

Matarawa

Matarawa: 1878-1937 At one stage the Wellington Education Board wanted to close down both Dalefield and Matarawa and building a school in the middle of the area. On Matarawa Road, 8 kilometres from Greytown where a lot of the children from Matarawa went to primary school. There was a bridge at the end of Kuratawhiti Street from Greytown and the Waiohine Valley Road



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1876

24th February 1876 Resolved, that a building should be erected at Matarawa as soon as the residents had fixed upon a site. PP

1st Aug 1876 MATARAWA SCHOOL. An application having been received from the residents in the Matarawa District, for a school there, accompanied by an intimation that they were prepared to pay part of the cost, and had agreed upon a site, the Secretary was instructed to call for tenders. PP

1879

3rd April 1879 MATARAWA SCHOOL. This is the first year the school has been opened. The work throughout is of a good order; the writing was very good, and the arithmetic neat and accurate, The children are well mannered, and answered intelligently. The master, Mr Leete, is exceedingly painstaking and methodical. PP

1881

30th March 1881 The Board sanctioned the appointment of a teacher of sewing at Matarawa School. Mr. Bunny thought it would be better

to teach cooking and sewing and those kind of things instead of the rubbish they were stuffing children with. The Chairman thought it would be money well spent to teach sewing in every school in the colony. Mr. Lee said the girls in all the city schools were being taught sewing. The rule in all the schools was that where there was a female teacher competent to teach sewing it was done PP

1883

Note 1883 minutes are in date order and not in the order in the minute book

23rd January The Committee were elected for the year, 6 present

28th February The Matarawa School Committee wrote enquiring whether they were to obey the Board's regulations respecting corporal punishment, or whether the Inspector had power to overrule them. The Secretary was instructed to inform the Committee that the Board's regulations must be adhered to PP

18th April 1883 Great improvement in the work, and in the number of standard passes, was shown at Kiwaiworra; and a marked improvement at Matarawa PP

25 April 1883 The Matarawa Committee asked that repairs might be effected to roof of residence. Architect to arrange with the committee with a view of having the work done PP

4th May Mr. Ordish's quarters a/c for cleaning for payment £1-5-0

The treasurer was authorised to obtain a cheque book

That a new swing rope be obtained and that labour be obtained for graveling and firewood

That 30/- be expended in trees for sheltering the school ground and that Mr. Jones be authorised to employ labour to have trees planted

That the Board be applied to for bad weather sheds for children

That Mrs Leete be appointed sewing mistress as salary of £8 per annum the appointment to take place from the first of the quarter.

18th June Present Messrs A Gallon, Chairman, John Jones, James Ticehurst, R G Welch, and R Blade

Letter from Board authorising the expenditure of £8-10/- on repairs to residence and offering £5 towards salary of sewing Mistress

Balance in Treasures Book £ 8-6-11

Thompson a/c for Labour £ 3-12-9

John Jones a/c for swing gear -12/1d

Barrats a/c for trees 1/8d

That the Committee write to the board how to expend the £8-10-0 voted by the Board for repairs to residence

27th June Letter from Board re sheds and repairs

C H Ordish a/c for cleaning £1-5-0 for quarter ending May 7th

That specification be made out for repairs Tenders called for both sent to board for approval

27th October Letter received from Board accepting tenders for repairs and granting the £11 lowest tender- Trotman and Humphries

Standard account for advertising 11/6 passed

That Mrs Leete's quarters sewing 15/- be paid

13th December Balance in hand £8-14-2 ½

That Mr. Watts a/c for stationery of 15/3 be paid

That the clock be cleaned

That Mr. A I Ordish be appointed auditor

1884

5th January Received from Mr. Leete (Teacher) 1/3d

That Mrs Leete's quarterly salary be paid 15/-
28th January Public meeting The following Committee were elected
Messrs Alex Ordish, I Zillwood, John Jones, I Johnson, R Blade, C
Ordish and A Gallon
A Gallon be chairman
C H Ordish Be Secretary and Treasurer
13th February Received capitation for December quarter £4-13-9
Mr. Hillier Repairs to clock, Mr. Watts carriage of books, C H Ordish
cleaning be paid
That Messrs Bunny and Buchanan receive the vote of the
Committee as members of Education Board
25th April That Mr. Jones be employed to cart firewood for school
and that Mr. Thomson be employed to split and deliver two cords of
Matai firewood at same price as before
That the cleaning of the school be tendered for from the end of next
quarter
That Mr. Jones a/c for 2/- for pump repairs be paid
That as the Committee are rather short of funds that the Wesleyans be
asked to contribute £1 per year towards cleaning school as they use it
for holding service, and the chairman write to Mr. Young to that
effect
That Mr. Johnson get 1 dozen Pinus Insignias' and plant where others
have died off
That Mr. Leete have all useless books not likely to be required for
school use made up so that Committee may see what is best to be
done with them
That the chairman write and ask Board to erect Bad Weather sheds
for children

That Mrs Ponsonby's salary be paid (*Mr. Ponsonby Teacher who
started in 1884, so presumably Mrs Ponsonby's wage for sewing*)
4th June Received from Education Board memo re sheds for shelter
That if the Board grant £10 they will erect shed according to plan
enclosed in chairman's answer to Board
That Mr. Johnson's a/c for planting trees and glazing windows be
paid 7/-
That E J Ordish's a/c for cleaning be paid £1-5-0
Received from Mr. Jones's 8/- for post and rails
That the books not wanted by Mr. Leete be taken to Mr. Wood to be
sold by auction
23rd July Received from Mr. Leete *Mr. Leete had transferred to
Gladstone*) for sale of books £1-9-8 ½
Received from Mr. Gallon 2/- for copy books
Received Mrs Leete's a/c for salary to end of June £1-10-0
Mr. Johnson's A/c for tree be paid 7/-
Received from Mr. Johnson 3/- for books
That tenders be invited for cleaning school in the standard tenders to
close on August 1st 1884
That Mr. Johnson's offer to clean chimney and put load of gravel by
front gate for 10/- be accepted
That Mr. Blade get the fireplace put right
6th August Capitation from Board £4-13-9d
Received from sale of books from Mr. Wood 8/-. *Mr. Wood was an
auctioneer*
That Ann and Grace Zillwood's tender for cleaning school be
accepted to commence on 8th August and end on 7th August 1885.
Amount of tender £4-7-6
That the chairman arrange about getting the closets cleaned

27th August Mr Gordon Ponsonby appointed PP

30th August Received memo from Education Board re removal of Mr. Leete to Gladstone School and appointment of Mr. Gordon Ponsonby to Matarawa School subject to approval of Local Committee

That Committee agree to the Board's appointment of Mr. Gordon Ponsonby to Matarawa School

Mr. Leete attended and request Monday and Tuesday holiday

That Mr. Leete have Monday and Tuesday Holiday

Mr. Pole's a/c for cleaning closet be paid £1-5-0

That Mrs Gallon pays Mrs Leete's salary due (Paid 10/-)

Received from Mr. Leete for sale of books 10/4d

Note Some of this material appears to be chronologically challenged.

25th September That the Board appoint Mrs Ponsonby as sewing mistress and also request them to supply Matarawa School with two large maps Collins New Series of School Maps 6 foot x 4 foot 6 inches

Asia and America

That Mr. Jones see to the down pipe of the residence

That the iron for chimney be paid for

15th October Mr. Ponsonby leaving a complaint that one of the closets being unfit to use- Mr. A Johnson was instructed to get a disinfectant for use of same and that the same be paid for.

That the disinfectant be tried before moving the closet

That Mr. Zillwood remove the furze (*Gorse*) on school ground

23rd October That the books ordered by Mr. Ponsonby be sent for

Mr. Ponsonby asked the Committee to assist in putting up a close fence alongside the garden it was decided to grant Mr. Ponsonby's wish

5th November Letter received from Education Board appointing Mrs Ponsonby Sewing Mistress and stating that a bill for school will be forwarded.

