride and Grace Lee Is A. Doran, Maria Sutton, Harry Lee, Jack Wengdal. William Bailie, Leslie Jenness. Nat Clout, Madge Abbot, and Jack Armstrong 3. Standard IV.: F. Carr, A. Chorley, T. Lazarus, O. Wilson, O. Yates, P. Doran, Ethel Boss, and Grace Walton 1: Hector McDonald, E. Gorton, Hector Sladden, and L. Alexander 2. Standard V.: Gordon Mason. O. Slater. Vera Armstrong, Iris Bowie. Grace Meldrum, May Pilcher, and Ethel Stratton 1; Dora McDonald, O. Frier, A. Glennie, Mary Ferguson, T. Slinn. V Pole, K Baumber, and O. Fleet 2. Standard VI.: E. Carr. N. Knight, and M. Ward Is Ruby Ross, Ruby Oliver. Agnes McCan , Ethel Nicol, and Herbert Pole 2. High school: A. Wilson, Isa McCaw, and T. Seed 1; Alfred Gibbon and Eva Boyd 2.

Class Prizes (awarded for highest marks). —Infants: Nellie King 1. Marjory Lazarus 2 Preparatory: Bert Simpkins 1, Albert Prince 2. Infants' Drawing (Mr , Bridget B: special prize)—Lower Infants; Gordon Phillip 1. Etai Taylor 2. Upper Infants: Tom Humphrey! 1, Stanley Martin 2, Milta Baumber 3. . Preparatory (headmaster's special): Doris Day 1. Agnes ; Butler 2. Standard I.: Mervyn Yates 1, Gordon Post 2. Standard U.: Fred King 1. Ivy Dormer 2. Standard III.: Gwen Barker 1, Phyllis Waugh 2. Standard IV.; Mr Baldwin's special prizes): Harold Pearce 1. 'Robert Lusty 2. Standard V. (Mr Baldwin's prizes): Chas. Hawk 1, Rita Butler. 2. Standard. VI. (Mr Baldwin's prize): Ethel Nicol 1. Thos. Waugh 2 (Mr Ballachy's prize). , , Sewing.—Infants; Nellie Butler 1, Tui Dawson 2. Standard I.: Myra Murray 1, Florence Lee 2. Standard II.: Irene Plnney 1, Elsie Akuhata 2. Standard III.: Doris Hickson 1. Mabel Wilson 2. Standard IV.: Flo. Waugh 1, Clara Neill 2. Standard V.: Dorothy McDonald 1, Ruby Birch 2. Standard-VI.-Ethel Nicol 1, Ruth Patten 2. Shooting Prizes.—Class A, division I.: Private McDougald 1, Lance-Corp. H. Mason 2, Private P. Winnie 3. Class B, division I.: Private Chas. Day 1, Private O. Fleet 2 Class A. division - II.; Private! W. Clout 1, Private M. Ludlow 2.- Class B; division EC.: Private A. Wilson 1, Private H. Maidment 2.

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Special Class Prises: Standard V. —Geography, Raymond Taylor 1; brushwork, Dorothy McDonald 2. Standard IV.: Spelling, John Stevens and Lorna Judd 1; geography, Frank Everton 2. '

Eastern Hutt Side School.—Attendance prizes; Infants—Noel Sundgren, Percy Mudgway, . and William Sundgren 2.' Standard 1.: Alex. Doran and Elsie Mudgway 2. Standard II.: Leo Knight, Jas. McCaw. and Ophlr Cotton 1; Ethel Cotton, Mabel Slater, Mary Churchhouse , and Guy Woodward '2.

Marks prizes: Infants (Mr Yates's special prizes)—Norman Heyes 1. Jessie Tresedor 2. Preparatory: Gordon Johnson 1, Minnie Hagard 2. Standard I.; Alex Doran 1, Rupert Upton

2.. Standard II.; James McCaw Jack Hammond 2. Sewing; Infants— Thelma Palmer 1, Grace Doran 2. Standard I.; A. Ayson 1, G. Pock; 2. Standard II.: Bertha Cross 1, D. Bowman 2.

12th September 1912 Mr. D. M. Yeats, headmaster of the Lower Hutt School, who has been seriously ill for some time past, underwent an operation yesterday. He is reported to be progressing favourably.

26th September 1912 CONFERENCE OF COMMITTEE. At a conference of Hutt Valley School Committees was held at Lower Hutt last evening to consider the question of separate representation on the Education Board for the Hutt Valley. The following delegates were present:—Messrs. Baldwin, Webley, and Fraser (Hutt District High School), D McKenzie (Petone District ~ High School), R Jones (Koro Koro). Bell, H Knight, and Adams (Normandale). :

Mr. H. Baldwin, who occupied the chair, pointed out that the object of the conference was to see what steps should be taken to obtain separate representation for the Hutt Valley on the Wellington Education Board. It had been the feeling for some time that the Hutt Valley was not represented, and the time had now arrived when they should have representation — somebody to keep in touch with the committees, and occasionally to attend their meetings and see what the requirements of the schools really were. Mr. Baldwin also pointed out that the number of children attending the schools ' in the Hutt Valley was 2250, as against 1891 children attending the schools ill the Manawatu district. The cost per head ; for teaching the children was £3. 17s for the Hutt Valley, and . £4 4s. 7d. for the Horowhenua district. The number of representatives on the School Committee .was 118 for Hutt Valley, and 141 for Horowhenua, thus showing that the Hutt Valley was outvoted in the matter of educational representation.

After discussion, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Bell: "That a deputation of delegates from all schools interested should wait on Mr. Wilford and ask him to lake steps to have a separate ward formed for the Hutt Valley, so that they could have their own representative."

13th November 1912 Mr Duncan Yeats, headmaster of Lower Hutt School, who recently underwent a very serious operation at the Wellington Hospital, has been removed to his residence at the Hutt, where he is now steadily progressing

1913

1913	632	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Yeats	Duncan M	D1	Head Master	£365.00
1913	632	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Ballachey BA	Ernest H	B1	Assistant Master	£265.00
1913	632	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Williams BA	Ethel	B2	Assistant Female	£180.00
1913	632	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Meager	Clara	E1	Assistant Female	£175.00
1913	632	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Olson	Walter H	D2	Assistant Master	£145.00
1913	632	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Caiyou	Charles	C3	Assistant Master	£140.00
1913	632	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Young	Mabel F	D2	Assistant Female	£105.00
1913	632	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Fogelberg	Norma E	B3	Assistant Female	£100.00
1913	632	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Park	Jean G	D4	Assistant Female	£90.00
1913	632	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Donkin	Catherine J		FP4	£55.00
1913	632	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Pringle	Eileen M		FP1	£50.00
1913	632	Hutt DHS/King's Road	McLennan	Annie M		FP1	£45.00
1913	632	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Dixon	Lily W		FP3	£45.00

1913	632	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Harnett	Helen M		FP2	£35.00
1913	632	Hutt DHS/King's Road	MacCurdy	Elsie D		FP2	£25.00
1913	632	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Myers BA	Phoebe	B1	Secondary	

11th March 1913 Hutt Borough Council Permission was also granted the Hutt School Football Club and the School Girls' Hockey Club to play on the grounds during next season.

1st April 1913 A letter has been received by the Hutt Borough Council from the Hutt school committee declining to allow the infants' school to be used as a polling booth at the coming elections. Last evening the town clerk stated that he would not know what to do if the polling were heavy. However, if he found it necessary he would approach the committee again.

2nd April 1913 A pleasing function took place last Friday afternoon at the Hutt District High School. Miss Stuart-Forbes, who is retiring on Superannuation^ was entertained at afternoon tea and made the recipient of several beautiful gifts. From the staff she received a handsome travelling clock, suitably inscribed, and from the present pupils a very dainty -peridot pendant and a pair of silver hat pints. The "old" boys and girls gave their late teacher a most useful and capacious hat box, and from the committee- she received a Petone travelling tug of an attractive design Miss Stuart-Forbes/ who has been many years on the staff of the Hutt School, contemplates taking a trip to Europe, and leaves by the Ionic in May. On Monday afternoon this teacher was again entertained at afternoon tea in the Hazelmere tea room by a committee of ladies with whom she has worked for the school' from time to time and was presented by them with a suede travelling cushion and a deck chair.

EL Forbes began teaching at Carterton in 1882 as a pupil teacher and was there under the Christian name of Eliza until 1889. In 1890 she spent one year at the Hutt School. From 1891 until 1899 she was sole teacher at the Matarawa School just North of the Waiohine River across from Greytown. The name Emma first appeared in records in 1898. In 1900 she moved to Hutt school where she taught until 1913. 31 years service to the Wellington Education Board

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14th April 1913 Miss Williams, who has been on the staff of the Masterton District High School for some years, and who has been a particularly capable teacher, has been appointed' assistant teacher at the Lower Hutt school.

28th April 1913 HUTT DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL. The Hutt District ' High School Committee's report states that the number of scholars has increased during the year, the number on the roll now being as follow:—Main School, 392; Infants' School, 113; Secondary School, 21; King's Road, 130; being a total of 662, an increase on last year of 51. Owing to the large attendance of infants at the Main Infant School, the committee have applied to the Education Board for an additional room to be added to the Infants' School. Miss Fortes has resigned her position of teacher after a service of 25 [Actually 31] years as a school teacher. 12 years of which was spent, at the Hutt School. The committee and the school staff deplore her loss. The committee wish to thank Mr. Ballachey and the staff for the energetic manner in which they worked to keep up the standard of work in the school during the illness of the headmaster (Mr. Yeates [Sic]). Outside of school the scholars continue to maintain their position in sports. The school now holds two championships, one for shooting and one for cricket. The report calls the attention of the incoming committee to the necessity of raising

funds for the purpose of asphaltting certain portions of both school grounds, so that parents can be satisfied that their children are not likely to get wet-fooled whilst about the school ground'. The committee ad 280 yards asphalted at the Main School and regret that funds would not allow them to do more. The committee congratulate the headmaster (Mr. Yeates [Sic]) on his recovery from his illness, and also to the satisfactory manner in which the school is conducted.

26th May 1913 SCHOOL CADETS

LOWER HUTT WINS "PRESS" CHALLENGE SHIELD. Mr H. Baldwin, chairman of the Lower Hutt District High School, presented the medals, won by the members of the school cadets, on Friday afternoon. The cadets of the Lower Hutt School were successful in winning the competition for the "Weekly Press" marksmen's challenge shield by securing the highest score for New Zealand. Those who received medals were: —Corporal Doyle, Corporal A. Glennie, Sergeant A. Clifford, Sergeant M. Ludbrook, Lance-Corporal W. Clout, Lance-Corporal Chapman, Sergeant Baumber, Lance-Corporal A. Nelson, Corporal Fake, and Corporal T. Slinn. Mr Baldwin congratulated the boys upon their meritorious performance and paid a tribute to Captain Ballachey. and Lieutenant Caigou, the cadets' shooting instructors.

7th June 1913 HUTT SCHOOL. A special meeting of the Lower Hutt District High School Committee was held last evening for the purpose of discussing the raising of funds to asphalt the school yard. A number of ladies were present, and it was resolved to organise a bazaar for the fund. A ladies' committee was formed, and Mrs. Harmon was elected chairwoman. A further _ meeting will be held in the school on Friday afternoon.\

14th June 1913 HUTT SCHOOL BAZAAR. A meeting of ladies interested in the organisation of a bazaar to raise sufficient money to asphalt a portion of the school ground at Lower Hutt School was held yesterday. Mrs. Harman occupied the chair. It was resolved to set up a sewing guild, and to canvass for aid. Stall-holders and committees were also appointed. The bazaar will be "held in November

7th July 1913 The Wellington Education Board has made the following appointments :—: — Assistant^ master, Lansdowne , Mr. C. Caigou (from the Hutt School)/ Charles Caigou [Had various spellings] started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Horokiwi [A School near Pahautanui] in 1907 then came to Hutt and was at Lansdowne until at least 1923 when my records end

12th August 1923 Hutt Brough Council Requests by the Hutt School Committee that asphalt crossings be put down from the Railway Hotel to the school, and from the hotel to Donnelly's Corner, for the convenience of the children attending the school, were acceded to.

