

## Masterton West

### (AKA Cole Street)

1<sup>st</sup> May 1917 Masterton School Committee Report included new difficulty had now arisen. It had been submitted that a new school was required at the north end of Cole street. Prices were, submitted for land for a site, and while these negotiations were proceeding the Solway school question was held up.

19<sup>th</sup> December 1917 It was reported at the Borough Council meeting last night that the Wellington Education Board intends to purchase five acres of the Perry Estate, at the top of, Cole street, upon which to erect a new school, provided an outlet to Cole street can be obtained.

1<sup>st</sup> March 1918 Masterton District High School Meeting included The Education Department/has acquired an excellent site of five acres at the top of Cole street, and on this there should be erected modern building capable of extension, which would be a credit to the town. It would be little short of madness to expend further large sums of money upon the out-of-date District High School, It is only a question of time when the school will be disestablished in favour of a high School proper.

26<sup>th</sup> March 1918 At Saturday's meeting' of the Masterton Teachers' Institute, Mr F. L. Combs, M.A., moved the following motions: (1) "That it is highly desirable, for the sake of educational efficiency, that no school contain more than 350 children." (2) " That this Institute is of the opinion that the best interests of children, teachers and education will be served by the erection forthwith of the proposed new school in Cole Street, Masterton.....

13<sup>th</sup> April 1918 It has been definitely decided to erect a new school on a site at the top of Cole street. It is only a matter of the authorities awaiting a favourable opportunity for building

13<sup>th</sup> April 1918 MAIN SCHOOL v. COLE STREET SCHOOL.

The Masterton School Committee, with what seems to us dubious taste, is trying, at the fifty-ninth minute of the eleventh hour, to supplant the proposed Cole street School by a project; for the benefit of their own institution. With their proposal that the Main School should be brought up to date structurally, we have every sympathy. What we desire to censure is the attempt to obstruct the erection of another school until the reconstruction of their own is accomplished. All the pains and expense that have been gone to by public bodies and private people to bring the Cole street School into being are to go for nothing, because the Masterton Committee wish priority given to the claims of their own institution. As to why the two projects should clash, the public is left in the dark. The building of the Cole street School, as we have already pointed out, by relieving the congestion at the Main School, will remedy its most pressing defects. It will, for instance, obviate the crowding of children into class rooms where there is little more than half the official allowance of floor space, it seems, moreover, more economical, at a time when public' money is hard to get, to erect a new school than to endeavour at great expense to remodel an old structure which ere another decade has passed will, we trust, have been replaced by a completely new building. In conclusion, it must again be repeated that the Masterton Committee seem to be actuated by dog-in-the-manger motives.

19<sup>th</sup> June 1918 Wellington Education Board Report included Increased accommodation must be provided in the immediate future at the following schools: Berhampore, Muritai, Eastern Hutt, Masterton West (where a site has been acquired), Lansdowne

11<sup>th</sup> July 1918 the Wellington Education Board has received a grant from the Education Department for the erection of three school rooms on the site purchased some time back at the head of Cole street, Masterton. The amount will suffice for furnishing and outside improvements. Provision is also made for shed accommodation and asphaltting. The plans will be gone on with. The size of the and in the meantime the road formation will be gone on with (Sic). The size of the site is five acres three roods, which will give ample room for playgrounds, school gardens, etc. The Department only wished to purchase four acres, and it was due to the Board's agitation that the area was increased.

18<sup>th</sup> July 1918 grant of £2900 has been made for the Education Board for the erection. of the Cole street school. The proposal was to erect buildings of wood with brick foundations. Mr Hogg urges that concrete should be used in preference to wood, as it would be much handsomer, less costly to maintain, and far more durable.

5<sup>th</sup> August 1918 COLE STREET SCHOOL TO BE ERECTED IN CONCRETE. Mr A. W. Hogg, a member of the Wellington Education, Board, has urged that the Cole street school should be erected in concrete, and he has now received the following communication from the secretary to the Wellington Education Board: —"I am very glad to say that the amount required for erecting in concrete the school at Cole street is approved, and the plans will now proceed."

26<sup>th</sup> October 1918 Tenders were recently invited for the erection of the Cole Street school building in Masterton, but the lowest was considerably over the amount provided by the Department. The Education Board has instructed its secretary to apply for an increased grant

1<sup>st</sup> November 1918 COLE STEEET SCHOOL. The Minister of Education was asked by Mr G. E. Sykes (Masterton) what was the reason for the delay in the erection of the new school in Cole street, Masterton. He replied that the lowest tender for three rooms, with outbuildings, had been £3850. The tender was a striking example of the increased cost of labour and material. The House appeared to regard the explanation as adequate.

1<sup>st</sup> November 1919 COLE STREET SCHOOL

VISIT OF INSPECTION.

Mr G. L. Stewart, secretary of the Wellington Education Board, was in Masterton yesterday, and, accompanied by the Chairman of the School Committee, the Mayor, and Mr A. W. Hogg, was conducted by the contractor (Mr Hilton) over the newly erected school at the top of Cole street. The building is entirely of concrete, and at present consists of two large rooms and a passage ten feet wide. The material and workmanship pronounce it one of the most substantial edifices of the kind yet constructed by the Board. The lighting and ventilation are in some respects a huge improvement on anything hitherto carried out. All that is needed is the necessary furniture and the school is ready to be opened. The visitors were highly satisfied with the quality of the work. On either side are well-built and commodious sheds of concrete with offices and urinals of a character to match the rest of the school. The wide passage is on the west side of the building, but when an enlargement takes place, which we venture to say will be very shortly, it will form the central or dividing vestibule. Altogether the new Masterton West school reflects the highest credit on Mr McDougall, the Board's architect, and the contractor.

20<sup>th</sup> December 1919 Mr. R. Miller, of the Berhampore School, has been appointed headmaster of the new school in Cole Street, Masterton.