That Mr. Jones get a No 5 pump for well and fix same

2nd December That the following accounts be paid

Peter Petersen £2 for removing closet

Mr. Jones £2-9-8 Pump etc

Mr. Saywell £1-8-0 croquet set

Mrs Ponsonby £0-15-0

Received from Mr. Blade 13/- subscriptions for croquet set

That Mr. Zillwood's account for clearing furze 5/-

That the bell be hung

That a Pole 12 inches x 12 inches at butt and 6 x 6 at top 20 foot long be ordered of Messrs Udy and Gallon.

That the chairman write to the Board re wet weather sheds

9th December Circular received from Board asking for plan and estimate of Bad Weather Sheds to be sent down by the 13th

The chairman was authorised to send down estimate to Board for sheds including painting at £15

1885

8th January Received Mr. Johnson's a/c for hanging bell £1-8-0

That Mr. Neilsen put the bell so that it will ring right and when he has done so he be paid the £1-8-0. Mr. Johnson having thrown his interest in it up

Undated Householders meeting New School Committee Mr. Thos Brown, Joseph Macquire, A Gosling, Thomas Zillwood, J Jones. C H Ordish

As only 7 gentlemen were present They were declared duly elected to form School Committee for 1885

26th January That C H Ordish be chairman

That Mr. Jones be Treasurer

That Mr. Ponsonby have authority to send for the goods he requires for use of school for drawing purposes

That Mr. Nelson cut and deliver 2 cords of 2 foot wood for 14/- per cord and that he repair fire place and charge for his time.

19th February Received Nominations for Board. That Messrs Brown, Speedy and Young receive the vote of this Committee

That Chairman write to chairman of Board asking if it could be arranged that the examination take place before holidays in future

That Mr. Zillwood see to having the fence erected as proposed by Mr. Ponsonby, fence to be sawn timber

That Mr. Browns a/c for nails be paid 2/-

That Mr. Zillwood's a/c for cleaning be paid

That C H Ordish and J Jones sign cheques

That Mr. Jones use his own judgement what he does to bell

21st March Letter from Inspector stating that he cannot inspect the school before the holidays

From Board authorising the Committee to erect Shelter Sheds

That the sheds be erected, That Christian Nielsen erect sheds according to plans and specifications for the sum of £15 and that Mr. Brown overlook the erection of same

That Mrs Ponsonby's salary be paid

26th March That Mr. Jones send for books required by Mr. Ponsonby for school use

That the resolution standing in C H Ordish's and J Brown's name be rescinded

That Mr. Neilson's offer to erect two sheds for £15 be accepted
8th May Received from Mr. Ponsonby 15/- sale of books

Received capitation for quarter £4-13-9

That Mr. Watts account £1-17-6 be paid. This a/c includes old a/c that was past last meeting

That Mr. Neilson's a/c for 3/- for repairs be paid

That Mr. Jones be paid 3/- for fixing bell

That Mr. Zillwood's account for cleaning be paid for quarter

That Mr. Zillwood inspect the sheds

That Arthur Collindon does not be admitted into the school till commencement of next quarter

That Committee employ a man with horse and cart to gravel sheds etc

That Mr. Jones do the gravelling to sheds

That the chairman write to Board re roof of residence and school bell

That Mr. Gallon visit the school during the present quarter

27 May 1885 The Matarawa Committee asked that repairs might be effected to roof of residence. Architect to arrange with the committee with a view of having the work done PP

25th July Received from Mr. Ponsonby sale of Books £0-19-3 ½

That Mr. Nelson cut and deliver 1 cord of 2 foot wood if he can do it for 14/- a cord

That Mr. Zillwood take one day with horse and cart gravelling where required

That tenders be called for cleaning school for one year from August 8th

That Mr. Ponsonby take a wee holiday any time in August to make up for the week he gave up in Winter Holidays

8th August Received from Education Board £4-13-9 being capitation for June quarter

The following tenders were received for cleaning

Elizabeth and James Jones £4-6-0

Ada and Grace Zillwood £4 -17-6

Ellen Jane and Mary Amelia Ticehurst £5-0-0

That the Jones Tender be accepted (*Proposed by Mr. Zillwood*)

Received a request through Mr. Jones from Mr. Ward for use of school on Monday Nights once a month for week night service

That Mr. Ward's request is not granted until the Wesleyans subscribe something towards cleaning the school

That Mr. Zillwood's a/c for clearing be paid £1-1-10

That Chairman write to Board for maps of Africa and America

10th September Received circular from Mr. Ashcroft re conveyance of children to exhibition

That chairman send to Mr. Ashcroft for 33 shilling tickets and 10 six shilling tickets and ask Mr. Ashcroft if Friday 25th September would be convenient for the Railway Department

That the Committee pay Mr. Ponsonby's fare. That Mr. Ponsonby supply tickets when wanted

That Mr. Jones's pays Mr. Wiggins account when rendered

12th December Received from Mr. Ponsonby 13/- sale of books

Mrs Ponsonby (Sewing Mistress) £ 1-10-0

Elizabeth and James Ponsonby (Cleaning) £1-1-6

Mr. Ponsonby's Train Fare to exhibition £0-6-0

Received from Education Board a set of apparatus for science teaching

Received application from Mr. Ponsonby requesting Committee to apply for a pupil teacher

That the chairman write to the Board requesting them to attend to Mr. Ponsonby's request re pupil teacher (*Roll 29*)

That Committee obtain a set of apparatus

That Mr. Jones get the scullery roof covered in iron

That Mr. Jones bring 1 load of fire wood from mill

1886

10th April That Mr. Neilsen supply two cords of 2 foot wood at the usual price

18th May Received from Mr. Ponsonby sale of Books £1-14-2

From Mr. Ward 11/2 for use of school

Householders meeting E Thompson, John Knowles, James Ticehurst, Robert Welch, Jabez Johnson, C Welby Jackson, John Jones

Charles Welby Jackson Chairman

Robert Gill Welch be Secretary and Treasurer

That these two sign cheques

22nd May Saturday The sum of £2-10-11 ½ was handed in by treasurer the proceeds of sale of books and donation by Mr. Ward as per minutes

That Mr. Welch pay for the firewood to Mr. Neilsen upon his completing the delivery of same

That Mr. Knowles get the windows repaired

That an application be made to the Education Board for additions to the school to consist of Grants for a cloakroom

22nd July That windows and doors in teachers residence be repaired also gate and desks in school

That an application be made to the Board to line the leanto

That Mr. Welch be instructed to get cupboard made for keeping chemicals in

That the Secretary supply apply to the Education Board for some remuneration for Miss Forbes for teaching the school during Mr. Ponsonby's illness

30 June 1886 An application for a grant, to carry out additions to Matarawa School was ordered to stand over until the Inspector is able to inspect PP

6th August The following tenders were received for cleaning the school for 12 months

Miss G Zillwood £5-10-0 per annum

Miss E and A Ticehurst £6.00 per annum

That the tender of Miss Grace Zillwood for cleaning the school be accepted

That the Secretary make an application to the Education Board for improvements suggested in Mr. Lees (Inspector) report of 4th August

That the Secretary be instructed to obtain 1 cord of firewood for the school

25th August 1886 The Matarawa Committee wrote asking the Board to effect certain additions and improvements to the schoolhouse, and grant a sum of money to Miss Forbes for taking the place of the regular teacher during the latter's absence. The Board decided to grant 4 pound for repairs, and allow the application respecting Miss Forbes to stand over until next meeting. PP

22nd October The treasurer reported having received the sum of 19/6 on a/c of books sold at school and having £2-1- ½ d on hand

That the following be paid

Jones Cleaning from last year £1-1-6

Miss G Zillwood cleaning of school due on 8th November £1-7-6

Mr. J Ticehurst repairs to school 18/-

R G Welch for cupboard 10/-4

C Neilson for 1 cord of firewood 12/-

Mrs Ponsonby for teaching sewing at school 15/-

J Watt for school requisites £3-13-7 as soon as funds permit and the Treasurer be authorised to pay the sum