25th September 1913 NZ Times: Part of a long article entitled Physical Culture: Wo shall now direct the Minister's attention —supposing he be good enough to read the "Times"—to a little matter nearer home. It would be advisable for the Minister to visit the Lower Hutt school and inspect the playground on some fairly wet day. He would find the state of that enclosure anything but desirable. He would discover that the youngsters are sent out to play in mud, where they must inevitably get wet, cold feet, and run the risk of influenza, or worse. Then look at the ground at the Newtown school, which is a couple of feet below the level of the street and is consequently subject to miniature floods.

3rd October 1913 Public Schools Cricket associated included; In the city, the senior championship resulted in a win for the South Wellington School, who were unbeaten. In the final against the Hutt School, winners of the Hutt Valley competition, they were beaten rather easily, however. The Hutt School therefore holds- Volkmann and Tucker's Cup for the ensuing season.

9th October 1913 HUTT SCHOOL FUNDS. At St. James's Hall, Lower Hutt, last evening a gift social gathering and dance was held, in aid of the Hutt School funds. It was organised by the Hutt ex-school girls. There was a large attendance, and the chaperones were Mesdames Yeats, Barlow, and Harmon. Mr. W. Tressider was M.C., and Mrs. Anderson supplied the music. The committee comprised Misses Barlow (2), Bowers, Dudding, Parrant, Tressider, and Macaskill (2), and the following contributed items to the programme: —Misses G. Kafer, N. Williams, L. Manderson, and L. Barlow.

29th October 1913 The Wellington Education Board decided yesterday that it could not sanction the exemption of two children attending the Lower Hutt School from attendance for a certain time every alternate Friday, for the purpose of receiving music lessons. The board sympathised with parents who wished to give their children a musical education but could not connive at what was really a breach of the law.

10th December 1913 Cricket Permission was granted to the Clyde quay schoolboys to play the Hutt school on the Basin Reserve on Saturday next.

1914

1914	680	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Burns MA	Andrew N	A1	Head Master	£370.00
1914	680	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Ballachey BA	Ernest H	B1	Assistant Master	£275.00
1914	680	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Williams BA	Ethel	B1	Assistant Female	£210.00
1914	680	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Meager	Clara	B1	Assistant Female	£185.00
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1914	680	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Cameron	Nora		FP2	£35.00
1914	680	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Seed	Jessie		FP2	£35.00
1914	680	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Brassell	Lena A		Female Probationer 1	£25.00
1914	680	Hutt DHS/King's Road	MacCurdy	Elsie D		FP2	£25.00
1914	680	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Mockridge	John R		MP1	£25.00
1914	680	Hutt DHS/King's Road	Myers BA	Phoebe	B1	Secondary	

28th January 1914 The Education Department does not approve of the proposals for the enlargement of the Eastern Hutt school. In notifying the board to this effect, yesterday, the

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

2nd February 1914 The Lower Hutt District High School Committee have recommended appointments, as follows ;Mr A M Burns Main School, 'Mr. A M. Burns, .M.A., at present Headmaster at the District High. School,. Carterton. assistant, Main. School, Mr, H. Henderson,, 'B..A at , present .Second assistant at Bulls High School,' Headmaster Eastern Hutt School {King's Road};, Mr. McBain, at present headmaster at Manakau

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

30th April 1914 Hutt Borough Mayoralty Election Mr. Baldwin has been a resident of the Hutt for a considerable number of years. He at present occupies the positions of chairman on the Hutt River Board, Hutt Park 'Committee, and Hutt School Committee, secretary to the Hutt Fire Brigade, and district member on the Wellington Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

6th May 1914 The annual report of the Hutt District High School Committee show;: that the main school has a roll of 557 pupils, the Eastern Hutt school one of 130, and the secondary department 13; a total of 723. The attendance in the secondary department has been but the has increased by 723 over the previous year's figures. The bazaar in aid of the school funds realised £84, which together with the subsidy received from the Education Board has enabled the committee to greatly improve the conditions of the school playing grounds. Overcrowding has been in evidence at the main school, states the report, but as a new school is to be erected to accommodate 120 children at Eastern Hutt, the want of accommodation will be rectified. The library and other institutions in connection with the school are reported to be in a flourishing condition.

6th May 1914 Advertisement

HUTT DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

A MEETING of the Householders in the Hutt School District will be held in the Schoolroom on THURSDAY NEXT, the 7th of MAY 1914, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of considering the question of recognising the services of the headmaster. Mr. D. M. Yeats, who is retiring at the end of May.

9th May 1914 Wairarapa News Mr A. N. Burns, headmaster of the Carterton school, who has been promoted to a similar position at Lower Hutt school, was entertained at a valedictory social by the residents of Carterton on Wednesday night. The school committee, parents, and - children presented Mr Burns with a gold watch, and the teachers of the school gave Mr Burns a travelling case.

9th May 1914 It was decided at the annual meeting of the Western Hutt Electors' Association last evening to draw the Hutt School Committee's attention to the question of establishing branch classes of the Petone Technical School at Alicetown.

9th May 1914 MR. D. M. YEATS, OF LOWER HUTT GREATER FREEDOM ALLOWED. After having completed his forty seventh year as an educationist, the present headmaster of the Lower Hutt District High School, Mr. D. M. Yeats, will sever his connection with the teaching profession on the 22nd of this month. Being of a genial disposition and possessing a wide and general knowledge of all matters appertaining to the education of the young, Mr. Yeats has won the admiration of both parents and pupils at Lower Hutt, and his retirement from the post he has held for the past twelve years will leave a gap that will be difficult to fill. A native of Scotland, Mr. Yeats received his early education at the- Aberdeen University, and for a short period after leaving this institution he engaged in tree-planting in India. At about the age of 21 he migrated to Australia, where, somewhat reluctantly at first, he joined the teaching profession, securing a position at a private school in Melbourne. Next he was appointed classical master at the Hamilton and Western District College^ and later took up a position on the Hobart High School. Eventually he decided to make New Zealand his home, and his first appointment under the Education Board was at Pahiatua. This was in 1885, and when he left for Otaki six years later the number of pupils on the roll of the Pahiatua school had increased from 26 to 180. When he came to take charge of the Hutt School the number of pupils attending was 240, while the staff consisted of four certificated and two pupil teachers. The building was totally inadequate, both as regards size and equipment, and teaching was carried out under extreme difficulties. In 1903 the new school was erected, and two years later the High I School was established for secondary classes. During the years that followed the needs of the Hutt increased steadily, and in 1910 the Eastern Hutt side school was erected, being followed a year later by the establishment' of an infant building at the main school. During the past twelve years the total attendance increased to 723, this including the side school, which it has now been decided to make a main school with a separate headmaster and teaching staff.

WHAT IS WANTED. In conversation with a Post reporter, Mr., Yeats touched upon various topics concerning education in the Hutt' district. Two of the most urgent necessities, he said, were a day technical school in Petone and a high school to serve the needs of both Hutt and Petone. He was of the opinion that such institutions would greatly benefit the district, besides making it unnecessary for children to go to the Wellington colleges and technical school. Such institutions would give, an impetus to education, and would keep children longer at school than was the case at present. There were a number of children, he felt sure, who would take advantage of technical and high school education if the facilities were made easier. Children left school altogether too young, a fact which he had tried to impress upon the parents. A boy's mother, for instance, might come and take her son away from school just a few' months before a proficiency examination. The boy would be told to 'study after working hours, and Under these circumstances it was a rare occurrence for a boy to obtain a certificate.

IMPROVED .FACILITIES. , ' Comparing the education facilities of the present day with those of twelve years ago, Mr. Yeats said that the children nowadays were, provided with better opportunities than ever before. He welcomed the decision of the Education Board to convert the Eastern Hutt Bide school into a main school, as under the present conditions the

headmaster had to leave too much to the assistants. Referring to the present syllabus, Mr. Yeats said that there had been a vast change for the better during recent years, the old "cast iron" syllabus having been done away with. There was more freedom allowed now, while the inspectors were not bound down as formerly. He remarked incidentally that there had been more freedom granted to inspectors in the Wellington district than under any other board, this being chiefly due to Mr. Robert Lee, the first inspector in Wellington. The headmaster was now able to formulate his own scheme of work, and, as far as he- was concerned at least, the inspectors had always been entirely satisfied. While approving of the system of physical instruction now imparted to boys and girls, he regretted very much the abandonment of the cadet companies. These were helpful to discipline and tended to smarten the boys up. In conclusion Mr. Yeats said: "I am one of the few headmasters in favour of Bible-in-schools. For a long time I was opposed to the idea, but am quite satisfied, from the experience of other countries, that there should be no objection whatever to Bible teaching in the State schools."

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10th June 1914 A meeting of the committee appointed by Lower Hutt householders to suitably recognise the services Of Mr. D. M. Yeats, late headmaster there, was held last evening at the Hutt School, Mr. H. Baldwin presiding. It. was decided to hold a social evening on Wednesday, June 24, and a Ladies' Committee with Mrs, Leighton as convenor was set. up to meet on Monday afternoon and make final arrangements

13th June 1914 At the meeting of the Wellington Educational Institute last night, a motion of appreciation for his services to the institute was passed to Mr. Y." M. Yates, on his retirement from ,the headmastership of the Hutt School.

17th June 1914 The headmaster's report stated that the attendance for the last two weeks had, been as-follows: —Primary department—Main School: roll, 562; average, 529. Eastern Hutt School: Roll, 159; average, 142. Secondary Department—Roll, 14; average, 13. This was considered satisfactory owing to the state of the Weather. The report added that a system of disinfecting floors before sweeping had been tried successfully. and recommended its adoption.' The committee agreed to adopt the headmaster's suggestion in this respect, and also to apply to the Education Board for four rubbish-receptacles. Permission was also given the headmaster to have the bicycle-rack in the corridor 'removed

25th June 1915 POPULAR HEADMASTER

REUNION AT HUTT. At the Methodist Hall, Lower Hutt, last evening, a social gathering was tendered to Mr. D. M. Yeats, late headmaster Lower Hutt District' High School. Mr. H. Balding (chairman of the Main School Committee) presided. ' . • In making a presentation of a roller top desk to the guest of the evening, Mr. Baldwin made mention of the circumstances that the Education Board had decided that the time had arrived when Mr. Yeats should lay aside the arduous duties of teaching and take a Well -earned rest. Twelve years ago, when Mr. Yeats took charge of the Hutt School, there was an attendance of 200 scholars. To-day the roll numbered 720 an increase of over 500—which spoke well for the efficiency of the school under Mr. Yeats's supervision. He felt sure that he was voicing thon opinion of parents present when he stated that Mr. Yeats had rendered great service to the children of the district in so ably fitting them for the battle of life.

The Rev. J. McCaw and Mr. A. Macaskill also spoke in warm terms of Mr. and Mrs. Yeats. Mr. Yeats thanked those present for the kind remarks made, and especially for the references to Mrs. Yeats, who had assisted him on many occasions in the course of his duties. He then went on to state that the success of the Hutt school had been largely due to the cooperation and faithfulness of the teaching staff. He had merely acted as superintendent. He trusted that the same kindness and consideration that had been shown him by the school committee would be extended to his successor (Mr. A. N. Burns). (Applause.) Mr. Burns was then introduced by the chairman and made a brief address.

During the evening the following contributed items: Mesdames Stott and Leighton and Mr. Hendry. . In addition to the presentation mentioned above Mr. Yeats was the recipient of a pair of entree dishes, Miss Forbes making the presentation.

25th July 1914 A basket-ball game was played by girls , teams in the Normal School grounds, between the Normal High School and the Hutt High School. May Tracy was captain of the Normal School team.' The scores were: —Normal, 24; Hutt. 2. After the game, tea was dispensed to the Hutt pupils by the Normal High School pupils. Amongst those present was Mr. D. M. Yeats the retired headmaster of the Hutt School,

[Note Basketball was the fore runner for netball. Played 9 aside with 3 players from each team in a third of the court. The ball having to pass through each third. Normal schools were schools attached to the Training College and providing observation and experiences in training new teachers]

3rd September 1914 Considerable interest is being taken in the Lower Hutt branch of the Petone Technical School. A start has been made with 12 pupils in English and arithmetic classes, and it is hoped that other studies will be commenced next year. The classes meet on Mondays and Thursdays in-the Lower Hutt School.