## 1920-1921

1921	236-114	Masterton West	Miller	Henry	Head	D	£430	\$37,019
1921	236-114	Masterton West	Best	Thornton R	Assistant	D	£380	\$32,714
1921	236-114	Masterton West	Udy	Linda A	Infant Mistress	D	£380	\$32,714
1921	236-114	Masterton West	Fallow	Mary R E	Assistant	D	£290	\$24,966
1921	236-114	Masterton West	Phillips	Catherine R	Assistant	D	£270	\$23,244
1921	236-114	Masterton West	Hogg	Felicitas M F	Assistant	D	£220	\$18,940
1921	236-114	Masterton West	Brown	Jean D	Assistant		£160	\$13,774
1921	236-114	Masterton West	Woodhouse	Christina E	Reliever		£140	\$12,053
1921	236-114	Masterton West	Henderson	Ethel M	Pupil Teacher 1		£125	\$10,761
1921	236-114	Masterton West	Lenz	Millicent O	Probationer 1		£95	\$8,179

*In the Roll Column the first figure (236) refers to the roll at the Cole Street Site and the second figure (114) refers to the roll at the side school in Victoria Street*

21<sup>st</sup> January 1920 Masterton West, assistant. Miss I. V. McKenzie;

27<sup>th</sup> January 1920 Mr. H. Miller, the newly-appointed headmaster of the Cole Street School, arrived in Masterton last evening.

28<sup>th</sup> January 1920 MASTERTON WEST SCHOOL, - COLE STREET. 'THE Headmaster, Mr. Miller, will be in attendance at the above school to enrol pupils on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> inst., 'from 10 till 12 and 2 till 4. The School will accommodate pupils in all classes from Infants to Standard VI Inclusive. A. W. HOLLINGS, Secretary, School Committee.

28<sup>th</sup> January 1920 Wellington Education Board Mr. A.W. Hogg urged that special; steps be taken to constitute a new! school district in Masterton West. He was requested to approach the residents with a view to their presenting the necessary petition.

Arrangements for opening the new schools at Masterton West and Solway were left in the hands of Messrs. Hogg and Moss, in conjunction with the Masterton School Committee.

30<sup>th</sup> January 1920 Letter from Mr A W Hogg Wellington Education Board member and MP MASTERTON WEST AND SOLWAY SCHOOLS.

(To the Editor) Sir,- —At the recent meeting of the Education Board, a committee report was submitted, in which Mr. Moss and myself were appointed to conduct the opening of the Masterton West and Solway Schools in conjunction with the Masterton School Committee. When the matter came before the Board, I said I was sure my colleague, Mr. Moss, would have no objection to the duties imposed but I wished to know what the Masterton Committee had to do with the new schools. Two newly built and substantial schools had been erected, but what any outside committee had to do With this erection I was at a loss to know. The Masterton West School was intended to relieve the existing school, which was overcrowded. Mr. Moss had worked energetically with myself to get the new school, and I was glad we had succeeded, but we had nothing to do with the Masterton Committee, and the new schools should be under no control but their own. Each school should have its own district and its own committee. To remove any misapprehension, I moved: "That the necessary steps be taken to constitute Masterton West a separate school district and to elect their School Committee. I concluded by submitting that each school must be under independent control and managed by its own committee, a sentiment in which members heartily concurred. The

chairman said there could be no objection to the resolution, but it would be necessary to furnish a memorial from the parents on the subject. I have furnished this sketch of what took place before the Board. lest there should be any misapprehension.—I am, etc. A.W. HOGG.

30<sup>th</sup> January 1920 MASTERTON WEST SCHOOL

ENROLMENT OF PUPILS. Local residents are evincing great interest in the new Cole Street School, over 130 pupils being enrolled during the course of yesterday. Admissions Were made in every class from Infants to Standard VI, inclusive. In conjunction with the District High School Committee, a meeting of residents is called for this evening at 7 o'clock, with a view to furthering the interests of the new institution. The High School Committee inserts an advertisement convening this meeting, and it is hoped that all householders interested will make an effort to be present. Important business will be transacted, among other items that of setting up a committee to work in conjunction with the High School Committee to further special local needs. A petition is also to be drawn up to forward to the Education Board, with a view to defining the new school area, and obtaining a separate School Committee. Mr. A. W. Hogg, district member of the Education Board, is to be present.

31<sup>st</sup> January 1920 Over 130 pupils were enrolled during one day at the new State school in Cole Street. Masterton.

31<sup>st</sup> January 1920 MASTERTON WEST SCHOOL

MEETING OF HOUSEHOLDERS. . COMMITTEE' ELECTED. A meeting of householders in conjunction with the Masterton District High School Committee was held in the Masterton West School last night. The object of the meeting was to discuss the proposed appointment of a district committee and the fixing of the school boundary. About 100 householders were present. Mr. R. Brown occupied the chair, and read a memorial to the Education Board, which had been prepared on behalf of the householders, requesting that the School Committee be appointed and boundaries declared for the new school. Mr. A. W. Hogg explained to the meeting that the business connected with country schools was transacted by a small committee in Wellington, to which he had always objected, and he considered that such business should be transacted by the whole Board. He referred also to the situation of teachers. Selections were made by that small committee from, sometimes, a large number of applicants, and submitted to the Board for the purpose of making appointments. Mr. Hogg could not understand how the school could be opened before the preliminary work was done, namely, the appointment of a School Committee and -the defining of a school boundary. He considered that a distinct Committee should at once be elected, independent of any other Committees, and such Committee should be selected from the residents, for the education of whose children the school had been erected.

Mr. Brown asked Mr. Hogg whether it was possible to have a Committee elected before April, provided the memorial was sent in at once. Mr. Hogg replied that lie did not think it would be judicious or desirable for a School Committee to be appointed before the boundary was defined. He considered that a Committee of some of the residents present should be appointed to take part in and discuss with the Masterton School Committee the matter of defining boundaries, and appointing a separate School Committee. Mr. Brown stated that the Masterton Committee did not wish to take the matter out of the hands of the residents in any way, and they would be glad to assist in securing the election of a new Committee and the fixing of boundaries, or in any other way act in conjunction with all persons interested to ensure the best conditions for the new school. He suggested that a committee of residents

should be appointed at that meeting. Mr. G. K. Sykes, M.P., expressed the thanks of the meeting to Mr. A. W. Hogg and Mr. Stewart (secretary Education Board) and especially to the ex-Minister of Education (Mr. Hanan) for the work they had done towards providing the splendid school. He deplored the fact that the representation "of the district on the Education Board was so small, and was of the opinion that at least three representatives should be there. A committee consisting of the following were then elected: —Messrs Temple, Donald, Perry, Hughes, Robertson, Nops, Naylor, Fairchild, and Blackman. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Brown suggested that the committee should meet after the meeting to discuss their procedure.