That the Secretary reply to Mr. Dorset's letter re solid drawing models for school use saying that the Committee do not approve of teaching drawing in the school and decline to vote any money on the same

28th October The treasurer reported the balance in the bank at £10-8-6 (as per bank book)

1887

1st April That Grace Zillwood's account for cleaning school and Mrs Ponsonby's account for sewing be paid

That the leanto of the teacher's house be at once lined and that enough timber be got at once to finish

That Mr. Ticehurst be employed to do he work at the Teacher's House and to get enough timber to finish the job

That the thanks of the Committee for his kindness in financing the Magic lantern at the time of the school picnic

4th April 1887 Matarawa. — Presented, 43; failed, 2; passed, 29. Percentage of passes, 67 ; percentage of failures, 7. The headmaster is deficient in method in many particulars in junior class work. The upper work is creditable PP

22nd Aril The balance sheet for the year ending 31st December 1886 was made up and forwarded to the Education Board

25th April Only Messrs Jackson (Chairman) Ticehurst and Jones present

Mr. Jackson reported in the absence of the Treasurer that the balance in the bank today to the credit of Committee was £11-10-0 less two cheques issued last meeting, One to Mrs Ponsonby for £1-10-0 and One to Grace Zillwood for £1-7-6 leaving balance at £9-1-2

25th April A public meeting of householders in the school house in accordance with the Education Act to elect a new Committee Present Messrs Gallon, Jones, Welch, Ticehurst, Jackson and Nielsen Elected Messrs Gallon, Jones, Ticehurst, Zillwood, Ordish, Thompson, Knowles

A Gallon elected chairman, Mr. Jones Treasurer and Mr. C Ordish Secretary

The Chairman and Treasurer authorised to sign cheques

14th May Capitation of £4-12-9 received

Mr. Ponsonby asked the Committee to supply him with 12 copies of the Royal Geographical Reader . That they should be supplied

16th July That an axe be procured for use at school

That tenders be called for cleaning the school for 12 months

That the chairman write to the Board for the money voted by them for repairs

Received from Mr. Ponsonby sale of Books £3-6-8

17th September At a special meeting on August 6th Elizabeth Jones tenders for cleaning the school for 12 months was accepted £4-18

Received from Mr. Ward (Minister) £1-5-0

Mr. Ponsonby Sale of Books £1-5-0-

Board repairs to residence £4

Mr. Watt Books £3-3-5

Grace Zillwood Cleaning £1-7-6

Mrs Ponsonby Sewing 15/-

Mr. Jones Repairs to pump 3/-

That the board be applied to for a new roof at school

Mr. Ticehurst was authorised to repair floor of verandah of residence, get a new lock for drawer of table, glaze windows, get a rope for swing and fix same

26 October 1887 Applications for expenditure upon repairs, received from the Eketahuna and Matarawa Committees, were deferred until next meeting PP

29th October Circular from Board re future capitation and letter stating that they cannot undertake repairs of roof at present

Mr. Ticehurst's a/c for repairs was passed for payment

That Mrs Ponsonby receive notice that on account of reduction of capitation the School Committee cannot afford to continue the payment of £3 per annum after the present quarter for sewing

1888

5th January As the treasurer had not received the Pass Book from the bank the balance sheet was left over until the bank had made up the book

18th February The balance sheet duly audited as received from the Board Secretary Mr. Dorset

The balance in the bank is £7-13-5

E Jones quarter cleaning £1-4-6

Hillier cleaning clock 2/6

The Committee decided to only vote for Mr. Pharazyn as a member of the Board

The chairman was again asked to write to the Board re the roof of the school

22nd March Circular from Board re School Roof which Mr. Lee (Inspector) was to report

Circular from Committee Kaitara School re capitation to small schools, "No steps Taken"

The chairman was authorised to write to Board re roof of residence

Mr. Jones was authorised to get three cords of firewood for school use and to repair pump

Capitation £2-10 received

5th April Letter from Board they cannot repair roof of residence and the Committee must do it

Mr. Ponsonby Sale of Books 9/-

2 quarters from Mr. Ward up to March 31st 10/-

That an amount not exceeding £2 be expended in repairs to roof of residence

And that Mr. Ticehurst does it as soon as possible

24th April Balance in treasurer's Cash Book £10-0-05

Received from Mr. Ponsonby sale of Books 1/-

Mr. Ticehurst repairs to residence £1-15-0

John Jones 3 cords Firewood £2-2-0

Public Meeting School Committee election John Jones, James Ticehurst, Thomas Zillwood, Ebenezer Thompson, Alex Gallon, R G Welch, Henry Neilsen

Alex Gallon was appointed chairman

John Jones Treasurer

16th May Capitation received £2-10-0

Balance as per Treasurer's Cash Book £9-0-5

Cleaning for £1-4-6 be paid

It was decided that the chairman write to the Board and send an estimate of the work recommended by Mr. Roll and asking the work be done

30th May 1888 Matarawa asked for £30 for repairs for schoolhouse.

It was decided that the roof of the school should be re-shingled, and that the other part of the work should be done by tender on the architect's design, the amount to be spent to be limited to £20 PP

7th July Circular and plans received from Board- Mr. Jones was appointed to overlook the work

It was decided that the Committee would meet again on Friday 10th to receive the tender

10th July The tender were received for alterations to the school

H Trotman including painting £21-10-0

AH Looks Creppin? Including painting £20-1-6

That Mr. _____ be accepted

11th August The following tenders were received for cleaning the school

E Jones £4-16-0

Grace Zillwood £ 4-14-0

That Grace Zillwood's tender be accepted

E Jones tender was accepted for £4-16-0

Gallon's being informal and Grace Zillwood withdrawing her one

15th November The following sums were received since the last meeting

From the Board £20-1-6 for alterations

Capitation £2-10-0

Mr. Ponsonby sale of books 12/-

Mr. Dillon (Minister) for cleaning 2 quarters to September 1888 10/-

The following accounts were passed for payment

Standard Advertising 4/-
Jones repairs to pump 4/-
E Jones Quarters Cleaning £1-4-0

1889

5th January Balance £5-15-1d This includes 15/- from Mr. Ponsonby
Sale of books

2nd February Circular received from Board re sending Mr. Ponsonby
to Taita and Moving Mr. Leete to Matarawa asking the views of the
Committee as to the proposed change

That before the appointment of Mr. Leete that the Board send the
name of or names of some other teachers to the Committee as a
majority of the Committee are against the appointment

19th Feb 1889 Mr. Gordon Ponsonby, late of Matarawa School, has
been appointed to the charge of the Taita **School**, rendered vacant by
Mr. Mahood's resignation, and will, it is understood, enter upon his
duties on Monday next. Mr. J. Leete will probably succeed Mr.
Ponsonby at Matarawa PP

23rd February Capitation for December quarter £2-10-0

Received from Mr. Deller 5/-

Received from Mr. Ponsonby 2/8 for books

The wire fence between the road and back of school grounds and
That Mr. Jones be authorised to get it done

23rd April Elected Alex Gallon, Jabez Johnston, Ebenezer Thompson,
James Ticehurst and Robert Gill Welch

Alex Gallon Secretary and Mr. Jones Treasurer

24th April 1889 3 pound to the Matarawa Committee for repairs to
the teacher's dwelling PP

18th May Circular received from Board authorising £3 expenditure on
residence

Mr. Saywell 2 cords firewood £1-4-0

That Mr. Johnston clean the closets

Received capitation for last quarter £2

29 May 1889 To have the Matarawa School painted inside and
outside

15th June Circular received from Board Authorising tenders to be
called for painting school and asking tenders to be called and asking
the tenders be forwarded to the Board

C Powell £12 , George Wash £10, J Baggarly £7-19-0, C H Payne
£7-18-6

Mr. Johnston's a/c for cleaning closets 10/-

That the lowest tender be recommended

Received from Mr. Leete 9/8

That Mr. Ticehurst repair window in residence

19th August Balance as per treasurer's cash book £9-11-0

That E Jones clean the school next week and be paid for same until
tenders are accepted