8th October 1914 The monthly meeting of the Lower Hid District High School Committee, held last evening, was presided over by Mr. 11 Baldwin. The report presented by the headmaster showed that the average roll for the quarter ending September was 15 in the secondary department ; 561 in the main school, and 164 in the Eastern Hutt school. The total average roll was 740, and the attendance 675._ In both schools the roll •numbers were increasing. Attention was called to the dust nuisance it being suggested that the council should be approached with a view to having the street on the school side of the bridge watered before 9 a.m.

7th November 1914 The amount collected by the Lower Hutt School children for the relief of Belgian children,' rose yesterday to £29 2s. 5d

9th December 1914 E.D.W.," a member of the Hutt School Committee, writes :— "With your permission I should like to ease the mind of your correspondent, 'P.J.S.H.,' j with reference to the issue of certificates in lieu of prizes, in order that the money raised for the prize fund may be sent home towards the relief of the Belgian children. So far as the Hutt schools are concerned, it was decided last week, on the suggestion of Mr. A. N. Burns, headmaster, that the certificates shall record the fact that the money raised for the prize fund has been devoted towards the relief of the Belgian children. I should like to add that there will be no feeling of disappointment on the part of the prize-winners, as the course adopted is the practically unanimous, and very laudable, desire of the scholars themselves."

11th December 1914 Wellington Education Board At yesterday's meeting of the Wellington Education-Board a protest was received from the Hutt teachers and School Committee against the mode adopted for the separating of the Hutt School. Officers of the board presented figures showing that in only two instances might injustice be done members, of the teaching staff, and the matter was left in the hands of the executive.

12th December 1914 In a recent issue of The Post it was stated by a correspondent that the money raised for the prize fund of the Hutt School was to be devoted towards the relief of Belgian children. It was added: "There will be no feeling of disappointment on the part of the prize winners, as the course adopted is the practically unanimous, and Very laudable, desire of the scholars themselves." Mr. H. M. Jones now writes to The Post to object, on principle, to anybody or any organisation collecting money for a specific purpose, and then transferring it at their own sweet will to some other object, «no matter how deserving." He contends that the diverting of the money cannot be legally done without the approval of the contributors. Apart from that, he considers the children have not been fairly treated, especially after their self-denial effort in aid of "Uncle Tom's" fund.

15th December 1915 Carterton News Dominion A team of girls from the Hutt School played a tennis match against the Carterton school girls on the bowling green courts on Saturday, and after a good afternoon succeeded in defeating their opponents. The Carterton boys also met defeat at cricket at the hands of the Hutt boys.

19th December 1914 SOME SCHOOL AWARDS.' The early start made by the Wellington Head Centre, Royal Life-saving Society, with the college and school classes, has resulted in thirty-two awards being granted before the Christmas break-up, he work has necessarily proceeded quietly but the boys everywhere have shown keen interest, and some very excellent passes were made. Following is a list of awards granted to date: Elementary Certificates — Lower Hutt School: W. Cargill, N. Clout, J. S. Wengal, and H. E. Young.

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1915	758	Hutt DHS	Burns MA	Andrew N	A1	Head Master	£410.00
1915	758	Hutt DHS	Gould	William H	B1	Assistant Master	£310.00
1915	758	Hutt DHS	Meager	Clara	E1	Assistant Female	£230.00
1915	758	Hutt DHS	Williams BA	Ethel	B1	Assistant Female	£230.00
1915	758	Hutt DHS	Melody	William J	C3	Assistant Master	£190.00
1915	758	Hutt DHS	McLeod MA BSc	David	B4	Assistant Master	£190.00
1915	758	Hutt DHS	Young	Mabel	D2	Assistant Female	£150.00
1915	758	Hutt DHS	Park	Jean G	D3	Assistant Female	£120.00
1915	758	Hutt DHS	Cameron	Nora		FP3	£55.00
1915	758	Hutt DHS	Seed	Jessie		FP3	£55.00
1915	758	Hutt DHS	Harnett	Helen M		FP4	£55.00
1915	758	Hutt DHS	Mockridge	John R		MP2	£45.00
1915	758	Hutt DHS	Brasell	Lena A		Female Probationer 2	£35.00
1915	758	Hutt DHS	Osborne	Alexa F		Female Probationer 1	£30.00
1915	758	Hutt DHS	Myers BA	Phoebe	B1	Secondary	

15th January 1915 Junior Scholarships were won by H N Burns and E W Lockett

27th January 1915 the usual meeting of the Lower Hutt District High School Committee, held last evening, Mr. H. Baldwin presided. The headmaster's report stated that the average attendance for the last quarter of 1914 was as follows:— Secondary class, 14 ; Main School, 531 ; Eastern Hutt, 164 The results of the intermediate examination (senior free place, equal to Civil service entrance) showed that three pupils of the secondary class were successful, namely : — Ted Osborne, Grace Dyer, and Agnes McCaw, these being the only pupils entered. In the junior scholarship examination, two Pupils, Hector Burns and Edward Lockett, gained creditable places and secured junior free places. Robin McKay passed the free-place examination. The report was adopted.

Arrangements were made for the annual picnic, which is to be held at Upper Hutt on the last Friday in February.

4th March 1915 A meeting of the Lower Hutt District High School Committee was held last evening, there being present: Mr. H. Baldwin (chairman), the Rev. J. Gibson, and Messrs. Meldrum, Macaskill, McDougall, Woodward, Anson,, and Webley. Messrs. Burns and McBain, headmasters Main and Eastern Hutt Schools respectively, also attended. _ A letter from the Petone District High School Committee, in which the latter asked for the cooperation of the Hutt Committee in respect to the application of the Education Board for an area of land on the Hutt Park, upon which a high school for the Hutt Valley might be erected led to considerable discussion. Several members spoke of the proposed site as being most suitable, the opinion being generally' held that five acres of land would be sufficient for the purpose. Mr. Macaskill stated that the interests and welfare of the children should be their first consideration and criticised the action of the Hutt Council in turning down the proposal, whilst Mr. Meldrum (a councillor) objected to the suggested site, fearing it would spoil the park for other purposes. Finally Mr. McDougall moved: "That a sub-committee be appointed to further the proposal to establish a high school on the Hutt Park, such committee to confer with other school committees interested, and, if necessary, to deputationise the Education Board or Government, in order that the establishment of the high school might be proceeded with, with as little delay as possible." This was carried by a large majority, and a sub-committee, consisting of tile chairman, Messrs. Macaskill, Woodward, Meldrum, and McDougall, with Mr. A. N. Burns to act as adviser, was set up to deal with the matter

4th March 1915 HUTT SCHOOL COMMITTEE FAVOURS SITE. Although both the Lower Hutt and Eastbourne Borough Councils have resolved to fight the proposal to establish the Hutt Valley High School on the Hutt Park, those favouring the idea have by no means given up hope. The matter was the subject of a discussion at the meeting- of the Lower Hutt District High School Committee last evening, several members expressing the opinion that the site was most suitable, and that five acres should be sufficient for the school.

Mr. Macaskill considered that their first consideration should be the interests and welfare of the children, and he deprecated the action of the Hutt Council in turning down the proposal. Mr. Meldrum (a local .councillor) held a, different view. He objected to the proposed site, fearing it would spoil the park for other purposes. '

After further discussion, the following motion by Mr. McDougall was agreed to by a large majority : — "That a sub-committee be appointed to further the proposal to establish a High School on the Hutt Park, such committee to confer with other school committees interested,

and, if necessary, to deputationise the Education Board or Government, in order that the establishment of the High School might be proceeded 'with with as little delay as possible.' The sub-committee appointed to deal with the matter was as follows : — Messrs. H. Baldwin (chairman), Macaskill, Woodward, Meldrum, and McDougall , with the headmaster, Mr. A. N. Burns, as adviser.

8th April 1915 Mr. H. Baldwin occupied the chair at a meeting of the Lower Hutt District High School Committee held last evening. The number of pupils on the High School roll was reported to be 498. It was announced that. 'Mr. Melody had been appointed assistant headmaster, and that Miss Ziman, relieving assistant, had been transferred to Te Aro. The report of the Eastern Hutt School showed that there were 316 on the roll, the average attendance for the, past quarter being 301: A sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Baldwin, Barlow, and Macaskill was appointed in connection with the Technical School classes.

26th April 1915 HTJTT DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL. The final meeting of the Hutt District High School Committee was held on Friday. There were present: Mr. H. Baldwin (chairman), and Messrs. Barlow, MacAskill Meldrum, Woodward, Gibson, and McDougall. It was intimated that the Technical classes would commence on May 17. In respect to the credit balance of £6 6s. derived from the recent picnic, it was agreed that it should be equally divided between the Eastern Hutt and the District High School's Library. The annual report, to be presented to the housed holders, congratulated the teaching staff on the efficiency of the school, and on the satisfactory reports from inspectors. The headmaster at Eastern Hutt was congratulated on the progress made since he took Tip the work there. The number of scholars on the roll last year was: Main School, 557; secondary, 13, total 570; Eastern Hutt, 153; total, 723. The attendance up to December, 1914, had been: Main School, 566; secondary, 14; Eastern Hutt, 184; total, 764. The number of scholars at' present attending is: Main School, 335; infant, 151; secondary, 15; total, 501; Eastern Hutt, 228; infant, 88; total, 316. Total for both, 817, an increase of 94 on last year. During the year Mr. D. M. Yeats retired from the position of headmaster, and his place was filled by Mr. A. N. Burns, from the Carterton District High School, most satisfactorily. A new. school was erected by the board at Eastern Hutt during the year. The report also mentioned the good work executed by school children on behalf of the Belgian Fund, many sacrifices having been made by the little ones. The Library fund had benefited to the extent of £15 13s. 5d. ' A branch of the Petone Technical School had been successfully started at the Hutt, and the attendance was as follows:—English and arithmetic, 31; shorthand and type-writing, 21; book-keeping, 17; dressmaking, 14, The committee thanked the Education Board for establishing a separate school at Eastern Hutt, which appears to have a great future before it". The report was approved. Mr. McDougall was appointed deputy-chairman for the householders' meeting, and eight nominations were received for the Main, and eight for Eastern Hutt School Committees.

30th April 1915 School Committee Nominees [There was also a list of Nominees for a separate School Committee for the Eastern Hutt School] Main Hutt School.— Herbert W. Hancox , Walter L. Smith, J. J. Doran, J. W. F. McDougall, A. J. West, James G. Gibson, J. Wray, A. E. Roots, A. G. Heron, W. J. Meldrum, A. F. Anderson, E. P. Rishworth, H. E. Leighton, and A. Jarman.

4th May 1915 In his report to the householders fast evening, Mr A. N- Burns (headmaster of the Lower Hutt District High School) stated his regret that there is no provision for teaching

practical science, woodwork and cookery. He held that a move should be made in conjunction with the technical committee to secure a room for teaching practical science. As regards woodwork and cookery, they had the option of sending the children to the technical school at Petone on certain days of the week; but he had not availed himself of this on account of the distance. As all these subjects are now considered essential from an educational point of view, he thought they should not lag behind. The chairman (Mr J. W. F. McDougall) remarked that the committee intended to go into the question of technical education in conjunction with the Eastern Hutt school committee.

4th May 1915 HUTT DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL. About fifty householders attended a meeting at the Hutt District High School. Mr. J. W. F. McDougall was appointed chairman. In his report the headmaster (Mr. A. W. Burns) said that the Great Privilege of having a secondary class attached to the school was not being fully appreciated. The success of the work in this class could be gauged by the fact that at the end of last year three candidates were successful in gaining free places, while the dux of the school was appointed to be a probationer on the staff. Next term shorthand and typewriting would be included in the curriculum. The report was adopted.