7<sup>th</sup> February 1920 Masterton District High School The deputation discussed the question of defining a boundary for the new Cole Street School. A sub-committee was appointed to meet a committee of the Cole Street, district residents, for the purpose of discussing the matter, with the view of placing before the Masterton School Committee definite suggestions for their consideration, in connection with the question of alteration of the present school boundaries.

25<sup>th</sup> February 1920 The accommodation at the new school in Cole Street. Masterton is already overtaxed, although the term commenced only last Thursday. The school opened with a roll number of 182 and by the end of the week this number had increased to 194. On Monday 10 more pupils were enrolled, bringing the total number of scholars up to 204. There are still 20 or 30 children awaiting enrolment. As there is accommodation only for 176 children—and even this number necessitates the use of borrowed chairs and desks—it has been decided to make urgent representation to the authorities to increase the size of the building.

25<sup>th</sup> February 1920 The public are cordially invited to attend the official opening of the Masterton West School, Cole Street, at - 1.30 p.m. On Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> inst.

27<sup>th</sup> February 1920 here was a representative gathering of West Masterton residents yesterday for the official opening of the new school in Cole Street. .Mr. J. R. Moss, of the Education Board, formally opened the school, and in doing so congratulated the district on having such a fine building for the education of its children—an institution which would eventually become one of the best of its kind in Masterton. They were fortunate, too, in having such well-qualified teachers to undertake the management of the school. There were many features—the most prominent being overcrowding and lack of equipment -which needed immediate attention, and he would personally see that effective representations were made in that direction. Other speakers were: The Mayor (Mr. W. H. Jackson), and Messrs. A. Donald, R. Brown. G. E. Daniell and Miller (headmaster). Apologies were received from Messrs. G. K. Sykes, MP. and' A. W. Hogg. The burden of all the speeches was the lack of accommodation and equipment, and it was urged that the immediate building of an extra wing was of paramount importance. Later in the afternoon, a similar function was held at the new school at Solway

27<sup>th</sup> February 1920 It was stated at the opening of the Cole Street school in Masterton yesterday .that in one of the class-rooms no fewer than eighty-two children are already crowded

4<sup>th</sup> March 1920 It is understood that two additional teachers are to be appointed to the Cole street school in Masterton.

17<sup>th</sup> March 1920 Wellington Education Board It was decided that the Masterton West School District "be established, as' follows,: —Bounded on the north by the Waipoua River; on the east by Chapel street; on the south, by a line drawn parallel to Renall-street 165 feet south, of that street; thence from Chappel-street (Sic) to the borough boundary on the west; on the west by the borough boundary, thence in a line northward to meet the river

24<sup>th</sup> March 1920 The monthly meeting of the Masterton West School Committee, held in the schoolroom on Monday evening was a highly satisfactory one, The headmaster reported that the school roll now totalled 227, with an average attendance of '94 per cent. As the present building is intended for only 175 children two classes are now accommodated in the corridor, and a resolution was unanimously passed calling upon the Education Board to complete the school according to original design. The meeting enthusiastically entered into the proposal to provide games for the children—football for the boys, basketball for the girls, and the nucleus of a piano fund was subscribed in a few minutes. *Basketball was 9 aside netball where the court was divided into three sections and 3 players stayed in each third and the ball had to be passed through each third*

25<sup>th</sup> March 1920 Masterton School Committee That, the secretary wire Mr. Stewart, secretary of the Education Board, asking whether Cole Street School District had, been defined, as the committee strongly objects to the boundaries as reported by the Press." Several applications for the position of assistant at the Cole Street School were submitted for the approval of the Committee, and it was decided to recommend Miss Udy, of Petone, for the appointment,

1<sup>st</sup> April 1920 The Education Board has advised the headmaster of the Masterton Distinct High School that Miss Suisted will shortly join the staff of the school. Miss McLennan, a member of the staff, has been transferred to the Cole Street School

28<sup>th</sup> April 1920 Masterton School annual report included The Cole Street School.—This school, of three rooms, was completed ' and ready for occupation in November last, hut was not allowed to he used before the 18th February of this year. When it was opened, the Education Board permitted the enrolment of pupils far beyond the capacity of the building, with the result that at the Main School and at the Side School, the average attendance is now below the accommodation available. Although your Committee is the legally constituted authority for controlling the activities of- the new school, pending the election of a Committee for the school, your Committee has not been consulted in any way, and its legal authority has been absolutely ignored by the ' Education Board. Your Committee generously suggested that an Advisory Committee of local residents should be set up in the- interests of the new school. This was done, but instead of being an Advisory Committee, it has assumed the position of the Committee of the School.

1<sup>st</sup> April 1920 SCHOOLS ABOVE GRADE 3. ASSISTANTSHIPS: Masterton West— £250 to £270 (male).

28<sup>th</sup> April 1920 Masterton District High school report included A new School District has recently been defined by the Education Board, which necessitates the removal of I lie control of the Side School to the new Masterton West School. Your Committee has very strongly protested against the new boundaries, which take a considerable portion of the territory of the Main School, and your Committee has appealed to the Minister of Education to enquire into the matter, and, if possible, to get these boundaries reconsidered and revised, ns your Committee considers they are unfair to the Main School, to the teachers in general, and to the Committee

29<sup>th</sup> April 1920 At last night's meeting of householders at the Masterton West School, the headmaster reported that since the opening of the school on February 19 with a roll number of 182 and a staff of three, the attendance had increased to 225, with a staff of five qualified teachers and three pupil teachers. The average attendance for the quarter was over 96 per cent. The meeting passed solutions supporting the policy of the New Zealand Educational Institute. The urgency of the need of extension the building to provide adequate accommodation was again stressed, and resolutions, to be forwarded to the Minister of Education, Education Board, and Education Department, were passed to that effect

18<sup>th</sup> May 1920 Caretaker for Cole Street school advertised for

30<sup>th</sup> April 1920 MASTERTON WEST SCHOOL

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT. The following report of the Provisional Committee was presented at the annual meeting of householders of the Masterton West School on Wednesday evening:— In submitting a statement from the Provisional Committee, and without traversing matter contained in the headmaster's report, which will be submitted presently, I desire, on behalf of the Committee, to express our pleasure at the interest taken in the school by the residents .since its inception, and the hope that this interest will be sustained under the Committee which it is your duty to elect, to-night.