A meeting to be held next Saturday to consider tenders

23rd November Received from Mr. Leete sale of Books 15/-

Grace Zillwood quarters cleaning 18/1

E Jones Cleaning 1/6

1890

11th January The Books were balanced up to December showing a
balance of £8-14-4

J Johnston cleaning of closets 13/6

20th April That 3 cords of 2 foot firewood be obtained from Mr. Thompson @ 14/- cord delivered

26th June A letter was received from the Education Board announcing the removal of the teacher

The Secretary was instructed to reply to the above letter

A sum of 5/- was received from Mr. Deller for cleaning of the school

Received from Mr. Leete £1-3-7 ½

21 July 1890 Mr. James Leete. who has been in charge of the Matarawa School, has received the appointment of master of the Paraparaumu School PP

30 July 1890 The Inspector of the Education Board has recommended that the Dalefield and Matarawa schools be closed, and that the Matarawa schoolhouse be removed to a site equidistant from both places. The recommendation was made in consequence of the children living at points so far distant from the schools, and it was thought it would be better to have one school centrally situated than two schools situated at extreme distances. The recommendation of Mr. Lee was adopted. PP

30 July 1890 The good people at Matarawa apparently are exercised in their minds as to the appellation of their school and to day requested the Education Board to permit them to change it from Matarawa to that of Pleckville. Mr. Bunny remarked that he abhorred those Anglo-Franco names. Why not? said he, name the school " Pooksniff," which would be neater and more appropriate than Pleckville, Another member of the Board suggested " Bunnythorne " as a good name. Mr. Bunny said that would be ever so much better. At any rate, he could not stand ' ' Pleokville." It was decided that the petitioners should be invited to select a more euphonious name than they had chosen, some liquid Maori designation, for instance PP

6th August 1890 WAIRARAPA SCHOOL GRIEVANCES.

By Telegraph {Our Own Correspondent.) Carterton,. The contemplated removal of the Dalefield school to a site midway between Matarawa and Dalefield, so as to serve both districts, is regarded with indignation by the Dalefield residents, and a meeting of householders is to be held on Wednesday evening to discuss the matter, and frame a vigorous protest. The Education Board's reason for changing the site of the Dalefield school is the necessity, which has arisen for closing Matarawa school through the small number of children attending. The change is considered imperative for economy's sake. The Dalefield people rejoin that the new arrangement would entail very long journeys on the part of some of their present scholars ; that the ground whereon the school now stands was a free gift from private persons for educational purposes, and that within the last few months a new house for the schoolmaster has been erected at Dalefield, In the face of these facts it seems a case of inconveniencing the many to accommodate the few, for whereas Dalefield is a fairly populated locality with the school at a well-defined centre, its removal to a spot betwixt and between, simply to benefit the sparsely peopled Matarawa district, seems injudicious, to say the least of it. If the latter school is closed the children who have attended it can well come to Dalefield School where it is now. and this would be the best course from an all-round point of view PP

9th August 1890 Mr. Alex. MacNeill, who has been suffering from indisposition for several weeks, has recovered sufficiently to resume charge of the Wainui-o-mata School. The Rev. Mr. Tuckey who acted as his locum tenen. has now been instructed to re-open the Matarawa School, which has been closed for several weeks owing to the teacher having been transferred to Paraparaumu PP

18th August. The only business was passing a payment to Grace Zillwood for cleaning 18/1

26th August 1890 Our Own Correspondent. Carterton, This Day. Messrs. Beetham and Buchanan, M.H R's, and Mr. Henry Bunny, visited Matarawa and Dalefield yesterday as representatives of the Education Board, and were interviewed by the school committees there. Strong protestations were made by the local people against the mere idea of removing the Dalefield School, while it was also averred that more children could be got to attend the Matarawa School, and thus avoid the necessity for closing it. This will be done by attaching to it some of the children living midway, who at present go to the Dalefield School, but will return to the Matarawa School to bring the attendance there up to the required number. It is understood that the visiting delegates will recommend the Education Board to leave matters as they are for twelve months, and see what things are like by then. The contemplated alteration, it will be remembered, was to close the Matarawa School and remove the Dalefield School to a spot halfway between the two. The residents regard this project as now completely knocked on the head, and that the year's probation, which no doubt the Board will agree to, really means for ever and for aye. PP

27th August 1890 Mr. Beetham brought up the report of the Committee which had been appointed to investigate the matter involving the proposed removal of either the Matarawa School or the Dalefield School to a point midway between the two schoolhouses. The report showed that there were 14 children attending the Dalefield School who might attend the Matarawa School, thus obviating the removal of either of the schools Mr. Bunny moved the adoption of the report, which would be tantamount to letting the

matter stand over. If this course were adopted he believed the children now attending the Dalefield School would attend the Matarawa School. Mr. Young agreed with the report, as it, in his opinion, would be a grave mistake to remove the Dalefield Schoolhouse. The report was adopted PP

9th Sept 1890 THE Board require a Teacher for the Matarawa School. Average attendance, 18. Salary, £100 and residence PP

26th September The applications of a number of teachers for the position of Teacher of this school were received from the Education Board and the application of Mr. H S Porteous was recommended by this Committee to be accepted

29th Sept 1890 Mr. Thomas McNaught, lately from Timaru, has been appointed by the Education Board to the charge of the Matarawa School PP

3rd October A letter was received again from the Education Board recommending the appointment of Mr. McNaught (*Thomas*) as teacher of this school

7th November The quarters capitation fee was received 5/- was received from Mr. Deller for cleaning

The appointment of Mrs Jones as sewing teacher of the school was approved

1891

26th January The following accounts were passed for payment

J Watt (School Requisites) £1-2-0

The amount of 13/8 was received from Mr. McNaught on account of sales of Books etc

5/- received from Mr. Deller for cleaning of school etc

And 10/- was received from Mr. Stuckey on account of sale of books while in charge of Matarawa School (*He must have relieved after Mr. Leete Left*)

25th February Grace Zillwood paid 18/- for cleaning

The quarters capitation fee of £2 was received

NB in most cases I a m copying the complete minute

11th April That Mr. Jones get the pump repaired

27th April At a public meeting of Householders the following were elected as Committee

Mr A Gallon, R G Welch, J Jones, T Zillwood, W Saywell, F Tarrant, and R Gosling

Mr. A Gallon elected chairman and Mr. R G Welch elected Treasurer

14th June The following accounts were passed for payment

Mr. Jones repair to pump 3/6. Grace Zillwood 18/1 to 14th May

J Watt books to £5-16-0

1st July The school inspection report was received and considered.

Mr. McNaught submitted a list of books required for the school he was authorised to obtain them

27th July Mr. McNaught sent in his resignation as teacher of the school

The Committee resolved to recommend the appointment of Miss Forbes as teacher of the school

The sum of 3/- was received from Rev Ruse as contribution to cleaning of the school

29 July 1891 Resignation T McNaught PP

30 July 1891 Miss Louise Stuart-Forbes, who is now assistant at the Hutt, has received the appointment of head teacher of the Matarawa School in the place of Mr. McNaught, resigned PP

12th August A letter was received from the Education Board announcing the appointment of Miss Forbes as the teacher of the school

That the teacher be asked to send a detailed account of all books supplied to the children

The following tenders were received for cleaning the school from the 14th of August for 12 months

G Zillwood £3-12-0

E and L Jones £3-15-0

The tender of G Zillwood was accepted

That an Arbour Day be instructed and that Messrs Jones, Welch and Zillwood be a Committee to make arrangements for the same

R Welch 5/- for gravelling school grounds

5th October The sum of 5/- received from Mr. Rowse

A Ordish cleaning outbuildings 6/-

Mr. Welch was authorised to get the broom in front of the school removed and get the round school area repaired

3rd November That Mr. Welch be authorised to get the of the school residence recovered with iron and get gate rep[aired in school fence