The election of the committee resulted as follows:— E. P. Rishworth 36, Rev. J. G. Gibson 34, W. L. Smith 33, A. F. Anderson 32, A. G. Heron 31, J. W. F. McDougall 31, W. G. Meldrum 31, J. J. Doran 28, J. Wray 22. Mr. E. P. Rishworth was elected chairman, and Mr. A. G. Heron secretary.

2nd July 1915 Mr. D. M. Yeats, formerly headmaster of the Lower Hutt School, has been nominated for a seat on the Education Board as representative of the Hutt Ward

1st October 1915 In a Long Article on Major C. A. Cowles Headmaster of Carterton School was this: On June 1 last year was appointed to be master of the District High School at Carterton. When he left for Samoa his duties were assumed by Mr. D. M. Yates (formerly headmaster of the Hutt School, and now on the retired list), and those duties are to be reassumed by Mr. Yates, whose action in coming forward to fill a gap in the ranks of Wellington's headmasters is to be highly commended.

15th October 1915 The Hutt school children are again bringing in their supply of herbs to Mr Paino's shop to-day for their war work funds. In addition, a lady living in Otaki is sending down watercress for the sale. This is grown in her own garden, in running waters, and is guaranteed by her absolutely pure. A supply will be sent down each week for the sale and should considerably swell the fund.

18th December 1915 HUTT SCHOOL CONCERT. "The Sleeping Beauty" was reproduced last evening by the pupils of the Lower Hutt District High School, at St. James's Hall Hutt. The various characters were well sustained; and the teachers deserve great credit for the manner in which the juvenile performers were trained. A feature of the operetta was the telephone dialogue between the Prince and the Man in the Moon which was topical. The following children were in the cast:— King, Leonard Teagle; Queen, Verina Atkins; Princess, Eva Haiselden; Prince Leslie Forsyth; Fairy Queen, Agnes Atkins; Fairies, Marjory Barnes, Nancy Ward, Marjory Hansen, Jane Warnes, Olive Sheppard, Bertha Cross; The Man in the Moon, Alex. Wright; The Lord High Chancellor, Donald Foster; Kit, Stanley Jobson.

1916-1917

1917	485/27	Hutt DHS	Burns MA	Andrew N	A-4	Head	£430.00
1917	485/27	Hutt DHS	Robertson	David	C-41	Assistant	£280.00
1917	485/27	Hutt DHS	Meager	Clara	E-68	Assistant	£250.00
1917	485/27	Hutt DHS	Williams BA	Ethel (i)	B-54	Assistant	£250.00
1917	485/27	Hutt DHS	Melody	William J	C-62	Assistant	£230.00
1917	485/27	Hutt DHS	McLeod MA B.Sc.	David	B-69	Assistant	£210.00
1917	485/27	Hutt DHS	Young	Mabel F	D-83	Assistant	£170.00
1917	485/27	Hutt DHS	McKay	Sophia A F C	C-99	Assistant	£120.00
1917	485/27	Hutt DHS	Ongley	Esther E		Assistant	£110.00
1917	485/27	Hutt DHS	Adams	Joseph W T		PT3	£55.00
1917	485/27	Hutt DHS	Burns	Verna M		PT3	£55.00
1917	485/27	Hutt DHS	Bedingfield	Esther B		Probationer 2	£35.00
1917	485/27	Hutt DHS	McCaw	Agnes C A		Probationer 1	£30.00
1917	485/27	Hutt DHS	Myers BA	Phoebe	B1	Secondary	

26th January 1916 Wellington Education Board it was resolved to approve of the proposal of the Public Trustee to construct a 66-foot road leading to the Western Hutt school from the main street, provided the board relinquished its rights in the present right-of-way.

18th April 1916 Hutt District.—The head master's report for the Hutt District High School stated that the separation of the Eastern Hutt School reduced the average in the primary department in 1915 to 446 as against 531 for 1914. The rolls in- the secondary department were actually increasing in numbers'. The work of this department was not yet fully appreciated by Hutt residents. Attention was being given to children suffering from curvature of the spine. Swimming had caused a great improvement in the physical condition of children. Besides goods made up for the soldiers, the children had raised £119 since the war began for patriotic purposes. The following were elected to the committee:—Messrs. 15. P. Rishworth (chairman), W. L. Smith (secretary), W. G. Meldrum, John Wray. J. N. V. McDougall, A. J. West, J. J. Doran, W. G. Alexander. There will be another member appointed by the Government.

8th July 1916. For the soldier's in France Lower Hutt School. 17 face cloths, 3 pairs slippers, 2 balaclavas. 1 pair mittens, 4 jug covers, 36 handkerchiefs, 24 diet cloths. 12 treasure bags.

23rd August 1916 Mr Burns, of Lower Hutt school, has received the following letter from Mrs J. Jolly, of Normandale: ' I am forwarding you the sum of £7 8s 5 1/2d. proceeds of the bazaar held at my residence last Saturday, August 12th, in aid of fallen soldiers' children fund for the school box. The money was made by Ellis and Alex. Jolly, Nellie King, Vera Warmington, and Bert Lewis This is only one case where school children are making little efforts among themselves to raise money for their own work. In several schools small concerts have been held, the money going towards the purchase of mate, rials, which the children make up into garments for soldiers or their dependents."

27th September 1916 A boy named Edward Morrison, while playing with other children in the Main Hutt school ground this morning, fell and broke his right leg. He was attended by Dr. G. H. Mirams. and removed to his house

10th October 1916 The application of the Hutt District Cricket Club, the Hutt Boys' Cricket League, the Hutt District High. School, and Eastern Hutt School for permission to use the Recreation Ground for cricket practices and matches was granted, subject to the allotment of pitches by the ground custodian.

26th October 1916 Wellington Education Board A letter was 'received from the Education Department, pointing out the inexpediency of continuing two district high schools at the Hutt and Petone, and asking the if possible, to bring about the amalgamation of the two schools, and thus effect a saving in salaries.

The chief inspector (Mr. Fleming) said that there were only twenty children, with an average attendance of 18, at the Hutt school; and at Petone there was better provision for the children in every way. He thought that the board should certainly shut up the Hutt school, and let the children all go to Petone. This would mean a saving of over £200 a year if another teacher was not in consequence required at Petone; and a saving of £50 to £60 a year if another teacher was appointed. Mr B. A. Wright moved that the suggestion of the department be agreed to, and the motion was carried.

Mr Rishworth urged that the true centre for the school was the Hutt, and on his motion it was decided that the executive and the members for the Hutt Valley should go into the question of acquiring a site for a proper high school at the Hutt.

29th November 1916 PUBLIC PROTEST HUTT HIGH SCHOOL

There was a representative gathering of Lower Hutt ratepayers in the Town Hall, Lower Hutt, last evening, to protest against the disestablishment of the high school.

The Mayor (Mr H. Baldwin) occupied the chair and explained that some nine years ago the question of closing the district high school was under consideration. The selection of a site for a secondary high school was left to the school committees of Hutt and Petone by the Education Board, but as Hutt wanted the school in that district and Petone wanted it at Petone, no agreement was come to. About that time Petone was favouring a technical school. Hutt made no protest, and it was understood that should a secondary high school be established in the valley, Petone would favour Hutt as the site. At a later date, members of the Education Board and others paid a visit to various parts of the valley, and eventually selected a site on the Hutt Park, but from that date nothing was heard of the matter, until it was stated at the Education Board meeting that the district high school at Lower Hutt was to be disestablished. The representative of the Hutt on the board (Mr E. P. Rishworth) strongly protested against the action of the board, and the local school committee also sent in a letter of protest.

Mr G. London, a member of the Education Board, said that the remarks made by Mr Baldwin were erroneous. The Board, he said, did not initiate the disestablishment of the school, but a letter was received from, the Education Department by the board intimating that the school was to be closed. No action, as far as he knew, was taken in regard to the letter.

The chairman said that Hutt residents desired to protest emphatically against the disestablishment of the school but were not desirous of the district high school at Petone being moved to Hutt. ,

Mr A. Burns, headmaster of the Hutt School, congratulated the meeting on the large attendance, as it showed that a keen interest was being taken by the residents in the education of the children. It had been stated by an official of the department that doing away with the school would effect a saving of £150 per annum, based on the assumption -that the children

go to Petone District High School. From his knowledge of the children and their parents., this .would not take place. As regards the cost, if twenty pupils went from Hutt to 'Wellington College, the department would have to pay the College Governors the sum of £240 per year, 'which added to the railway fares 'and the cost .of the girls going to the Wellington Girls College from the district, and pupils to, the Technical School, would make the total cost not less than £260 per annum. The present cost of maintaining the school -did not exceed £230 a year. He warned residents that if the school were disestablished, all claim to a high school proper, when the time arrived for its erection, would be lost to Hutt.

Mr H. E., Leighton fully endorsed all that had been said by the other speakers. He stated that education should not be stunted -or starved, and the rights of the children usurped.

Mr E. P.' Rishworth outlined the position which he said had arisen suddenly, without any reference being made to the local school committee. It was no time to curtail the expenditure on education. Th© local school committee had to fight hard for the bare necessities to carry on the work by the schools, in order to fit the children for the keen competition that was to come in every walk of life

Mr T. M. Wilford M.P., for the district, said, in answer to the Chairman, that he attended the meeting in order to hear the story, and, if convinced, to help. He was, he stated, convinced.

Mr W. L. Smith moved;-- That this public meeting of householders of Lower Hutt protests against disestablishment of the Hutt District High School, and that this meeting forms itself into a deputation to wait upon the Minister for Education, at a time to be arranged by the, member for the district." The motion was seconded by Mr Leighton and carried unanimously.

14th December 1916 10 THE EDITOR. Sir,—With your permission, I should like to express my thanks and appreciation to Mr. Melody, who has taken the burden of school tennis tournaments for some years. When I compare my school days with those of to-day, I find that there is a great deal more interest taken in the pastimes of the scholars at the present time than one would think. Teachers give up a good bit of leisure to encourage their scholars—I think it should be so—but nevertheless, that teacher who does so is entitled to the best thanks of us parents. Those of us who have had the opportunity to see the scholars taking part in the just-concluded tournament, will acknowledge the vim and vigour, the keenness with which the events have been played, and also the good spirit of the losers. Well, sir, the brunt of the work falls on the secretary, Mr. Melody, of the Hutt School, and the success of school tennis is largely due to him. Particularly does this apply to the recent tournament, in which, I heard somebody say, three hundred entries had been received.—I am, etc., APPRECIATIVE PARENT. 13th December.

15th December 1916 HUTT DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Certificates were presented yesterday by Mr E P Rishworth, chairman of the school committee. The prize fund is being donated to the wounded soldiers fund. The list of awards is as follows :

SECONDARY CLASSES ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES. First Class—H. Henderson. M. Ballantine, K. Clendon. Second Class—O. Sheppard, E. Lee. Essay Prize Certificate—Muriel Ballantyne.

PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES. Standard VI.—Boys: George Austin. Robert Adams, Gerald Barnard, Stanley Burn, Harry Blinkhorn . Raymond Drake, Hector De Rosa, Donald Foster, Frank Gaudin, Ernest Hansen. Thomas Hailselden, Geo. Hill. Leslie Hobbs. William

Jolliffe. Kenneth James. Gilbert Kirker. Leo Knight, William Leighton Roy McDonald, Jack Natusch, ' Harold Ross, Bertram Simpkin, Leonard Teagle, Loan Wilkie, Victor Watson, Jack Wagg, Mervyn Yates. Thomas Humphries. Girls; Agnes Atkins, Clara Arnold, Doris Ball, Gertrude Clout, Amelia Doyle, Ivy Fleet, Daphne Hobbs, Dulcie Hansen. Eva Haselden, Ellis Jolly. Kathleen Kemp, Nellie King, Greta Knight, Myrtle Lee. Florence Lee, Ethel Maslin, Louisa Pelham. Rose Pelham Lily Passmore, Annie Stevenson, Eva Slinn., Janie Warnes, Nancy Ward.