This progressive district has fully justified the building and equipment of an up to date school, and strong representations have been, and are still being made for the completion of the school, to comprise eight classrooms and necessary offices, teachers' room, library, science, and apparatus room, etc. We understand that the Education Board are submitting fully prepared plans to the Government, with a view of a grant being allocated to meet the cost. Your Committee have consistently stressed the urgency of efficient accommodation and equipment, and we are hopeful that our requests will be generously considered.

Meanwhile, to relieve the congestion, we are negotiating with the Congregational Church authorities for the use of their Sunday school to accommodate two of the upper classes -who at present are being taught in the corridor of the school.

A resolution from the householder's present, requesting extension of the school, would considerably strengthen the hands of the Committee.

The question of the school boundaries has excited a considerable amount of interest, inasmuch as the question of control of the Victoria Street Ride School came into the question. Your Committee, after due thought, submitted their propositions to the Education Board, which they agreed to. The boundaries are as follows—The Waipoua River on the north, Chapel Street on the east, 150 feet or thereabouts south of Renall Street on the South and Ngawatawa Road on the west. This gives a well-defined boundary, and in our opinion is well considered and satisfactory. :

The school grounds will require much thought and attention by your incoming Committee. Already we have made arrangements for a plan to be prepared, I lie expense of which has been generously met by one of the Committee. A considerable sum of money ' will be required, which we trust to raise by donations and other means from the residents of the school district. Already much of the sports material has been subscribed, and also donations of money for the purchase of a piano, which we anticipate will be installed shortly, being a necessity for efficient school work,

To the headmaster (Mr. Miller) we tender our sincere thanks for his self sacrifice and devotion to duty during his tenure of office, realising Ins enthusiasm and earnestness to make

the school second to none. The staff under Mr. Miller has been a varied one, yet there has been in each and every one the desire to give of their best for the children's sake.

Finally, we have to express to the Masterton Centred Committee our appreciation for the interest taken in the school since it was opened.

Our efforts to efficiently carry out the duties of a school committee have seemingly been appreciated by them, evidence of the fact, being that they have not had occasion to directly interfere in any way with our work, which has been a pleasure to every member of the Committee. We trust that this good feeling will continue to exist, so that still better work will be done in the interests of education in Masterton.

10<sup>th</sup> June 1920 It is stated that the Cole street school in Masterton will shortly be in possession of a piano, through the generosity of a householder in the neighbourhood.

12<sup>th</sup> June 1920 COLE STREET SCHOOL.

REQUEST FOR PIANO. At last night's meeting of the Masterton Trust Lands Trust a deputation representing the Masterton West School Committee waited upon the Trustees, and requested a donation towards the purchase of a piano. The speaker was Mr Alex. Donald, who stressed

10<sup>th</sup> June 1920 MASTERTON WEST SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING. "

A meeting of the Committee of the Masterton West School was held on Monday evening last, with Mr. A. Donald in the chair. Reports from the headmaster and Visiting Committees were read and adopted, particular stress being laid upon the waterlogged condition of the Cole Street grounds and the urgent sanitary requirements of the Victoria Street School. After discussion the following resolution was unanimously carried: "This School Committee views with alarm and disappointment the suggestion of the Education Board to delay the enlargement, of Masterton West School, in view of the erection of a High School. This Committee considers it imperative that primary education should receive first consideration, and demands that the Education Board immediately call tenders and proceed with the additions as promised and arranged."

the great drawbacks School Committees laboured under at the present time. They were usually pinched for funds to carry on their work. There should be a desire to cultivate the artistic sense. The Masterton West school desired a piano, and to obtain an instrument had been assisted by local residents to the extent of £25. The Committee requested a grant of £25 towards the fund. Mr E. G. Eton, in moving that the necessary sum be granted, said he thought that the instrument was necessary. The proviso should be made, however, that the grant should carry a Government and he decided to add that to his motion. This was seconded by Mr W. T. Grundy, and unanimously carried. The deputation then withdrew, after thanking the Trustees for the generous manner in which it had been received.

16<sup>th</sup> June 1920 COLE STREET SCHOOL. (To the Editor.) Sir, —The new broom seems to be sweeping very clean in respect to the Victoria 8 treat school. The Cole Street Committee has found this school to be in an "appalling" condition, and has made certain remarks which may convey the impression that I, as caretaker, was responsible for the condition of the building. I challenge the Committee, or any member of it, to prove that I was responsible in any degree for the alleged "appalling" condition in which they found the school.—I am, etc.,  
R. G. GRITTON, Late Caretaker.



30<sup>th</sup> June 1920 A letter was received from the secretary of the Masterton West School Committee complaining of the state of the footpath on the north side of Cole Street. The matter was left in the hands of the engineer to deal with.

5<sup>th</sup> July 1920 Football (*Rugby*) The Featherston school easily defeated the Masterton West school in a match played at Masterton on Saturday

19<sup>th</sup> August 1920 Owing to the visit of the inspectors for the purpose of holding their annual examination, the Lansdowne School, and the Masterton West School and side school, will not close down for their term holidays until Friday, August 27.

28<sup>th</sup> August 1920 MASTERTON WEST SCHOOL.

A GRANT FOR EXTENSION.

The secretary of the Masterton West (School Committee (Mr. Robertson) has been advised that the Education Department has made a grant of £4.750 for the extension of the school buildings. This will mean that at least two additional class rooms, a science room and a teacher's sitting room can be provided. The plans have already been prepared for the additions, and the work may be expected to be proceeded with at an early date.

23<sup>rd</sup> November 1920 The Mayor (Mr "W. H. Jackson), Colonel H. E. Hart, C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C., Officer Commanding the Wellington Regiment, and Mr. H. Miller, Masterton West School, have been appointed an executive committee,, with power to appoint sub-committees, in connection with the forthcoming visit to Masterton of their Excellency's the Governor-General and Lady Jellicoe

9<sup>th</sup> December 1920 Wellington Education Board . It was decided to make application to the Education Department for additional grants for the additions to the Masterton West School, and for the Muritai Infant School.