That the board be written to assert the liability of Committee in reference to repairing the school fences

1892

14th March Letter received from Board re Maintainance of fence

Cash received from sale of books/ Miss Forbes 11/-

Received from Mr. Rowse 5/- for cleaning

The following accounts were passed for payment S and W Mackay for books, Grace Zillwood for cleaning and J A Ordish for cutting Broom etc

Mr. Tarrant was authorised to mend school fence

Mr. Jones was authorised to repair outside door of school

Me Gosling was authorised to supply 2 cords of firewood at 14/- per cord

27th June The inspectors report for the year was received and considered

The adjourned meeting of householders for the election of School Committee was held

Mr. R Welch, Mr. A Gallon, J Jones, W Saywell, F Tarrant. Mr. A Gallon was elected chairman. Mr. J Jones Treasurer

15th August The following were passed for payment

Mr. J Jones Door Lock and repairing door 6/-

Humphries repair to residence verandah £21-10-0

J McGuire repairs chimney 7/6

Grace Zillwood cleaning school 18/-

Mackay School requisites £1-13-2

F Tarrant repairs to school fence 2/-

The following tenders were received for cleaning the school

Grace Zillwood £3-11-8. Lillian Jones £3-11-0 accepted

The sum of 10/- was received from the Reverend Rouse towards cleaning the school to June last

24th November The sum of 9/1 was received from Miss Forbes on account of sale of books

Lillian Jones 17/9 for cleaning school

1893

16th February Capitation for £2 received for December quarter

Received from Miss Forbes sale of books 3/1

Mr. Jones was authorised to get school clock fixed

24th April The annual accounts were balanced to £8-0-10

Mr. Jones was authorised to get the school windows repaired

It was resolved to get the outbuildings cleaned and the school chimney

26th June Annual Householders meeting was held 5 Present A Gallon, R P Welch, J Jones, W Saywell, T Zillwood

The above 5 were elected

A Gallon Chairman, J Jones Treasurer, R Welch Secretary

That Mr. Welch examine the fence around the school grounds and get it repaired where necessary

That 2 cords of 2 ft matai firewood be obtained for the use of the school

That a scraper be placed in front of the school door

That 50 microcarpa (Sic) trees be obtained to be planted in the school grounds

21st July Letter read from Education Board re tank for residence

John Jones £1-11-6 firewood and pump

A Gosling planting tress 18/-

Alex Ordish cleaning closets 7/-

Mackay Bros Books etc £2-3-11

That tenders for cleaning the school for the next 12 months be called for

26th July 1893 An application for a tank for the teacher's residence at Matarawa was referred to the Inspector for a report PP

1894

15th February L Jones for cleaning school 18/-

Mr. Jones repairs to windows 8/-

W Saywell Glass and Putty for school windows 6/-

Received capitation Grant £2-4-0

Rev Gibson for cleaning school 5/-

23rd April Miss Forbes Sale of Books £1-7-0. Mr. Gibson contribution towards cleaning 5/-

The cashbook was received back from the Board showing a credit balance of £8-12-7 (Duly Audited)

Mr. Jones was authorised to get the doorstep repaired, the chimney swept and to obtain 2 tins of carbide disinfectant

Undated at a meeting of the Householders the following Committee were elected A Gallon, R Welch, W Saywell, J Jones and T Zillwood Mr. Gallon was again elected chairman, Mr. Welch Secretary and J Jones Treasurer

14th August The sum of 11/3 was received from Miss Forbes on account of sale of books

Miss Forbes reported that the hearth of the school chimney required repairing

That a bricklayer be instructed to repair the same

The following tenders were received for cleaning the school

Lillian Jones £3-14-0. Grace Zillwood £5-1-0

The tender of L Jones was accepted

It was resolved that the school fence be repaired and that Mr. Saywell be instructed to do the work

19th October The sum of 5/- was received from Mr. Gibson

The sum of £4-10-0 was received from the Board for repairs to fencing

It was resolved that the Wesleyan's be not charged any more for cleaning the school

The following account was paid Mr. Saywell for repairs to fence. Grant from board £4-10-0 from Committee 5/- total £4-15-0

1895

22nd April The balance sheet for the past year was received and read and showed a balance as on 1st of April £14=18=1

It was resolved that the old school gate be repaired and the trees be replanted and that Mr. Saywell be authorised to do the work

Annual householders meeting

Duly Elected Mr. A Gallon, W Gosling, R G Welch, W Saywell, J Jones

Mr. A Gallon elected chairman, R Welch Secretary and J Jones Treasurer

Mr. Welch and Mr. Gallon were authorised to make arrangements for cleaning the school outbuildings for the ensuing year

14th August J McGuire repairing chimneys £1-0-0

J Jones Gravelling school grounds £1-0-0-

L Jones 1 quarters cleaning 18/6

W Saywell repairing fence and cutting trees £2-18-0

L Jones tender for the year for cleaning the school was accepted £3-16-0

24th August 1895 An application from Miss Forbes was received and forwarded to the Education Board asking for leave of absence for 6 weeks on account of ill health

Mr. Jones was authorised to effect repairs to the roof of the Teacher's residence

That the shelter sheds be floored and repaired

1896

10th February It was decided to obtain 2 cords of 2 foot wood for the use of the school

It was also decided to get the school gate restrained and that a shute (Sic) be put to carry off the surplus water from the pump and that a new chair be obtained for the use of the school

1st June Mr. Gosling 2 cords wood £1-8-0(*Still 14/- per cord*)

Mr. Jones Repairs etc £1-3-0

L Jones 1 Quarters cleaning 19/-

Mackay £3-18-11

The balance sheet for the year showed £9-13-10

Received from Miss Forbes on account of sale of books £2-3-10

1st June At the householders meeting the following were elected to Committee. A Gallon, W Saywell, J Jones and N Gosling

That Mr. Welch be elected chairman Mr. Gallon Secretary and Mr. Jones Treasurer

Present at meeting Messrs Jones, Saywell, Gallon Welch

19th August Only 3 present Alex Gallon, John Jones, William Gosling

L Jones quarters cleaning 19/-

James Jones ½ years cleaning outbuildings 10/- and repairs to outbuildings 3/-

Lillian Jones tender for cleaning was accepted £3-16-0

2nd December Capitation fee received £ 2-10-0

Received from Miss Forbes for sale of books £1-4-0 ½ and 11/-

It was decided that enquiries be made as to where some of the larger schools are going on excursions so that this school may join

R G Welch Chairman

1897

6th April Mr. Welch was authorised to make fresh arrangements for cleaning the outbuildings

L Jones for cleaning school 19/-

J Jones for cleaning outbuildings 10/-

26th April Meeting of Householders Present Messrs Welch, Judd, Gallon and Jones

Mr. R Welch Chairman, Mr. A Gallon Secretary and Mr. J Jones Treasurer

1898

14th February The following accounts were passed for payment

L Jones for cleaning May 19/- August 19/- November 20/- February 20/-

John Jones Repairing window 2/6 and 2 cords of firewood 28/-

J E Jones ½ years cleaning outbuildings to august 10/-

S and N Mackay 4/10 Stationery and Whitcombe and Tombs 16/6

Capitation for May £2-10-0, November £2-10, February £2-10

Received from Miss Forbes £1-8-3 also 9/10 for sale of books

It was resolved that the school join in the the excursion along with Carterton

The following members of the Education Board were decided for by the Committee Messrs Blair, Brady and Feist
 Miss Forbes reported the roof of the school was leaking very badly. It was decided to appeal to the Board to have the building re roofed
 It was decided that repairs of fence and gates be left in the hands of Mr. Welch to arrange for
 James Jones account for half years cleaning 10/- was passed for payment
 16th May Balance at this date £12-9-1
 The following accounts were passed for payment L Jones Quarter cleaning 20/-
 J Jones Pump repairs 4/6
 James Jones Gates etc 26/10
 25th July Householders meeting elected J Jones, T Knapp, H Judd, R Welch, W. Saywell
 Mr. Welch Chairman, J Jones Treasurer Secretary ,
 Miss Forbes sale of books 9/10