COMPETENCY CERTIFICATES. Standard VI-Boys: Donald Meldrum Stanley Majendie, Albert Lewis, Forbes Taylor. Girls: Edith Cunningham. Daisy Fleet Jean Hendry, Grace Henderson. Norah Kingdon, Annie Peek, Sarah Reynolds.

PRIZE CERTIFICATES. Standard VI. First prize—Leslie Hobbs. _ Second prize—Leonard Teagle and Dulcie Hansen, Sewing prize—Annie Stevenson.

ATTENDANCE certificates. First class— Donald Meldrum, Mervyn Yates, William Jollifies Victor Watson. Thomas Halselden, Colin Wilkie, Harold Ross, Stanley Burn Leslie Hobbs, Gerald Barnard, Ivy Fleet. Myrtle Lee, Lily Passmore. ,

Second class—Leonard Teagle, Frank Gaudin, Roy McDonald, Donald Foster, William Leighton, Ellis Jolly, Kathleen Kemp. Eunice Kemp, Jean Hendry, Eva Halselden, Clara Arnold, Eva Slinn, Janie Warnes. ,

Standard V.—Full attendance: First class—Eric .Jenness, Elsie Burn, Rose Callander, Gladys Wengdal, Ella Wright, Marjorie Lazarus. Second class —Hector Fleet, Walter Hutton, Frederick Reynolds, Richard Smith, Hazel Class prizes—Clair Gunn, James Austin and John McLachlan.

Sewing prize—Grace Doran.

Standard IV.—Attendance certificates: First class—Jocelyn Jolliffe, Vera Macdonald, Edith McIvor , Ernest Pelham, Philip Hancock. Alfred Ansell, Irani; Ansell, Geoffrey Jarman, Hugh Reynolds. Arthur Doran. Second class— Ellen Cunningham, Arthur Fitzmaurice, Alexander Jolly, Ben Summers.

First prize Frank J. Ansell. Second prize—Tom Passmore and Harry Godfrey (equal). Sewing prize—Annie Hepple.

Standard III.—Attendance certificates: First class—Ina Cudby, Marjorie Lee, Donald- Fraser, Keith Hendry, James Ross. Second class—Marjorie Halselden, Madge Wheeler, Leslie Anderson, Andrew Black. Leslie Buckingham, Lewis Hutton. ,

First prize—May Hollis and Edward Exley. Second prize—Thelma Cross.

Sewing prize—Millie Pelham.

Standard II.—Attendance certificates: First class— Douglas Meldrum, Thomas Purvis, Doris Smith, Madge Shepherd. Second class—Valmai Davies, Richard Hunter Royden Jenness. Clifton Hill, Forbes Smith, Ernest Hutton, Nathan Seddon, Gilbert Clark, Robert Clare, Janet Hansen

First prize—Elsie Lewis, Second prize—Douglas Meldrum, Meri McIlvride.

Sewing prize—Doris Smith.

Standard I.—Attendance ' certificates : First class-Eric Anderson, George Fitzmaurice. Second class —Edward Pine, 'Kenneth Fleet, 'Levina Fisher, Vera Fleet. \First prize—Muriel Carter. Second prize—Elsie Hutchison.

Sewing prize—Eva' Hepple.

Preparatory Class—Attendance certificates: First class —Lila Fisher, P. II.; Lily Purvis, P. II.; George Wright, P. III.: Bertie Ross. P. III. Second class —Lawrence Jenness, P. L.; Douglas Hutton, P. II.; Thelma Lowe, P. II.; Phyllis Babington, P. J. 11.: Connie Ramsay. P. 111. First prize—P. III.: Leslie Phillips. Second prize—P. III.: Roy Savidge and Alex. Thomson. First prize—P. II.: Freda Donnelly. Second prize—P. II.: Douglas Burns

23rd May 1917 Diphtheria Cases: included The Hutt School Committee are also considering the advisableness of fumigating the entire school. The whole of the schools of the Wellington district "break up" on Friday afternoon next for a week's term holiday, and it may be that advantage will be taken of this to give the school buildings a thorough fumigation, more as a preventative measure than anything else.

19th July 1917 Mr D Robertson appointed assistant master

7th November 1917 Hutt D.H.S. —Assistant (war appointment), £ 90 to £ 220.

12th December 1917 In connection with the entertainment at Bellevue Gardens on 22nd December of the mothers, wives, and children of Lower Hutt soldiers on active service, Mr. - Burns headmaster of the Hutt District High School, would be glad to be notified of the numbers of children who are likely to attend, so as to ensure that all the little ones will receive a present from the Christmas tree.' The pupils, of the school will be the hosts on the occasion

15th December 1917 Yesterday Mrs. N. Burns entertained the staff of the Lower Hutt District High School at a tennis party at her residence in Myrtle-crescent. During the afternoon, Mr. Burns, the headmaster, presented Mr. D. McLeod, one of the staff, with a wristlet watch, on the occasion of his going into camp.

1918-1919

1919	492/35	Hutt DHS	Tamblyn MA	Joseph	B-29	Head	£440.00
1919	492/35	Hutt DHS	Mason	Francis A	D-44	Assistant	£390.00
1919	492/35	Hutt DHS	Meager	Clara	E-68	Assistant	£325.00
1919	492/35	Hutt DHS	Williams BA	Ethel (i)	B-48	Assistant	£310.00
1919	492/35	Hutt DHS	Melody	William J	C-60	Assistant	£305.00
1919	492/35	Hutt DHS	Young	Mabel F	D-81	Assistant	£230.00
1919	492/35	Hutt DHS	Scott	Isabelle	D-95	Assistant	£175.00
1919	492/35	Hutt DHS	Mortimore	Frances Mrs	D-90	Assistant	£165.00
1919	492/35	Hutt DHS	Ongley	Esther E		Assistant	£110.00
1919	492/35	Hutt DHS	Grierson	Myra D		Probationer 1	£65.00
1919	492/35	Hutt DHS	Swinbourne	Gwen E S		Probationer 1	£65.00
1919	492/35	Hutt DHS	Fendall	Georgie		Probationer 1	£65.00
1919	492/35	Hutt DHS	Bishop	Cecil J		PT3	£65.00
1919	492/35	Hutt DHS	Myers BA	Phoebe	B-41	Secondary	
1919	492/35	Hutt DHS	McKay	Sophia A F C	C-86	Secondary	

24th January 1918 Wellington Education Board The need of. providing accommodation for woodwork and cookery classes at the Hutt School was stressed by Mr Rishworth. Mr Riddiford had granted the local committees an 'acre and a half of ground on condition that a suitable building was erected, and the Director of Education was agreeable to the scheme,

which involved the erection of a building costing £850, towards which the department would contribute £550, the remaining £300 being made up by local contributions.

4th March 1918 It is understood, says our Masterton correspondent, that Mr. A. N. Burns, M.A., of Lower Hutt District High School, has been appointed an inspector under the Education Department, and that he will be succeeded by Mr. W. N. Dempsey, headmaster of the Eketahuna District High School.

14th February 1918 Mr. E. P. Rishworth took opportunity at Tuesday's meeting of the Petone Technical School Board to remove a misapprehension which he believed existed in the minds of some people. It was not, and never had been, he said, the intention of the Lower Hutt committee to cut adrift from Petone, which was the parent of the Lower Hutt School. The Petone Board had greatly assisted the Hutt and the Hutt committee was very grateful. Mr. J. G. Castle, chairman of the Petone Board, said that personally he would rejoice if the Lower Hutt School progressed to such an extent that it required a board of its own. All he desired was the welfare of the children.

16th March 1918 In a long report on the Petone Technical School was this: Mr. McEwen said he was pleased to note that the Hutt School still progressed. He was also pleased to learn that the intentions of the Hutt people in technical school matters were in no way antagonistic to Petone. It must be obvious that to have in this district two fully-equipped schools in close proximity would be to the detriment of each, but to have an institution dealing with the more popular subjects of technical education in each centre of the district would prove a big advantage.

23rd April 1918 The following were elected a committee for the ensuing year of the Hutt District High School.—Messrs E. P., Rishworth, J. W. McDougall, A. West, H. Kyle, W. Meldrum, J. T. Doran, W. A. Alexander, J. Wray, and W. L. Smith.

There was a sparse attendance of parents, probably due to the fact that the nominations for election did not exceed the number of positions to be filled.

The chairman (Mr E. P. Rishworth), in presenting his annual report, "stated that the year had been a successful one. The attendance had been satisfactory and the work of the school had been highly commended by the inspectors. A feature of the year's work was the number of proficiency and competency certificates gained by scholars. In the secondary department the classes had increased to such an extent that an increase in the teaching staff had been applied for. The average attendance was 41. The headmaster (Mr A. Burns) having, been appointed to a temporary inspectorship. Mr Dempsey, of the Eketahuna district high School, had been appointed to fill the vacancy.: The finances of the school were in a sound condition, the credit balance amounting to £64 16s. Efforts had been made to improve the school grounds and a considerable amount of work had been accomplished in that respect. school was losing two male teachers through their being called into camp.

The new headmaster (Mr Dempsey) was present and was introduced to parents. Mr E. P. Rishworth was re-elected chairman and Mr W. L. Smith- secretary.

12th September 1918 Petone Technical School Mr. W. L. Smith, secretary of the Lower Hutt District High School Committee, wrote drawing attention to the lack of sufficient heating in the woodwork class at the Technical School. The Director said that the scholars attending the woodworking class spent one hour out of the two in drawing. He had received other

complaints about the lack of heating and thought that accommodation could be provided for the drawing class in one of the other' rooms. It was decided to advise the Lower Hutt School Committee that the managers were willing to have the drawing pupils accommodated in a room where there is a fireplace.

16th October 1918 The Minister of Education has informed the Wellington Education Board that he is unable to approve of the retirement of Mr. W. Dempsey (acting-headmaster of the Hutt District High School) who was temporarily appointed to that position under special circumstances some months ago.

11th December 1918 Advertisement HUTT D.H. SCHOOL. THE School will be Opened on FRIDAY MORNING, 13th inst., from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pupils are requested to return Library Books and to take away their own Books. S. 6 Certificates will be presented. • W. N. DEMPSEY, H.T. [Presumably school was closed because of the Influenza epidemic }

11th February 1919 Mr. J. Tamblyn, M.A., the new headmaster of the Hutt District High School, is at present in charge of the model county school in connection with Wellington Training College. ' He was trained in Otago and occupied various positions under the Wanganui Education Board before he joined the Training College staff. The vacancy at the Hutt was caused by the promotion of Mr. Andrew N. Burns, M.A., to an inspectorship under the Wellington Board.

2nd April 1919 Mr. F. A. Mason, late assistant master at the Clyde-quay School, has at his own request been transferred to Western Lower Hutt School.

8th July 1919 The train for Wairarapa: which leaves Lambton Station at 8.5 a.m. did not stop this morning at stations between Lambton and Kaitoke, in accordance with the Railway Department's decision as announced yesterday. In consequence, teachers and scholars in the Hutt Valley who depend upon this train for their transit suffered considerable inconvenience. Several teachers -of the Petone District High School commenced to walk the distance and were kindly picked up by passing motorists and others. Scholars living distances away from the school, who have to return home by train, find the afternoon train arrangements awkward. They have to travel home by the train which leaves Lower Hutt at 5.40 p.m., a long wait after school hours: The Lower Hutt School Committee is meeting the situation by supplying those pupils who are obliged to wait with hot drinks and something to eat, which consideration is highly appreciated.

10th December 1919 Hutt Borough Council Permission was granted to the headmaster of the Western Hutt School to hold a sports meeting for the children from one till three o'clock on Wednesday afternoon next on the recreation ground.

17th December 1919 HUTT DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

The awards to the pupils attending the Hutt District High School were present- | ed by the chairman of the School Committee(Mr. E. P. Rishworth) as under : —

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT. Senior Free Place (Intermediate Examination).—Ivy Clough, Florence Lee, Thelma Palmer, Olive Sheppard, Ethne Tamblyn.