11<sup>th</sup> December 1920 The pupils of: the Masterton West School have inaugurated a bazaar, to be held in the school grounds on Tuesday next, at .1.30 p.m. Mr. G. K. Sykes, M.P., will speak and declare the bazaar open. The presentation of certificates for attendance and proficiency will be made by the chairman of the committee (Mr. Alex. Donald), \_ and the Masterton navy League will present the school with a flag. Mr. W. T. Grundy will represent the Education Board, and will address the gathering. It is expected to realise a good sum out of the bazaar, in aid of the grounds, and the pupils are deserving of every support for their energy in promoting the gathering.

15<sup>th</sup> December 1920 The Masterton West School, to which, is attached the Victoria Street, side school, has now a of over 350 pupils

15<sup>th</sup> December 1920 SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR. There was a largo gathering of fronts and friends at the bazaar hold at the Masterton West School yesterday afternoon, in aid of the development of the grounds, and a very successful sale resulted.

The Chairman of the School Committee (Mr Alex. Donald) presided, and after a brief address presented the pupils with their certificates and prizes. Mr W. T. Grundy, of the Education Board, was also present, and addressed the gathering. The formal opening of the bazaar then took place, the ceremony being performed by Mr G. R, Sykes, M.P., who, in a few well-chosen words, wished the sale all success. He congratulated the headmaster and the Committee upon the fine display presented, and also upon the exceptional progress made by the school and its pupils during the past year.

In reply, the headmaster (Mr IT Miller) stated that he wished to express his appreciation of the support which he had received from the parents in connection with the effort, The whole

of the material had been obtained free of cost, and be hoped that a satisfactory sum would be the result.

During the afternoon the Mayoress (Mrs W. H. Jackson) and Miss Sellar, on behalf of Navy League, presented the school with a Union Jack. Mr Miller suitably replied on behalf of the pupils.

Brisk business was done at the stalls, and before long many of the well provided stands had been completely cleared, the bazaar realising the very satisfactory sum of £58 14s 9d.

Following were the stall-holders:— Sweets and Cake stall. —Miss Udy and Miss Lenz. Fancy stall.—Miss McKenzie. assisted by pupils. Produce stall.—Miss White, and pupils. Flower stall.—Miss J. Brown. Ice Cream.—Mr H. Miller, assisted by senior boys. Mock Museum.—Mr T. R. Best. Bran Tub.—Mrs Fouhy and Miss Cairns,

16<sup>th</sup> December 1920 Mr H. Miller, headmaster of the Masterton West School, is proceeding to Australia. He will spend some time in Melbourne and Sydney before, returning to the Dominion.

16<sup>th</sup> December 1920 IST OK 'promotions; The following is the list of annual promotions in connection with the Masterton West School: -

PROFICIENCY CFRTI FICATFS. Eric Boyd, Trevor Boyd, Cyril Perry, Rex Rose, Raymond Woodward.

Jessie Finlayson, Marjorie Hausman, Phylis Naylor, Flora Sutherland, Dora Wellington. Endorsed Competency. Ruth Henry.

PROMOTED TO STANDARD VI. Thomas Bolton. Alan Buckley. Alexander Cole, Douglas Edwards. Ronald Faulknor, Jack Hughes, John McCullough, Wallis Taylor, Erl Hughan, Charles Wilton.

Elinor Bond, Ivy Dean, Cicely Francis, Winnie Grimes, Berta McGregor, Kathleen McKay, Jessie McLeod, Joyce Kilgour.

PROMOTED TO STANDARD V. Harold Beale, James Bolton. Clifford Cemas. Bertie Dean. Donald Douglas, Raymond Hosken, Maxwell Jago. Alfred Rick. Norman Sutherland. Rangi Temple, Cecil Holmes.

Dulcie Buckley, Dorothy Barnett, Jean Belliss, Amelia Dixon, Dorothy Inns, Muriel Kenning, Lilian Lockwood, Grace Morris, Mabel Pinkerton, Kathleen Vibert, Gladys Voice. Ethel Rutherford.

PROMOTED TO STANDARD IV. Jack Edwards, Athol Graham, Alan Holloway. Richard Hunt, Noel Kilgour, Frank McWhinnie, Hugh Perry, Sidney Pye, Henry Rooks, George Rutherford, Allenson Rutter.

Florence Barnett, Mary Cole, Noleen Coradine, Elza Dixon, Joy Donald, Jean Douglas, Alma Drake, Marjorie Friend, Alma Johnson, Mavis Kenning. Beryl Kerr, Marjorie Kibblewhite, Gladys Perfect. Sheila Pinkerton. Muriel Voice. Kathleen Holmes.

PROMOTED TO STANDARD III Jeffrey Bundle. Kenneth Clarke, Claude Hausman Raymond Hausman, Colin Lambert. Victor Lambert, Ronald Milroy. Leslie McWhinnie. Ronald Voice, Gwenetha Butcher. Elizabeth Cambourne, Elizabeth Chamberlain, Blanche Cemas, Elizabeth Dean, Dorothy Dunn, Nola Inns. Leah Johnston, Annie McKay. Doris McLaren, Phyllis Robertson. Linda Taylor, Doreen Temple. Eila Toogood. Rita Williams. ' PROMOTED TO STANDARD II. Rex Bundle. Harold Dixon. Wilson Dunn, Stanley Fellingham, Patrick Flanagan, Douglas Hopkins, Findlay Hughan Robert Jenkins, David

Morris, Thomas .McCord. Richard Naylor, Robert Roulston, Leslie Taylor, Edna.Hubbard, Ellen .McKay. Sheila McKay, Lorna Renner,  
PROMOTKD TO STANDARD I. Rex Ball, Spencer Cambourne. Reginald Clarke, Arthur Clemas. James Drew. Guy Horne, Henry Sudermann, I Albert McWhinnie, Bruce McGregor, George Pye. William Rew, Errol Perrmain, William Rew, Ray Richards, ' Robert. Singleton, Reginald Thompson, Eric Vibert. Foster Wellington. .Malcolm Buckley.