1899

17th February Payments made for cleaning etc
 The Committee decided to support the nomination of Messrs Buchanan, McCardle and Robertson for Education Board
 Copy of specifications for cleaning
 The room, Leanto and furniture to be thoroughly cleaned and scrubbed with hot water and soap each month.
 Windows to be cleaned each quarter
 The Hearth to be cleaned each week

The premises to be thoroughly swept at least twice a week also whenever necessary

The work to be performed to the satisfaction of the teacher

Emma Stuart Forbes Pupil Teacher at Carterton Not Eliza as listed in teachers lists for Carterton School
 1886 4th Year Pupil Teacher Marks 531 published in paper
 2nd November 1907 Dominion 'With' reference to the petition 'of Emma Louisa: Stuart-Forbes, of the Hutt,. eldest daughter of the late Sir William Stuart- Forbes,-Bart., who asked to be appointed guardian of her infant sister, Mildred Gwendoline Stuart-Forbes, an order was made that, upon the petitioner' entering into her recognisances in the sum of £200 with one surety to the like amount, she be appointed guardian of the person and estate or the infant

1889/8807	Stuart- Forbes	Mildred Gwendoline	Marion	William
1880/5299	Stuart- Forbes	Adelaide Amy	Marion	William
1887/15272	Stuart- Forbes	Hilda Hiley	Marion	William
1876/7465	Stuart Forbes	William	Marion	William
1884/17094	Stuart-	Beatrice	Marian	William

	Forbes	Fullerton		
1871/24319	Stuart- Forbes	Charles Hay	Marion	William Hepburn
1939/27410	Stuart- Forbes		Emma Louisa	

Born 1867
6th July 1906 The friends of the late Sir William Stuart-Forbes, Bart., are invited to attend his funeral, which will leave his late residence, Tua Marina, for the Tua Marina Cemetery at half-past two o'clock TO-MORROW (Saturday)
26th August 1913 Miss E. L. Stuart-Forbes (Lower Hutt) will leave London shortly on a round of visits to relatives in Keswick, Ripon, and Scotland. She hopes to spend some months in England.
2nd August 1892 Mr C. H. H. Stuart-Forbes is requested to send his address to his father Sir William Forbes, at Picton.

1894

11th April Classification of school at beginning of school year
Primers: Henry Philps, James Philps, James Sparrow, Gladys Hodge
Standard 1: Ernest Philps, Charles Smith, Chas Hodge,
Standard 2 Alice Hodge
Standard 3: Charles Gallon, Albert Saywell, Edith Saywell, Francis Hopewood, Eva Smith, Clara Welch, Georgina Stuart Forbes
Standard 4, Hugh Stuart Forbes , William Robert Udy, Adela Jones, Beatrice Stuart Forbes, Olive Gillwood
Standard 5, William Ticehurst, Frank Jones, Archie Welch, Mabel Saywell, Annie Udy, Florence Smith

Standard 6 Robert Gallon, Walter Ordish, Percy Gillwood, Ethel Jones, Margaret Gallon

At examination on the 10th April (Mr Fleming) 31 children on roll, 26 presented in standards

1 absent, 4 excepted, 3 failed, 18 passed. 60% passed

1st May A fine day Attendance 28

4th May A stormy looking day with showers Present 26. Began teaching the girls knitting

14th May Received Mr Fleming's report

Class Subjects Maximum score 100

Grammar 60

History 50

Geography 75

Elementary Science Object lessons 75

Total 260 Percentage of class subject 65%

Additional Subjects Max 20

Repetition and Recitation 16

Drill and exercises 17

Needlework 16

Subject matter if reading lesson 14

Total 63

Instruction satisfactory

The examination was a month earlier than usual. But the children acquitted themselves very well. Arithmetic was good in upper standards Spelling in Standard 2, 3,4 and composition in Standard 3 and 4

Of the class subjects Geography was good and science showed improved teaching

T R Fleming

29th May 30th 31st Exceedingly wet southerly weather. No children attended on any of these days

6th June Fine but cold and dull. Attendance 28. Mr De Loree took photos of the school children today in three sections

8th June Knitting by girls today

11th and 12th June very wet weather. No children attended

22nd June A holiday granted me by the School Committee instead of Friday 29th instant

9th August Very wet in early morning. Present therefore only 12

17th August Fine Present 23. Sewing as usual. Mr Lee paid a surprise visit to the school

Mr Robert Lee wrote:

I visited the Matarawa School today, Miss Louisa Stuart Forbes in charge. 23 children present out of 32 on books. The morning being wet. The working conditions appear generally satisfactory. Miss Forbes is a clear and impressive class teacher, and exercises very fair control over the pupils. The children should move about the room and move in and out with less noise. The room is rather dusty and the grounds rather littered. The work appears to be fairly well sustained and the methods are satisfactory. I gave a lesson on the pronunciation of Maori names used in geography if N Z

I understand that the School Committee are about to repair the fences- which is much needed. In other particulars the property is in fair order

Robert Lee

24th August Queens Birthday very wet

25th August Clearing a frost at night Present 27

31st August Wet in early morning. Attendance therefore only 21. Sewing

3rd September Southerly weather with heavy rain and snow squalls. No children attended

5th September A gloomy day Present 24 Drawing examination 6 in freehand and 6 in geometry

13th September Rain came on at middle day. Present 26 and 18. Eight children obtained leave to attend an exhibition in Greytown

2nd October A South Easterly with heavy rain. No children attended

3rd October Still wet. Only eight present

5th October Showery Present 21. Knitting by girls

8th October A very fine day. Present 26. Mr De Mey visited the school and drilled the children for an hour and a half. He desires that the Committee buy clubs for the girls.

9th October Still beautiful Present 28

Mr Lee's Report Copied Herewith included

- a) Timetables: Should be better mounted (Already Done)
- b) Methods of Instruction Fairly good, but at times some of the classes are not as fully occupied as they might be
- c) Discipline and Order: rather lax, but satisfactory working order is maintained. Children should move about the room less noisily
- d) The fences are much tumbled down, but the School Committee are about to repair them
- e) The grounds are wet in places, especially near the entrance gates
- f) The room was very dusty. Rooms should always be swept an hour before children enter them
- g) Although there are several matters in this report which call for attention I am satisfied that Miss Forbes is a good and

efficient teacher and that the work of the school is faithfully performed

Signed Robert Lee inspector

I would like to explain that Mr Lee called after a long spell of bad weather, and being Friday (Weekly Cleaning Day) the school was just at its dirtiest. E L Stuart Forbes

15th October Fine Present 28 Winifred Gosling and Elsie Jones enrolled

22nd October A beautiful day October Most of the children left today at two o'clock (with their parent's permission) to attend a birthday party. As only 3 boys remained I dismissed them as well.

23rd October Fine Present 31 (Good) Received today result of drawing examination with which I am well satisfied

7th December Rain fell at night. Atmosphere much cooler Present 27

14th December A fine cool day. Present 23 only. Several children away haymaking. Sewing as usual

15th and 16th December Exceedingly warm

21st December Showery. School closed for Summer Vacation i.e. Until the 28th January 1895. We held a very successful school treat today

1895

28th January One new scholar Kenneth Saywell born 25th April 1889 A very sultry day. Present 31

29th January Sultry smoky weather. Allan and Lawrence Smith admitted Roll 36

1st February Windy and rather cold. Present 18 only owing to the prevalence of smoke fires some 12 children are absent today to help their parents save their homes.