Public Service Entrance.—Marjorie Hansen secured position in Pensions Department. Harold Henderson passed Senior National Scholarship Examination, and a special examination for Survey Department entrance, and obtained a position in the Justice Department.

Christmas Story Competition.—Seniors : Olive Sheppard 1, Flora Cameron 2, D. Hansen 3. Junior: Maisie O'Brien 1. .

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. Standard VI.—Dux Medallist, R. Gurney (gold medal presented by Mr. F. Jenness). Proficiency Certificates: J. Adams, L. Anderson, C. Bird, A. Binns, L. Buckingham, W. Carver, W. Coffey, H. Doran, R. Ferris, A. Featonby, R. Gurney, A. Gwilliam, E. Hoggard, K. Hendry, G. Jarman, R. King, C. Lambert, J. McLellan, H. Parker, J. Ross, H. West, E. Webb, Bertha Arnold, Doris Barnes, Clarice Carver, Ellen Cunningham, Ina Cudby, Una Doig, Laura Donnelly, Marjorie Haselden, Dorothy Ireland, Ruth Johnson, Doris Knight, Hilda Ryan, Hazel Smith, Hilda Wells, P., Anderson, Winnie Jackson, Georgina Pryde, It. Cameron, J. Doyle, G. Leighton. ' Endorsed Competency Certificates: C. Bullen, D. Donnelly, D. Fraser, W. Leggott, Jean Andrews, Myrtle Brettell, Marjory Lee, Amelia Pelham, E. Millard, Muriel Anstis. Competency Certificates: Renna Franklin, Elizabeth Hunter, Emily McMillan.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES. Secondary.—Winnie Poyle, Flora Cameron, Lucy Carver, Rose Callander, Olive Sheppard, Iris O'Brien, Georgina Pryde, Jessie Benge, May Crawford, Winnie Jackson.

Standard VI.—Doris Henderson, J. Adams, L. Buckingham, W. Coffey, H. Doran, J. Ross, R. Ferris, A. Featonby, D. Fraser, H. Parker, D. Sheppard, H. West, Bertha Arnold, Doris Barnes, Clarice Carver, Ellen Cunningham, Ina | Cudby, Hilda Ryan, Marjorie Haselden, Elizabeth Hunter, Marjory Lee, Emily I McMillan, Hazel Smith.

Standard V.—H. Babington, J. Chittenden, C. Hill, L. Hulton, R. Jenness, D. Meldrum, E. Morrison, N. Seddon, J. Waitai, W. Winnie, Edith Babington, Una Carter, Valmai Davies, Madge Hislop, Joan Percival, Doris Smith, Gladys Smith. Beatrice Styles, Madge Sheppard. Standard IV.—A. Bryant, K. Fleet,, R. Jones, P. Pelham, R. Allen, D. Holmes, Muriel Carter, Vera Fleet, Berta Holmes, Agnes Reynolds, Olive Scandly , E. Anderson, Elmo Bartosh, R. Hunter, S. McMillan. A. Bryant, Beth Leslie, F. Asher, T; Franklin, C. Healey.

Standard III.—L. Coe, S. Andrews, G. Davenport, A. Farnelly, D. Haden, A. Hansen, J. Parker, D. Parsonage, L. Phillips, B. Ross, R. Savidge, A Seager, R. Saulberry, R. Smith, E. White, 'G Wright, D. Wolland, C. Lomath, Jean Aitken, Phillis Babington, Kathleen Bartosh, Olive Pelham, Eileen West, Mona Whitworth, Eva Foster, Mary Clark

Standard II.—F. Bryant, F. Featonby, L. Deans, A. Franklyn, I. Fraser, L Pyne, G. Reynolds, J. Richardson, Zeta Bates, Phyllis Buckingham, Eunice Fredricon, Edna Savage.

Standard I.—M. Fleet, K. Hansen, L. Jenness, J. McDougall, J. Reid. L. Whitworth, Ethel Carter, May July.

P. 3— J. Davenport, J. Donnelly, L. Firmston, W. Garratt, K. Richardson, V. Seager, L. Wallace Marjorie Hepple, Phoebe Seddon.

?• 2.—Thelma Andrews, T. Winnie, R. Wallace. '

Basket Ball.-In the Hutt Valley Schools Basket Ball Association, the school tied with Petone District High School, and won all the other matches. [Basketball was 9 aside netball] Tennis.- In the Wellington Public Schools' Lawn tennis Association the primary department tied with Lyall Bay School for the championship, and the school holds the Ferguson Cup for six months. The secondary department won the girls' singles and the girls' doubles in the secondary schools' annual tournament. The school received seven certificates and six medals from the association."

In the primary tourney the school won 108 matches out of 136, and in the secondary tourney 37 matches out of 57. Friendly games.— Games were played against Karori, Terrace, Eastern

Hutt, and Petone West, and the school won 49 games out of 55. Mr. W. O. Melody was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the splendid success he had achieved in the school tennis. The school sports championship resulted :— Boys: J. Waitai; runner-up, R. Cameron. Girls: Doris Henderson; runner-up, Thelma Palmer.

A pleasant feature of the proceedings was a presentation to Miss Myers, of the secondary department, by her scholars, as a token of their appreciation of her efforts on their behalf. In making the presentation, Mr. Rishworth referred to Miss Myers's good work for the school and conveyed to her the good wishes of her pupils. Miss Myers' suitably replied. Before breaking-up for the holidays the scholars of Standard VI. gave a concert to the rt of the school. The entertainment, in which the children had been directed by Miss Scott and Mr. Melody, was_ much enjoyed, and the proceeds—over £4—were donated to the fund for the erection of a Roll of Honour Board, which will contain over 200 names of old boys who served their country in the great war.

1920-1921

1921	467/33	Hutt DHS	Tamblyn MA	Joseph	B	Head	£520.00
1921	467/33	Hutt DHS	Mason	Francis A	D	Assistant	£440.00
1921	467/33	Hutt DHS	Melody	William J	C	Assistant	£380.00
1921	467/33	Hutt DHS	Little	Isabel D	C	Infant Mistress	£350.00
1921	467/33	Hutt DHS	Meager	Clara	E	Assistant	£340.00
1921	467/33	Hutt DHS	Watson	Florence	D	Assistant	£280.00
1921	467/33	Hutt DHS	Young	Mabel F	D	Assistant	£270.00
1921	467/33	Hutt DHS	Scott	Isabella	D	Assistant	£230.00
1921	467/33	Hutt DHS	Matthews	Dulcie E	C	Assistant	£190.00
1921	467/33	Hutt DHS	Astle	Norma		Probationer 1	£125.00
1921	467/33	Hutt DHS	Fendall	Georgie Miss		Probationer 1	£95.00
1921	467/33	Hutt DHS	Sheppard	Olive M		Probationer 1	£95.00
1921	467/33	Hutt DHS	Tamblyn	Ethne M		Probationer 2	£90.00
1921	467/33	Hutt DHS	Purdie	Jessie F		PT2	£90.00
1921	467/33	Hutt DHS	Sinclair BA	Mary A	B	Secondary	
1921	467/33	Hutt DHS	McKay	Sophia A F C	C	Secondary	

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11th May 1920 The committee of the Hutt District High School met last evening at the school. Mr. J. W. F. McDougall (chairman) presiding. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. J.. Tamblyn, headmaster, and the whole of the teaching staff for the splendid manner in which they had trained the children for the schoolchildren's review by His Royal Highness the Prince

of Wales; also for the way the teachers had looked after the comfort and safety of the children on the; train journey, their stay in the city, and their visit to H.M.S. Renown: The children were also congratulated by the committee for their steadiness and good conduct. Resolutions were also adopted thanking the ladies and other helpers who prepared and distributed food and sweets, etc., to the children at the Pipitea. Wharf; and also to Mr. V. Foster (marshal) for the large amount of work performed by him in organising and carrying out the review., and for the 'general interest he extended to every school. It was decided to remain affiliated with the School Committees' Association, and Messrs. W. .Featonby and J. W. F. McDougal] were appointed the committees delegates

1st July 1920 HIGH SCHOOL SITE LOWER HUTT v. PETONE

PROTEST MEETING AT LOWER HUTT. .: '

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18th December 1920

HUTT D.H. SCHOOL.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR At the breaking-up ceremony the chairman of the School, Committee (Mr W. F. McDougall)-presided. Other members of the committee and a good number of the parents of the scholars were present. The headmaster, Mr J. Tamblyn, M.A., gave a short :resume of the school work during the past year. Notwithstanding the fact that epidemic illness had almost continuously prevailed among the scholars a very successful year's work had been , completed. Mr McDougall addressed the scholars and complimented both the staff and the children on- the good results obtained, even in the face of adverse circumstances. Ho also specially mentioned the splendid success of the recent school concert, the proceeds of which amounted to £60. After wishing the teachers and children a very pleasant holiday, he presented the following:— • . PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES. Dux of the school—Harold McDougall, gold medal. Special prizes, books—for conduct, work, ' attendance: Best boy. Standard VI., Lewis Hutton; best girl, Standard VI., Valmai Davies; reading, Standard 1., best scholar, Esme Burrell. Secondary Department Intermediate certificates: Katie Edwards, Vera Judge, Amy Muter. Secondary Schools' sports, 3 silver medals—Tennis tournament championships: Girls' 'singles, Georgina Pryde; girls' doubles, Georgina Pryde, Katie Edwards; the High School was runner-up for the Grady Cup. Primary Schools' tennis championship, 3 silver medals Girls' singles, Marjory Lee; girls' doubles, Marjory Lee, Beatrice Styles; the primary school was runner-up for the Ferguson Cup. Good Attendance Certificates.—Seventy, four certificates were gained. Georgina Pryde has made a local record by gaining eight first-class certificates, that is, she has not missed a single attendance for eight years.

PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES. Standard VT.—Horace Babington, Horace Dixon, Gilbert Clarke, Walter Hansen, Clifton Hill, Roydon Jenness. Douglas Meldrum. .Clifford Peck, David Sheppard, William Winnie, Patrick Cameron, Sidney Diamond, Donald Tracer, Robert

Howatt, Lewis Hutton, Harold McDougall, Edward Morrison, John Saville, Terence Wagg, Myrtle Bret tell. Hilda Drake, Phyllis Johnson, Myrtle Peasants, Gladys Smith, Edna Stonehouse, Mary Taylor, Madge Wheeler, Valmai Davies, Madge Hislop, Marjory Lee, Madge Sheppard, Vida Stewart; .Edith Styles, Dorothy West. Secondary 'Department Proficiency Certificates—William Leggott, Eric Millard, Thomas Kirker, Clarice Jenner. Endorsed Competency Certificates— Spencer Bairstow, Andrew Black, Nathan Soddan, James Waitai, Edith Babington, Rita Bailey, Janet Hanson, Beatrice Styles. Competency Certificates.—Ernest Baiter, Maude Stocken.

22nd December 1920 The winner of the-Girls' Singles showed good form, and the runner-up will have to be reckoned with in the future she played hard and pluckily in the final of both singles and doubles. The girls' doubles was a close game' between, the Hutt and Petone Schools. The singles champion (Hutt School) with good length strokes kept her opponents well back, and her partner pulled the match out of the fire, with some splendid volleys at the net.