Constance Drake. Olga Dixon, Gwen Klaus, Frances Garratt. Ivy Hunt, Rona Hosken, Gladys Hopkins, Gwen Holmes, Janet Hardie, Mary Jago, Olga London, Phyllis McCord'. Joan Reneer. Frances Rutherford. Phyllis Shearer, Rita Smith. Eileen Sutherland, Edna Taylor.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES. James Bolton. Norman Sutherland, Donald Douglas, Raymond Hausman, Leslie. McWhinnie. Ronald Voice. Harold Dixon. Douglas .Hopkins, David Morris, Robert Roulston, Jeffrey Cole, Wallace Taylor, Alexander Cole, Rex Rose, Joe Wong Moy, Roy Larsen, .Norman Kjar, Herbert Russell. Keith -McGrath, Amelia Dixon. Marjorie Kibblewhite. Sheila Pinkerton, Joy Donald, Mary Cole. Grace Morris, Ellinor Bonde, Dora Wellington, Marion Kjar.

VICTORIA STREET SIDE SCHOOL

PROMOTED TO TO STANDARD III. Graham Farnsworth. Hugh Horsley. Ernest .Minitie Harold Perfect, Leslie Pounceby, Herbert Russell. Thos. Taylor, John Watt. Frances Cambourn, Beatrice Cole, Pearl Corkill. Jean Edwards, Mary Hartley, Ethel Jones, Rose Taylor, Ada Wong, \

PROMOTEDTO STANDARD II.

John Barnes, Robert Barnes. Herbert. Bridge. Eric Cameron, Stanley Leach. Dugald McDonald, Keith McGrath, Kenneth. McKenzie. Horace .Miller, John Munn, Victor Munn, Erwin .Read, John Tinkler. Thomas Trewheela, Basil Webster. Frederick Wickens, Joe Wong Moy, Nellie Biggs. .Mav Blinkhorne. Gladys Bridge, Zoe Devine, Ruby Drain, Gladys Gunther, Rita Hartley, Marion Kjar, Joan Long, Marjorie Long, Kathleen .Motley. Clara Pedersen. Bernice Richards, Eunice .Wellington.

PROMOTFD TO STANDARD I, Alfred Drain. Clifford Faulknor. William Lindsay, Roy Larsen, William Millar, John Peel, Herbert Spackman, Archibald Smith. Reginald Richards, Olive Beale. Annetta Cowley, Rita Gardner Gwen Hall, Ena Lewin, Millicent Morey, Irene Nicholson, Jessie Taylor, Gladys Water. Lucy Webb.

18<sup>TH</sup> February 1921 Mr T R Best appointed First Assistant

Miss L A Udy appointed Infant Mistress

19<sup>th</sup> March 1921 N Z Truth article \. This is a long article. Miss Philips was teaching at Masterton West at end of 1921

TEACHER'S TRIBULATIONS

A CURIOUS CASE FROM CARTERTON

Parents Said To Have Pulverised a Pedagogue

TEACHER »IES THEH FOR DAMAGES

(From "Truth's" Carterton Rep.)

An action for " damages for alleged assault between a country school teacher and the , - parents of some pupils attending the school, and which had attracted more than ordinary

interest in the district, was heard in the Magistrate's Court, Carterton, before Mr S.L, P. Free, S.M. The plaintiff was Catherine Phillips, who, in August of 1919, was appointed to the sole charge of a small at East Taratahi, and the defendants, were Albert Percy Southey, his wife, Esther Southey. Stanley Green and his wife, Annie Green, The defendants are residents of this school district, and damages to the extent of £200 .were asked for. Plaintiff was represented by Lawyer Burrige, Masterton, and Lawyer Noble, of the same town, appeared for defendants. In opening the case for plaintiff, Mr. Burrige stated that the proceedings had the approval, of the Education Board, and the New Zealand Teachers Institute, and were being taken as a means of providing adequate protection for country school teachers .....

2<sup>nd</sup> February 1921 Miss I. McKenzie was entertained at the Masterton West yesterday prior to taking a position at the Solway School. She was also' the recipient of a presentation; from members of the staff.

## 1922-1923

1923	276-112	Masterton West	Miller	Henry	Head	D-71	£435	\$39,981
1923	276-112	Masterton West	Best	Thornton R	Assistant	D-123	£375	\$34,466
1923	276-112	Masterton West	Fallows	Mary R E	Assistant	D-119	£303	\$27,849
1923	276-112	Masterton West	Bewley	Daisy R Mrs	Infant Mistress	D-144	£273	\$25,091
1923	276-112	Masterton West	Bennett	Irene	Reliever		£245	\$22,518
1923	276-112	Masterton West	Cumberworth	Dorothy M	Assistant	C-170	£233	\$21,415
1923	276-112	Masterton West	Hogg	Felicitas M F	Assistant	D-175	£225	\$20,680
1923	276-112	Masterton West	Ball	Elizabeth	Assistant	C-203	£185	\$17,003
1923	276-112	Masterton West	Harvey	Georgina D	Pupil Teacher 1		£113	\$10,386
1923	276-112	Masterton West	Lewis	William	Pupil Teacher 1		£88	\$8,088

Only the Evening Post is available on Papers Past for these years

21st March 1923 Mr C Cairns resigns

8<sup>th</sup> June 1923 Ir. reply to a request from the Masterton West School Committee for further infant accommodation at the school, the Education Board has stated that owing to there being surplus accommodation at the Central School, the request cannot be granted. A meeting of the Masterton West Committee was held last night to consider the matter, and after a long discussion on a report from the headmaster of three schemes to deplete the roll, it was decided to call a meeting of householders to consider the board's proposal to reduce the roll and to get an expression of opinion from those affected.

6<sup>th</sup> November 1923 The Hon. C. J. Parr, Minister of Education, has notified the Masterton West School Committee that he will be unable to attend the official opening of the school swimming baths on Saturday

27<sup>th</sup> November 1923 Miss V E Burgess appointed

19<sup>th</sup> December 1923 MASTERTON, This Day. The recent bazaar in aid of the Masterton West school resulted in a net profit of £52 17s 6d.