6th February Fine and very sultry. Two pupils Annie Welch and Isabel Hodge admitted today. Roll; now 38

7th February Heavy rain fell during the night and early morning Present 24

8th February Fine Present 34 Sewing

12th February Fine, pleasant and cool. Present 36. Three new scholars admitted today viz Mary, Monty and Annie Hurley aged 11 $\frac{3}{4}$, 10 and 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ respectively Roll 41

15th February Mr De Mey visited the school and drilled the children for an hour and a half this morning. Attendance 37

22nd February A fine day. School closed to enable 28 of the children to join the Railway Excursion to Wellington. A most enjoyable day was spent. The children visited the various places of interest and some joined the SS Mana for a trip round the harbour

26th February A fine day and warm. All (41) present in the morning

5th March A beautiful day Present 39. Professor Cotching? demonstrated a phonograph in the school this evening

15th March Very sultry, blowing hard and bush fires raging everywhere. Present 38. Sewing as usual

19th March Very Sultry. Present 39. Edith Saywell had a fit in class in this morning.

21st March Much colder with sleety showers Present 34 only

22nd March Very cold and wet No children attended

1st April A beautiful Day Christopher Gosling aged 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ years admitted today Roll now 42 Present 35

19th April A beautiful day after hard frost Present 36. Sewing. The Hodge family (4) withdrawn today Roll now 38

26th April Very wet first thing Attendance only 15 as a consequence

3rd May A drizzly wet day. Mr Lee examined the school today when 29 were presented for standards of whom two were absent and five failed therefore 22 passed The following is the list of passes

VI Robert Gallon, Ethel Jones, Margaret Gallon

V Archie Welch, Florence Smith, Mabel Saywell

IV Hugh Stuart Forbes, William Udy, Mary Hurley, Olive Zillwood, Adela Jones

III Charles Gallon, Monty Hurley, Albert Saywell, Frances Hopwood, Edith Saywell, Eva Smith, Clara Welch

II Annie Hurley

I John Thomson, Ernest Phelps, Charles Smith

Nine children in Primer 1 and 2

6th May A beautiful day. Present 30 Arthur and Herbert Playle admitted

10th May School closed for examination holiday

13th May Owing to the death (Here) of my sister yesterday the School Committee closed the school for a week. Signed E L Stuart-Forbes

1895/4479 Stuart-Forbes Katherine Evelyn 17Y

24th May School closed for Queens Birthday

7th June A fine mild day. Sewing. Received the inspectors examination report

Grammar Fairly Good

History Very fair

Elementary Science etc Object lessons Satisfactory

Mental Arithmetic Satisfactory

Considering the numbers in the higher standards the results are commendable. Arithmetic is generally well taught. Workable but not altogether repressive discipline is maintained. Spelling is the least satisfactory subject in some classes.

24th to 27th June Very wet weather indeed. No children attended on any of these days.

15th July Reassembled after midwinter holidays Present 31. Roll 35.

A beautiful Day

19th July wet and exceedingly cold No children attended

23rd July Fine but cold and dull. Present 25. Many children kept from school through illness

13th August Very cold with frequent heavy snow squalls Present 17 only

19th August School closed with Committee's consent to enable me to visit Wellington on business

4th September Very windy showery and disagreeable. Present 25. Six candidates examined in Freehand drawing this morning.

Most of the log book is just about weather and attendance. I have not recorded every entry

11th October Fine but very windy. Present 28. Miss King from the Featherston School spent the day with me in order to get a few ideas as to how a small school under one teacher is worked

Edith King who in 1896 went to head teacher at Kaiparoro School,

25th October A very wet morning. No Children attended.

28th October A sultry day. Jemima Nielson aged 6 admitted today

31st October Still gloomy weather. Present 31. The leave of absence granted me by the Board takes effect from today (6 Weeks)

1st November School closed for the Carterton A and P Society's show

1896

2nd March I have today resumed my duties here, after an absence on sickness of four months. May Gosling aged 5 admitted. Roll 35

It looks as though school was completely closed between Miss Stuart Forbes absences

16th March Fine Present 26

17th March Holiday St Patrick's Day

27th March Fine at last Present 24

13th April A beautiful day Present 35

14th April School examined by Mr Fleming today A beautiful day Present 34. Presented in Standards 29 passed 23. Considering our broken an curtailed school year just terminated I think the result quite satisfactory

Ethel Jones passed Standard VII

15th April Frank Jones and William Ticehurst passed Standard V

These three children have left. Roll now 32

17th and 17th April School closed. 16th in lieu of Easter Tuesday and 17th Inspectors holiday

20th April A beautiful bright day after sharp frost Walter Beswarwick admitted

25th April Showery and cold Sarah Beswarwick admitted Roll 34, 33 present

27th April Very wet day No children attended

20th May A cold raw day. Present 30. Just received Examination Report which I here copy.

Included

Repetition and recitation Very fair

Drill and exercises (Swedish) Very fair

Singing Not Taught

Needlework Very Good

Comprehension of reading lessons Very fair

It seems that a page was removed from the log book

20th July School reassembled today with an attendance of 26. Very cold snow squalls

30 and 31st July Very wet weather Universal Floods. No children attended.

4th August A beautiful spring like day Present 30

11th August Fine and Mild. William Udy withdrawn Roll 34

17th August Fine and very cold. Attendance only 17 affected by an epidemic of severe colds in the place

18th August A beautiful Day. Present 14. Eleven scholars are absent through illness and six others owing to the death of a relative

1st September Very wet indeed. Floods everywhere. No children attended

2nd September Fine earlier today then as bad as ever Present 25

3rd September Heavy rain all night Country pretty well under water Attendance 13

25th September Strong equinoxial gales with rain Present 31. Olive Zillwood left

Missing Page ?

2nd November Exceptionally cold weather, the low ranges being all snow clad. Very heavy squalls all day. Only 19 present

9th November Holiday Prince of Wales's birthday

23rd November Weather very sultry. Present 31. Muriel and Frederick Waterson aged 10 and 8 respectively admitted today

30th November A showery Day. Attendance only 17 The school opened at 11 O'clock instead of 9.30 a.m. as I only returned from

Wellington by first train this morning. The Committee's consent was obtained.

17th December School closed today for the summer vacation

1897

25th January School reopened Present 28

28th January School closed to allow scholars to visit Wellington and the exhibition by special School Excursion Train

1st February Fine Olive Zillwood readmitted Roll now 36. Present 35

15th February Fine Present 37 (Full School)

24th February Extremely warm. Owing to my suffering from a severe bilious attack. I was obliged to dismiss at 2 p.m. today. Present 34

19th March Very warm. Present 35. Mr A D Riley drawing instructor spent the afternoon with us and passed all the children in drawing.

8th April Mr Lee conducted the annual examination this day. The results were very satisfactory, there being only 3 failures. Of 37 on the roll 31 were presented for standards and 28 passed.

Standard VII Florence Smith, Margaret Gallon

Standard VI Hugh Stuart-Forbes, Archie Welch, Adela Jones, Mary Hurley

Standard V Charles Gallon, Murty Hurley, Beatrice Stuart-Forbes Eva Smith, Clara Welch, Olive Zillwood

Standard IV Albert Saywell, Edith Saywell, Georgina Stuart-Forbes, Annie Hurley

Standard III Arthur Playle, Alma Morgan. Muriel Waterson

Standard II Herbert Playle, Alan Smith, Lawrence Smith, Frederick Waterson, Mildred Morgan, Elsie Jones, Winifred Gosling

Standard 1 Henry Phelps, Myra Humphries

15th April School closed for Easter. Very stormy southerly weather and universal floods.

21st April A beautiful day. Margaret Gallon, Mary Hurley and Olive Zillwood having left. Roll now 34

26th April M and F Waterson Withdrawn

13th May Inspectors report included

- a) Good Arithmetic, Defective spelling
- b) Grammar Very fair. Good composition
- c) History Good
- d) Geography (of Standard 2) Good Maps Very good
- e) Elementary Science Object lessons Physiology Very Good
- f) Mental Arithmetic Good
- g) Repetition and Recitation Very fair
- h) Drill and exercises Good
- i) Singing Not Taught
- j) Needlework very good
- k) Comprehension of reading matter Good
- l) Both Standard VII candidates passed. Miss Stuart-Forbes is now an experienced and effective teacher, Considering the number of standard children, the work is very creditable. Arithmetic, Composition and sewing are exceedingly well taught. The children are very tidy and well behaved.
- m) Signed Robert Lee

21st May Exceedingly cold Myra Humphries withdrawn. Roll 31

18th June School closed for midwinter vacation. Until 12th July. The Board having granted an extra weeks holiday in recognition of her Majesty's record reign celebrations

30th June 1897 Miss Stuart Forbes application for a pay rise was refused PP

12th July Reassembled this morning. Albert and Percy Playle aged 9 and 7 respectively admitted Roll 33

19th July Received from Whitcombe and Tombs a set of Bacon's Freehand drawing charts also ditto Scale Drawing

18th August Very wet No children attended.