2nd March 1921 The scholars of the Hutt District High School were taken by train to Maidstone Park for a day's outing on Friday. The weather was perfect, and a most enjoyable day was spent. A feature of the gathering was the attendance of a large number of the parents of the pupils. Altogether over seven hundred travelled by train. Mr. McDougall, chairman of the school committee, with several members, Mr. Tamblyn, headmaster, and all the members of the staff, were present. Sports and games were organised by. the teachers and prizes were presented to the winners of the various events. A good supply of soft drinks, fruit, and sweets was provided. A word of praise is due to Mr. Davis, who helped at the park. The following are the results of the sports:—Secondary classes: Boys—W. Winnie 1, V. Kitchan 2; girls—Estelle Palmer 1, Jessie Bengé 2. Standard VI.: Boys—J. Waitai 1, N. Seddon 2; Girls—Jean Strong 1, Beatrice Styles 2. Standard V.: Boys— Markland 1, Simpson 2. Standard V. : Girls—Freda Donnelly 1, Muriel Garrat 2. Standard IV. : Boys—Dowsett 1, McIntyre 2. Standard IV. : Girls Lizzie Lowe 1, Gertie Hepple 2. Standard III. : Boys—Hobman 1, Wilson 2. "Standard III.: Girls—Thelma Lowe 1, Noeline Marshall 2. Standard II.; Boys—Odium 1, Jim Smith 2. Standard II. : Girls—May Tracey 1, Elsie Greeks 2. Standard I.: Boys—Tom Winnie 1, Purvis Sisson 2. Standard I. : Girls— Olive Payne 1, Winnie Smith 2. Primer III.: Boys—George Gardner 1, Reggie McIntyre 2. Primer III. : Girls—Sylvia Marshall 1, Olive Rae 2. Primer II. : Boys—Eric Smith 1, George Wilde 2. Primer II.: Girls—Eileen Ryan 1, P. Donnelly 2. Primer I. : Boys—Reggie Buck 1, Ronald Shannon 2. Primer I.: Girls—Bernice Simeon 1, Eileen Reesby 2.

2nd April 1921 On Wednesday evening last Miss P. Myers B.A., was entertained .at the District High School at Lower Hutt by the school committee and staff of the school. There were also present Mr. Myers from Canada (brother of the guest of the evening) and Mr. D. M. Yeats and Mr. W. N. Dempsey, two late headmasters of the school. Miss Myers is retiring from the teaching service after a long and distinguished career, the last ten years of which have been spent in charge of the secondary department of the Hutt School. During the evening Mr. Yeats, on behalf of the school committee and staff, presented Miss Myers with a valuable Doulton vase as a slight token of the esteem and regard in which she is held by those 1 with whom she has been associated at the District High School. Mr. Yeats was able to speak with

intimate knowledge of the fine influence that Miss Myers had exercised with her pupils and of" the good literary taste that she had been particularly successful in developing among her scholars. He also stated that she had always taken a keen interest in all movements for the good of the school, and that during the war her efforts in many directions had been untiring. In concluding, he wished Miss Myers health and happiness and long life in which to enjoy her well-earned leisure. On rising to reply, Miss Myers was greeted with applause and musical honours by the company. She returned thanks for the kind expressions uttered by Mr. Yeats, and to the committee and staff for the mark of appreciation, and the kindness and consideration which had been extended by everyone. She would also have many pleasant recollections of associations formed during the ten years she had been connected with the staff of the Hutt District High School and wished the school every success in the future. She would be glad of the opportunity which her leisure would afford to devote herself to various activities closely connected with education. Miss Myers concluded by again thanking the company for the honour done her that evening. Mr. W. N. Dempsey, late headmaster, expressed his appreciation of the services of Miss Myers and of the wide interest she had always taken in all matters pertaining to the welfare of her pupils. Mr. Tamblyn, headmaster, also spoke; bi behalf of the staff, and read apologies from Mr. E. P. Rishworth and Mr. A. N. Burns, who were unable to be present, and who tendered their best wishes to Miss Myers on the occasion of her retirement. Miss Myers's geniality and good humour had been a helpful influence and her place would be hard to fill. Mr. W. L. Smith, secretary of the school committee, apologised for the absence of Mr. McDougall, chairman of the committee, and extended the good wishes of the committee.

Towards the close of the evening, advantage was taken of the gathering to bid good-bye to Mr. D. McLeod, M.A., B.Sc., who has been appointed to' the Petone District High School. Mr. Dempsey, on behalf of the staff, presented Mr. McLeod with three, volumes of mathematical books, and wished him every success in his new and responsible position at Petone .

11th July 1921 NEW TECHNICAL SCHOOL LOWER HUTT BUILDING.

Rather over three years ago the trustees of the Riddiford Estate presented to the Education Board a site of nearly 1½ acres, with frontage to Woburn-road, Lower Hutt, for the purpose of a technical school. Representations as to the need of this institution were made first to the Riddiford Trustees, by Messrs. Rishworth and Baldwin, then chairmen respectively of the Hutt District High School and Eastern Hutt School committees. Through their efforts and the efforts of others interested the sum of over £300 to further the project was furnished by residents of the Hutt. Subsidies on these gifts of land and money amounted to £550, and a grant was authorised by the Government for the erection of a technical school on the above site. Owing to high prices, it was for some time impossible to get a tender at a price which could be accepted, and on recently inviting tenders it was found that the difference between wood and brick was so small compared to the value of the more permanent material that, on representation by the Education Board and the Technical Committee, the Government agreed to find the difference between wood and brick, and the board has thus been enabled to accept the tender of Mr. J. Stacey for the erection of a substantial building in brick on the new site. The main building at present provides for a spacious cookery room, 32ft x 22ft; a classroom, 26ft x 22ft; a teachers' room, and a wood-work room, 40 ft x 27 ft, with necessary fittings and

apparatus. The new building, besides providing for evening classes, will serve the purpose of woodwork and home science instruction for the adjacent schools, Hutt District High School, Eastern Hutt, Taita, and Epuni, the pupils at which had hitherto to travel to Petone for instruction in these subjects.

Mr. McLeod suitably responded, remarking that he would always have the most pleasant remembrances of the seven years during which he had been associated with the staff of the school.

On Thursday afternoon Mr. McLeod was entertained by the pupils of the High School Department. Expressions of regret were made at his departure, and his scholars wished him success and happiness in his new sphere of work.

Mr. McLeod thanked the pupils for the goodwill they had shown and said that he had had a really happy time among them both in their games and in their studies.

22nd December 1921 Hutt District High School

Dux of School.—Arthur Bryant.

Senior Free Place.—Clarence Bird, Cyril Mumfold, Lindsay Tamblyn, and Freda Buck.

Proficiency Certificates. — Norman Alexander, Robert Allen, Ernest Baker, Andrew Black, Spencer Bairstow, Arthur Bryant, Alex Bryant, Fred Clout, S. Doyle, David Holmes, Edward Pyne, Phillip Pelham, Nathan Seddon, Allan Shannon, James Waitai, Keith Wilson, James Bartram, Hector Cottle, Betty Anstis, E. Babington, R. Bailey, Marjorie Barker, Hazel Cooley, Vera Fleet, Pearl Fisher, Janet Hansen, Berta Holmes, B. Leslie, E. McMillan, Rita Pimm, Olive Scandlyn, Hilda Simpkins, Maude Stocken, Gordonna Tustain, Beatrice Styles, Phyllis Weeds, and Zelma O'Keina .

Endorsed Competency.—Ralph Esperson

Competency.—Stuart McMillan, John Winnie, Agnes Reynolds, and Jean Taylor.

1922-1923

1923	484/67	Hutt DHS	Tamblyn	Joseph	B-34	Head	£520.00
1923	484/67	Hutt DHS	Mason	Francis A	D-82	Assistant	£435.00
1923	484/67	Hutt DHS	Melody	William J	B-103	Assistant	£385.00
1923	484/67	Hutt DHS	Hooper	Eva M E	D-82	Infant Mistress	£343.00
1923	484/67	Hutt DHS	Mowitt	Sybil		Reliever	£310.00
1923	484/67	Hutt DHS	Watson	Florence (i)	D-146	Assistant	£293.00
1923	484/67	Hutt DHS	Young	Mabel F	D-159	Assistant	£253.00
1923	484/67	Hutt DHS	Scott	Isabella	D-184	Assistant	£215.00
1923	484/67	Hutt DHS	Presants	Eveline A	D-212	PT2	£185.00
1923	484/67	Hutt DHS	Bishop	Cecil J	C-210	Assistant	£175.00
1923	484/67	Hutt DHS	Bird	Clarence G		Probationer 1	£88.00
1923	484/67	Hutt DHS	Tamblyn	Joseph J M L		Probationer 1	£88.00
1923	484/67	Hutt DHS	Stewart	Irene A		Probationer 1	£83.00
1923	484/67	Hutt DHS	Tamblyn	Ethne M		PT1	£83.00

1923	484/67	Hutt DHS	Burnley	Edith M		PT2	£78.00
1923	484/67	Hutt DHS	Sinclair BA	Mary A	B-58	Secondary	
1923	484/67	Hutt DHS	McKay	Sophia A F C	C-139	Secondary	
1923	484/67	Hutt DHS	Browne	Maud J	B-202	Secondary	

14th January 1922 Part of a long article A strong feeling of resentment has been caused among the parents residing in the Hutt Valley on account of the decision of the Board of Governors of the Wellington College to debar children from the Valley gaining proficiency certificates this year from attending the College. This discrimination between Hutt Valley children and those in other suburbs of Wellington is considered grossly unfair. A meeting was held in' the Petone West School of representatives of the School Committees of the Hutt Valley on 29th August last to protest against the action of the Board of Governors

19th January 1922 HUTT HIGH SCHOOL MEETING OF THE BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the Hutt High School Board was held yesterday afternoon, when- there were present: Messrs. E. P, N Rishworth (chairman), J. W. McEwan, H. G. Teagle , E. Baldwin, and G. London.

A deputation,, consisting of Messrs. House, Gerring, and Stonehouse, representing n meeting of the Hutt residents, waited on the board to point out the very grave disabilities to be suffered in the exclusion of secondary school pupils from the Wellington College, the local equipment .being inadequate.

The board expressed its sympathy and agreed to send one. of its. members with the deputation to the Wellington Board of Governors at its next meeting.

It was agreed that until more definite work is given, the board should hold its meetings quarterly. . Should any emergency arise calling for special meetings the chairman and secretary will' decide the action to be taken.

7th February 1922 It is not certain yet whether Hutt and Petone pupils can be enrolled at Wellington College A notification will be made later in the week. Meantime Hutt and Petone pupils who have been enrolled without prejudice should not attend.

9th February 1922 Owing to the absence of the Director of Education from Wellington, the Board of Governors of Wellington- College is unable to make a definite announcement respecting the position of Hutt and Petone pupils. It is expected that the Director's decision will be announced not later than Saturday evening.

21st February 1922 Hutt Valley- -parents again -waited on the Minister-of Education to-day to press the claims of their boys for admission to ; Wellington College. , Mr. Parr sympathised. ,with them, ;but said .he could not alter his decision. The deputation was introduced by Mr. T. M. Wilford, the member for. the district, who said there were twenty-three Hutt Valley boys excluded from Wellington College. He understood that the prospectus of the College had given the v parents just ground for believing that the boys would be admitted, and, as a matter of fact, some of the boys had been admitted. The parents had gone to the college in the usual way, and had inter-: viewed the masters, making it quite clear that they came from the Valley. The boys had been enrolled, given a list of the things to be bought, and told they would have to carry out certain duties in connection with the school sports bodies, and so forth. The parents concerned- had bought quarterly railway tickets and the necessary tram tickets. And now they were told that their boys could not go , to, the college.....

2nd March 1922 While preparing a bathing pool for the Lower Hutt school children recently, the Hutt River Board's workmen discovered the sawn-off pile of the first bridge which crossed the river in a line with Railway-avenue. The present main bridge is the third built in that locality.'

27th April 1922 The Hutt District High School meeting urged the Government to give an assurance that the scholars of the Dominion would not be allowed to suffer permanent educational injury as a consequence of the present financial depression.

19th July 1922 This list indicates which areas in the Wellington Education Board have not separate high schools: The following reference to district; high, schools is contained in the annual- report of the Wellington Education. Board:—"The average attendances for the year 1921 at the district high schools in the district were: —Carterton, 44; Eketahuna, 47; Greytown, 20; Hutt, 33; Levin, 39; Masterton, 100; Martinborough, 32; Pahiatua, 27; Petone, 39; total, 381. The board is of opinion that as soon as the financial conditions permit, the high schools at Lower Hutt and Masterton should be erected."

18th October 1922 TECHNICAL SCHOOLS LOWER HUTT AND PETONE

A MATTER OF ADMINISTRATION,

Discussion of a somewhat acrimonious nature proceeded at to-day's meeting of the Wellington Education Board on the subject of • control of Technical schools in the Hutt Valley. ' It arose from a communication from the managers of the Petone Technical School disapproving of the separate management of the Technical School at Lower Hutt.