## Post 1923

5<sup>th</sup> February 1924 Alister W R McGregor appointed Pupil Teacher

13<sup>th</sup> March 1924 Miss A C O'Brien appointed Infant Mistress

14<sup>th</sup> October 1924 Mr J V Gordon appointed chairman of the Masterton West School Committee

12<sup>th</sup> November 1924 At a meeting of the Masterton West School Committee last night a scheme to overcome the overcrowded state of the school was discussed, and it was decided to ask the Education Board for permission to erect a classroom building in the school grounds.

11<sup>th</sup> December 1924 E Ball resigned

18<sup>th</sup> December 1924 The Masterton West School annual swimming sports were held at the school baths. The championships- resulted : —Boys : Senior, J. Bundle, 15 points, T; E. Douglas, 14 points, 2. Junior, R. -Ball, 16 points, 1; W. Perry, 13 points, 2. - Girls :.Senior, B. Paton, 23 points, 1; D. Hart, 12 points, 2; junior, J. Renner, 10 points, 1; D. Paton, 6 points 2

13<sup>th</sup> January 1925 Kenneth Russell Masterton West won a Junior National Scholarship examinations with 563 points

1<sup>st</sup> May 1925 It is, gratifying to note, reported the head masters of the Masterton West school, " how few of the parents have availed themselves of the option of keeping their, children at home since the school reopened'"

2<sup>nd</sup> February 1926 Miss C E Drummond and Mr D G Edwards appointed probationer teachers

5<sup>th</sup> July 1927 Miss Gray, who has been teaching at the Masterton West School on exchange from Canada, has left for Wellington en route to Vancouver on her return

2<sup>nd</sup> February 1928 Miss F A Kerins appointed Probationer

7<sup>th</sup> March 1928 Miss B H Harvey appointed assistant

21<sup>st</sup> March 1928 Mr. H. Miller, headmaster of the Masterton West School since its inception in 1920, has been promoted to the headmastership of the Hutt Central School. For five years previous to 1920, Mr. Miller was first assistant, at the Berhampore School, Wellington

2<sup>nd</sup> May 1928 Mr W Hickson appointed Head Master

28<sup>th</sup> June 1928 Hatless Harry (NZ Truth)

HARRY MILLER, whom Masterton has known to Its pleasure, believes

more in the value of good tobacco than of headgear. So what he saves by going without hats he spends in pipe-tobacco — and when a man is popular he can generally do much as he likes.

He was the first schoolmaster at Masterton West School, which was opened eight years ago, and for the success of the institution he has spared no effort. Indoors or out-of-doors, his Interest is always with the pupils in whose life a headmaster can play a considerable part. Seeking to do more, he has been a very live treasurer to the Masterton Competitions Society 'for a number of years and in that capacity soon proved himself to be an important wheel of the organization's machinery.

H.M. likes congenial and convivial company, like a healthy human, and wherever he is there is fun.

In the evenings he was Chief Savage and when the black shadows crept together to the kainga for their korero, Harry — like the little stage genie in pink tights — roared forth the signal. And lo, it was like unto Bedlam.

Now he has shifted his domicile and Lower Hutt, Wellington, knows him for a cheery soul

11<sup>th</sup> July 1928 Wellington Rugby Union report. A request from the headmaster Of the Hutt Central School that a match between, the boys of his school and a team from the Masterton

West Primary School on 21st July be played as a curtain-raiser On the Hutt Recreation Ground at 1.15 p.m. was granted.

6<sup>th</sup> August 1928 Miss D. Cumberworth has been transferred from Masterton. West School to Berhampore School

1<sup>st</sup> October 1928 Miss M F Wallis and Miss N McGrath appointed assistant mistresses

30<sup>th</sup> October 1929 Miss A J Evans appointed assistant

14<sup>th</sup> November 1929 Additional room approved by Government

16<sup>th</sup> January 1930 in a list of all Wellington Schools swimming certificates Masterton West awarded 14 Merit, 10 proficiency, 29 learners

17<sup>th</sup> February 1930 the Hon. H. Atmore (Minister of Education), who returns from the Gisborne district on Friday, will begin a three-day tour of Wairarapa schools on the following Monday. Mr. Atmore will open the dental clinic at Featherston, a new infant room at Masterton West, and the secondary department at Eketahuna, District, High School, besides calling at various other schools and clinics in the district.

22<sup>nd</sup> May 1930 Masterton Competitions results included Juvenile choir (under 14 years): Hastings Wesley Choir (conductor Mr. H. C. H. Hutton), 78 points, 1; Masterton West School (conductor Mr. F. M. Pinfold), 71 points, 2.

Juvenile choir (under 16 years): Masterton West School (conductor Mr. F. M. Pinfold), 158 points, 1; Hastings Wesley Choir (conductor Mr. H. C. H. Hutton), 155 points, 2

27<sup>th</sup> May 1930 Miss M F Wallis appointed Infant Mistress

18<sup>th</sup> July 1930 In continuation of the annual exchange of visits between the two schools, Bugby and basketball teams from the Masterton West School are to leave this afternoon for Lower Hutt, where to-morrow they will meet teams representing the Hutt, Central School. The party, which is to return home tomorrow night, will be in charge of Mr. W. Hickson, headmaster of the Masterton West School, who will be accompanied by Messrs. F. M. Pinfold and D. Melville. The girls will be in charge of Misses Cocker and Evans. Teams from the Hutt Central School will visit Masterton West about a fortnight hence.

24<sup>th</sup> July 1930 Miss I Taylor appointed assistant

16<sup>th</sup> December Mr F E S Rockel appointed assistant master

20<sup>th</sup> February 1931 If the Wellington district ever has the misfortune to experience an earthquake of any magnitude, it should not find the schools, at least, unprepared. Mr. A. Donald explained at the monthly meeting of the Wellington Education Board yesterday that Mr. W. Hickson, headmaster of the Masterton West School, had drawn up a set of directions to be followed in case of an earthquake, and the children of the school had been drilled in following these. The procedure to be followed included a direction to the teachers, in case the quake was not of a serious nature, to at once organise games to take the minds of the children off the event.

Members of the board expressed approval of the action of the headmaster of Masterton West School.

20<sup>th</sup> December 1930 At the breaking-up ceremony of the Masterton West School on Thursday, a farewell presentation was made to Mr. F. M. Pinfold, who has been transferred on promotion to Wellington. In asking Mr. Pinfold to accept a leather suitcase and collar-box as a parting gift from the committee and staff, Mr. J. J. McLeary said they all greatly regretted losing Mr. Pinfold. The departing teacher had been a great asset to the school, and his good

influence would be felt for years to come. He had played a splendid part both in teaching and in fostering sport, and had done invaluable work in the musical training of the children.