Mr. E. P. Rishworth' said it was unfortunate that Petone should bring up this matter two years late after new managers had been appointed. Hutt had a roll of 156, and the school was justifying its existence. He criticised the supervisory and financial powers of the Petone managers. It was only because they had a live man in charge at Lower Hutt, he said;' that the classes had done so well. It was only by the margin allowed by- Lower Hutt that Petone had been able to carry on.

Mr. G. T. London said Petone had privileges and responsibilities in)connection with technical education in the Hutt Valley that they did not intend to surrender. The position was not one calling for a change. The Act provided that there should not be two technical schools within five miles of each other, and if they did exist they should be under one management. He' was not in accord with these "two penny-halfpenny schools" all over a district.

Mr. T.. Forsyth: "I hope you don't refer to the Petone School." ;

Mr. Rishworth moved that the Education Board should pay the expenses out of the money held the board, and that the board should administer the payment of accounts. He said that Petone, while the Lower Hutt School remained a branch, should pay a reasonable proportion. Lower Hutt had paid Petone over £100 and had never received a "stiver" for it. .

The motion was carried.

25th October 1922 Lower Hutt Borough Council It was decided, provided a room could not be obtained elsewhere, to grant the use of the Council Chamber for a school children's dental clinic which is being arranged for by the Education Department.

28th October 1922 NEW SCHOOL AT LOWER HUTT

PRAISEWORTHY LOCAL EFFORTS.

For many years past, and during the difficult period of the war, a committee of citizens of Lower Hutt has been busy with the collection of funds for the erection of a technical school

in the district. Among 'the most active members were Messrs. H. Baldwin and E. P. Rishworth, who, during their terms of office as Mayor, brought the needs of further facilities prominently before the public.

The buildings are situated next the site for the Hutt Valley High School and will cost when completed £4654.

The buildings were declared open yesterday by the Hon. C. J. Parr, in the presence of a large gathering, including members of the local advisory committee, of which Mr. Rishworth is chairman, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Strand, Mr. T. M. Wilford, M.P., Mr. H. Baldwin, and the Rev. J. McCaw.

Mr. Strand, as Mayor, welcomed the Minister of Education and thanked the Department for its assistance, stating that the district was growing and he hoped the committee would soon have to approach the Minister for further assistance. A building would, be needed soon on the adjacent site next door for a High School for the Valley. Mr. T. M. Wilford, M.P., said that as time went on the chief drain on the Treasury would be for funds for technical education. What was needed was more efficiency, even if it meant fewer subjects taught. The present school would soon need enlargement, especially in its woodwork department, and he hoped the Department would be prepared with a grant. Mr. E. P. Rishworth thanked, the Department for its grants, especially an extra grant of £500 which had enabled brick and concrete to be used in place of wood in the erection, of the wood, work room.....

2nd March 1923 Part of a long article. The Hutt School Committee met the Hutt High School Board of Governors last night for the purpose of considering the measures to be taken to assure provision of a high school for the Hutt Valley. Mr. E. P. Rishworth presided, and said that the board had the site, but were -without funds even to get it ready for the **school**. The **Hutt**, denied the benefit of higher education at the Wellington schools, had to wait for a high **school** until the Education Department provided funds for a building. He had hoped for an instalment- of the cost in. last year's Estimates, but was disappointed, and thought as next year's Estimates were under. preparation, a determined effort should be made to secure the-money.

16th March 1923 Another long article included HUTT HIGH SCHOOL SITE, BUT NO BUILDING BIG DEPUTATION TO MINISTER

SECONDARY EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS IN CITY.

At Lower Hutt there is a site for a high school, which will serve the whole of the Hutt Valley, but the Government has not taken any definite steps in the direction of providing a building. A big deputation from the Hutt and Petone districts to-day waited upon the Minister of Education (the Hon. C. J. Parr) and strongly urged the necessity of erecting a school immediately. The Minister, in reply, gave a forecast of the big bill the Government, would have to meet in satisfying the requirements of secondary education in Wellington.

29th March 1923 Swimming Certificates issued by the Wellington swimming Centre HUTT DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL. 300 yds: A. Cook, O. Pelham; 200 yds: E. Foster; 150 yds: B. Barker, S! Milne; 50 yds: P. Babington, P. Buckingham, D. McDonald,

2nd May 1923 School Committee Hutt District High School.—Mrs. L. Sheppard, Mrs. R. Cameron, Messrs. J. Stonehouse, G. Savage, R. H. Shearer, J. Doran, J. Richardson, W. Fisher, and F. Burrell. At a subsequent meeting, Mr. Stonehouse was elected chairman, and Mr. Savage secretary.

19th May 1923 DENTAL CLINICS

LOWER HUTT ESTABLISHES ONE OPENING CEREMONY For some time past the District High School Committee of Lower Hutt has been seeking, in conjunction with the local Borough Council, for a suitable location for a dental clinic, which the Department of Public Health had promised would be established if the local authorities were enterprising enough to find the necessary housing. Various places were under consideration, but none was considered suitable, until one morning the Mayor. Mr. W. T. Strand had the opportunity of securing a whole flat in a central position on the main street. Mr. Strand, without waiting to consult anyone else for fear the opportunity might disappear at once signed an agreement to lease the rooms, which are over the Hutt Meat Company's premises, and are to be used as a dental clinic, ladies' rest-room, and Plunket Society consulting room. The dental clinic was declared open today, and though the room is large enough ' for its purpose, it was not large enough to accommodate the public which assembled for the opening ceremony, and an adjournment was made to the Council Chambers. The Mayor presided, and others present were Mrs. Strand and Councillors A. McBain, J. Mitchell, and Mr. J. Stonehouse, chairman of the District High School Committee, and a large number of members of the public specially interested.

26th June 1923 Parliament The Leader of the Opposition gave notice of a question : "Whether the Minister of Education will see that a grant is made this year for the erection of a district high school at lower Hutt, and for addition* to the Petone West School."

20th September 1923 Miss C Meager Resigns

15th December 1923 HUTT DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Proficiency Certificates.—Dux of school, Myrtle Parker. Duncan Alexander, Walter Askwith, Lawson August, Rayner Baker, Edward Dalton, Leslie. Deans, Otho Donnelly, Frank Featonby, James Feeney; Dudley Haden, Kenneth McIntyre, Leslie Organ, Maurice o 'Kane, Fred Pound, Lionel Pyne, Alex. Reiche, John Roberts, James Richardson, Frank Simpson, David Savidge, Bruce Stonehouse, Richard Wolland, Andrew Wardlaw, Allen Downes, Norman . Duncan, John Evans, Ray Wale, Frances Andrews, Florence Babington, Evelyn Buck, Phyllis Buckingham, Helen Bruch, Aletha Cook, Muriel Garratt, Clarice Holland, Marjory Hunt, Phyllis Jeffries, Marjory La Roche, Sheila Milne, Nita Moore, Margaret Murphy, Olive Pelham, Myrtle Parker, Jean Prebble, Edna Savage, Evelyn Stowers, Irene Tate, Mavis West Ella Birrell, Eileen Millward, Rema Stevens, Kathleen Wells.

Endorsed Competencies.—Robert Cunningham, Herbert Diamond, Bernard Stevenson, Ira .Waitai, Florence Astall, Alice Bullen, Iris Goldfinch, Mary Riggan. Competency.—Erie Smith.

21st December 1923 HUTT DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Good Attendance Certificates.—Boys (51): Philip Fendall, Edward Pyne, Farquhar Stewart, Frank Warnes, Albert Wagner. Standard VI.: Walter Askwith, Rayner Baker, Herbert Diamond, Frank Featonby, Dudley Haden, Leslie Organ, Lionel Pyne, Frank Simpson, Bernard Stevenson, David Savidge, Bruce Storehouse, Keith Sivell, Jack Saulbrey, Arthur Askwith, 'Harry Clemo, Leonard Firmstone, Milton Fleet, Ivan Gaudin, Rockley Lowry, Donald Milne, Geoffrey Organ, Thomas Odium, —. Richardson, Arthur Seddon, Jim Smith, Fred " Meager, Hector Cunningham, Taumanu Jones, Allan Callender, Jack Nichols, Leslie Andrews, Jack Astill, Leslie Buddle, George Gardiner, Harold Harris, Reggie McIntyre , Charles Moyes, Jack Judd, Dennis Warburton, Albert Dawson, Vernon Reynolds, John Adams, John Smith, Horace Astill, Gordon Mason, Kenneth Mason.. Girls (36): Mary Clark, Rita Feist, Dorothy Halliday, Ruth, Judd, Elsie Ness, Madge Sheppard, Mona Whltworth. Standard VI.: Frances Andrews, Florrie Astall Marjory Hunt; Sheila Milne, Jean Prebble, Edna Savage, Nancy Howe. Muriel Stevenson, Violet Sells, Clara Lester, Edna Thompson. M. Whiteman, Phoebe Seddon, Thelma Andrews, Minnie Body, Ida Clemo, Marjorie Hepple, Olive Smith, Joan Spencer, Joyce Andrews, Jean Fleet, Rae Fleet, Evelyn Stevenson, Ruby Seddon, Beryl Adams, Maud Cunningham, Zita Humphreys, Doris Lester, Jean Moore. Swimming Certificates.—Olive Pelham, 300 yards; Alethea Cook, 300 yards; Sheila Milne, 160 yards; Phyllis Babington, 50 yards; Phyllis Buckingham. 60 yards; Beryl Barker, 200 yards; Dorothy Mac Donald. Junior Cricket Cup, won by Hutt D.H.S. Tennis.—Medals: Freda Donnelly and Vida Stewart, for girls" doubles championship; A. Featonby and F. Warnes for boys' doubles championship. Grady Cup Tourney, 1923.— Primary-^Best Girl: Phyllis Babington (medal presented by Mrs. W. J.. Melody); Best Improved Runner. Walter Askwith (gold medal presented by Mr. Brie Odium).

26th December 1923 A very enjoyable ceremony took place in the Hutt District High School grounds on Thursday afternoon, the occasion being the breaking-up for the holidays. A number of parents were in attendance, also the chairman (Mr. J. Stonehouse) and members of the school, committee. The report submitted by the headmaster (Mr. J. Tamblyn) showed that excellent progress had been made during the year, both in the secondary and primary departments; ' the sports section had also, been well attended to. The chairman, in the course of his remarks, referred to the retirement of Miss Sinclair, who had been senior teacher of the : secondary j department. He also stated that the Education Board had placed on record-'their appreciation of the services rendered by Miss Sinclair to the board in every position she had filled.

The dux medal was presented to Myrtle Parker. A gold medal, donated by Mr. Odlin, was presented to Walter- Asquith for being the most improved runner. A cup which had been donated by Mr. J. Tamblyn, headmaster, was presented by him to the junior cricket team, the winners. Mr. W. J. Melody, who had been in. charge of the tennis section, presented medals to the winners of doubles' and singles matches, and a special medal, donated by Mrs. Melody, was presented to Phyllis Babbington by Mrs. Tamblyn. Swimming certificates were also presented. At the close of . the ceremony three hearty cheers were given for the headmaster and staff.

•, At the invitation of Mr. Mason, first assistant, and the scholars of Standard VI., a number of parents, staff and school committee assembled in St. James's schoolroom to spend a social evening. The whole of an excellent programme was given by the pupils, and some fine talent displayed. During the evening the chairman of the school committee took the opportunity of presenting Mrs. Anstis (nee Miss Meagre) with a salad bowl and Miss Sinclair with a rose 'bowl (both teachers had retired from the school), and, in doing so spoke in high terms of the services rendered by them in service to the school. Master E. Waitai, on behalf of the scholars of Standard- VI., presented Mr. Mason with a silver ink stand as a token of love and esteem from the scholars, who appreciated his untiring zeal during the past year. During the evening both scholars and parents expressed their heartiest appreciation of Mr. Mason's self-sacrificing services in the interest of the school during the year. After singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," three cheers were given, and a very, pleasant evening was closed!