31<sup>st</sup> July 1931 Mr F Jones appointed assistant

2<sup>nd</sup> February 1932 Miss E. Manger, a teacher on exchange, arrived by the Marama to-day to take up a position at the Masterton West School. Miss Manger, whose home is in London, has been teaching at Durban, Natal, for several years, and has come to New Zealand on exchange with Miss I. Taylor, of Masterton, who is at present teaching in Durban. Miss Manger expects to be in New Zealand for a year.

30<sup>th</sup> May 1932 Mr. W. Hickson, headmaster of the Masterton West School for the past four years, has been appointed headmaster of Newtown School Wellington: South. The Post's Masterton correspondent states that at a meeting of the Masterton West School committee last week Mr. Hickson's resignation was accepted with great regret. Members although congratulating Mr. Hickson on his promotion, expressed their deep regret at his impending departure. He had rendered excellent service to the school during his term of headmastership. Mr. Hickson—who went to Masterton on transfer— from the Martinborough School, will take up his new position next Wednesday. During his residence in Masterton: he took his full share of church work, being lay reader at St. Matthew's and also a member of the vestry

22<sup>nd</sup> September 1932 Mr H P Smith appointed Headmaster

8<sup>th</sup> February 1933 Miss I Tankersley appointed assistant mistress

16<sup>th</sup> July 1935 The Victoria University College Council has awarded the James Macintosh Travelling Scholarship for research in education to Mr. A. E. Fieldhouse, M.A., of Auckland. He is an old boy of the Wairarapa High School, who commenced his teaching career as a probationer at the Masterton West School, and at the Teachers' Training College was awarded a third year specialist course in school music. The New Zealand University's Senior Scholarship in Education was awarded to him on the recommendation of Professor Findlay, the eminent English authority on education, and, in the following year, he graduated honours M.A. in that subject.

6<sup>th</sup> March 1936 Mr W T Armstrong of the Opunake School notifies his School Committee that he has been appointed headmaster of Masterton West to start on the 25<sup>th</sup> May

11<sup>th</sup> June 1936 Miss A M Martin assistant at Masterton West is to be transferred

27<sup>th</sup> June 1936 Opportunity was taken yesterday afternoon to bid good-bye to Miss A. M. Marten, infant mistress at the Kaiapoi Borough School for the last six years, who has accepted a position with the Masterton West School. A presentation of an attaché case and writing companion was made by Merle Raymond for the teaching staff and pupils

3<sup>rd</sup> November 1936 Mr V A Welsh appointed assistant master

1<sup>st</sup> April 1937 Mr B Tunnicliffe from North Auckland appointed additional assistant

4<sup>th</sup> July 1938 Mr D S Rust appointed Head Teacher

15<sup>th</sup> March 1939 SCHOOL CLOSED

(By Telegraph—Press Association.)

MASTERTON, This Day.

The Masterton West School was closed today and by the direction of the Minister of Education will no longer be occupied following an investigation into the safety of the building. The present condition is probably due to earthquakes. At present classes are being accommodated elsewhere.

16<sup>th</sup> March 1939 SCHOOL UNSAFE

+ PUPILS TRANSFERRED (Special to the "Evening Post.") MASTERTON, This Day. The decision of the Minister of Education (the Hon. P. Fraser) to direct that the Masterton West School was no longer to be occupied by the children attending that school was the outcome of an investigation into the safety of the building following upon a report submitted by Public Works Department engineers in October last to the effect that the building badly needed strengthening and that the position required to be looked into. A report on the condition of the building received two weeks ago from an independent source confirmed the findings of the Department's engineers. Yesterday all the standard classes were transferred to Wairarapa College, where accommodation is being provided in the meantime. As soon as two portable classrooms are shifted from the Hutt Central School, standards 1 to 3 will be accommodated in these rooms on the school grounds, and the primer classes are being housed in a wooden annexe well away from the main building. Standards 4, 5, and 6 will remain at Wairarapa College until the end of the year. The West School, a reinforced concrete structure, was opened in February, 1920, and added to in 1921. The present condition of the building is probably due to the effect of earthquake damage.

24<sup>th</sup> April 1939 Mr J. P. Farrell, headmaster of the Kaiapoi School for the last two years, has received advice that he has been appointed headmaster of the Masterton West School

16<sup>th</sup> June 1939 Members of the school committee, Home and School Association, and the teaching staff gathered in the Seatoun School last evening to welcome the new headmaster, Mr. D. S. Rust, formerly of the Masterton West School.

16<sup>th</sup> Aug 1939 Among the additions and improvements to schools authorised by the Education Department, intimation of which was received by today's meeting of the Wellington Education Board, were the following:—Rongotai Boys' College, two portable classrooms; Masterton West, preparation of plans for rebuilding five standard classrooms, cloakroom, and administrative block.....

30<sup>th</sup> October 1939 The supply of milk to schools in Masterton and other schools in the Wairarapa started today, delivery and other arrangements by the contractors having been completed. Each child will receive daily half a pint of milk in a sealed bottle, together with a straw. It is expected that the milk will be distributed regularly to Masterton schools as early as 8 a.m. and at Featherston by 10.30 a.m., so that every school will have supplies in time for the morning play period. Lansdowne, Masterton West side, and Central side (East) schools are included in the scheme

21<sup>st</sup> February 1940 Clarence Boys of Masterton West school appointed to Westport School as assistant master

22<sup>nd</sup> May 1942 Miss M E O'Hara-Smith appointed Infant Mistress

16<sup>th</sup> October 1943 PUKEKOS AT SCHOOL The children of the Masterton West School have given a practical example of bird protection. About three weeks ago a pukeko's nest, containing four eggs, was discovered in the school grounds and the children were asked by the headmaster, Mr. J. P. Farrell, to refrain from interfering with the nest or birds. This request, they faithfully observed and the eggs hatched. In recognition of this achievement, the school has been made a group member of the Ornithological Society of New Zealand a society for recording observations on bird life

25<sup>th</sup> June 1945 Mr G Calman appointed Headmaster