1st September Drawing examinations held today. 6 candidates were presented in Freehand, 5 in Geometry and 2 in scale

7th September Beautiful Weather. A child's party has materially affected the attendance 25 to 22

15th October very high winds are the order of the day. Hugh Stuart-Forbes withdrawn

19th October The result of the recent drawing examination arrived today and I consider, very satisfactory. Of 13 papers sent in 11 were successful The following is the list of successful candidates

Scale Drawing High Stuart Forbes (good) Florence Smith (Excellent) Geometry Adela Jones (Excellent) Eva Smith (Excellent) Archie Welch, Charles Gallon

Freehand Adele Jones, Clara Welch, Annie Hurley, Archie Welch, Mortimer Hurley

1st November fine but dreadfully windy May Gosling withdrawn and Charles Gosling admitted today.

5th November Holiday for A and P show at Carterton

7th December Beautiful day after rain Attendance (22) poor. Children are busy haymaking

17th December School closed for Xmas Vacation

1898

24th January School reassembled. Arthur Morgan and Olive Judd admitted aged 5 and 9 years. Roll 29. Weather very warm

28th January Pearl Axup admitted and Florence Smith withdrawn

3rd March The Board's carpenter called today to inspect the roof of the school, the committee having applied to the Board for a new roof. Eva Smith withdrawn

10th March School closed to enable children to join school excursion to Wellington and as we did not get back till 8 a.m. on Friday Morning with committee's consent no school was held on Friday 11th. Beatrice Stuart-Forbes was withdrawn

24th March Beautiful weather. For two days the carpenters have been reroofing the school and we have found it rather trying to carry on our work. Each day I dismissed at three quite distracted with the noise

5th April A soaking wet day, Present 13 only

15th April Pearl Axup withdrawn Roll now 26

13th May Wet weather and very cold all week. Attendance Good

20th May Mr Lee examined the school and expressed himself as exceedingly pleased with the result. Of 26 on the roll, 25 were presented for standards and of these 23 passed

Standard VII Archie Welch Adela Jones

23rd May Holiday granted by Mr Lee

24th May Queens Birthday School Closed

25th 26th May Very bad weather No children attended

17th June Adela Jones withdrawn

21st June Fine Frosty Weather Present 23 Today received Mr Lee's report of the annual examination

Both Standard VII pupils passed. I commend Miss Stuart-Forbes for the good work of the year. Arithmetic, Geography and Sewing are all excellent

1st July Beautiful weather. Present 22 School closed today for midwinter vacation

18th July School reopened after vacation. Arthur and Herbert Playle and Ernest Phelps withdrawn, Roll now 22. Present 16 only. Fine frosty weather

28th July Weather dull and threatening. Present 1 only. A child's birthday party and two deaths in the place have much affected the attendance today

22nd August A beautiful spring day. Flora Evelyn Udy, aged 6 ½ admitted

7th September Mr Jones supervised for the drawing examination today. When 7 candidates were presented in scale and 2 in freehand

16th September Very wet. No children attended. Beatrice Stuart-Forbes and Marie I Udy admitted and Edith Saywell withdrawn this week.

19th September Clyde Ferrick admitted

30th September Nina Judd aged 5 ½ years admitted

21st November Having poisoned my face and being in great pain I find this morning that I am quite unable to teach so have obtained the committee's permission to close the school till Thursday

24th November Resumed my duties this morning

14th December Very warm weather. School was closed this afternoon

On account of a picnic being given to the children by Mr Judd

16th December School closed until 24th January

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24th January. School reassembled today

6th – 9th February Since Midday on Sunday (5th) heavy and incessant rain has fallen. No children attended

15th February Cecil Waterson P Class admitted today

3rd March This school together with Carterton, Clareville, Dalefield etc took part in a day excursion to Palmerton North. We spent a most enjoyable time reaching home safely about 10 p.m

15th March Very cold weather. Monthly average 25

4th May Mr Bakewell conducted the annual examination today and expressed himself as more than satisfied especially the work in the upper standards,

Passed Standard VII Charles Gallon, Mortimer Hurley, Clara Welch, Eva Smith

9th May Received and distributed the pass cards. Very miserable weather. 12 only in attendance

17th May 1899 Country school authorities will learn with satisfaction that the Education Board has despatched its carpenter to make repairs, etc., at the following schools : — Featherston, Carterton, Matarawa, PP

17th May A beautiful day at last attendance 22

Received Mr Bakewell's report included Four candidates passed Standard VII Standard 6 and 7 were strong in all subjects. The reading and spelling of Standards 3 and 4 were below par, but otherwise the work of the school generally was distinctly good. Arithmetic being a particular strong subject. Signed F H Bakewell Inspector

24th May Queens birthday but certainly not “Queen’s Weather”
School closed

21st June Owing to the outbreak of measles in my family. The committee closed the school today (Two days sooner) for the winter vacation

27th June Dull and heavy rain in afternoon. Present 28

29th June School closed today for midwinter vacation

16th July School reopened. John Thompson and Gwendoline Stuart-Forbes admitted. Roll 33

20th to 27th July (inclusive) School closed on account of teacher being laid up with influenza

17th July Every Family in the place but one having fallen victims to measles the Committee have closed the school till further notice

31st July Resumed duties this morning with the small attendance of 13. Many scholars being still too unwell to attend

Eva Smith withdrawn Roll 24

1st August Walter Ordish left school today

4th August As all the children but three are invited to a birthday party today and are leaving at 2 p.m. with their parents knowledge the school was closed at that hour. Unfortunately a little later Mr Fleming arrived to pay a surprise inspection visit. However he inspected the registers and buildings and hoped to come again next month

11th August We have had a week of perfect weather.

16th August Received Mr Flemings report today. Which I copy as instructed Included

- a) I had time for a short visit only , and as the children had been dismissed at 2 p.m with the consent of their parents to attend some fete in the district I did not have the opportunity to see them at work

- b) The schoolroom was neat and orderly and the school is now well appointed as a small school

- c) The reports of the last examination were of a very satisfactory character.

- d) Parts of the fences and the offices of the boys are somewhat dilapidated . I beg to recommend that Mr McDougall when visits the school to pass the repairs to the residence (just completed) make a report to the board on their condition

- e) A more suitable position for the boys offices could be in the other corner of the ground (Near the trees)

- f) T R Fleming

6th September The drawing examination was conducted by Mr Judd (Committeeman)when 5 candidates sat geometry and 5 for Freehand

22nd September Grace Cobb aged 9 admitted

12th October A dreadful gale with heavy wind raged all day. No children attended. The wind blew down the wash house and shattered the school door. Which damage I have reported to the committee

20th October Alma Edwards aged 6 admitted this week

23rd October I opened the school this morning (with the committee’s consent) at 11.30 a.m. Having only just returned from Wellington Annie A Ordish aged 6 and Norman Ordish aged 5 admitted today. Roll 28

3rd November School closed for the Carterton A and P Society’s Show at Carterton Grace Cobb withdrawn. Very wet day Roll 27

9th November Holiday Prince of Wales Birthday

15th December School closed for summer vacation

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24th January School reopened today with an attendance of 21. Yesterday being very wet no scholars attended

1st February Weather for the last three days has been exceedingly hot.

The carpenter began building the wash house

12th February Fine but rather cold. John Thompson Standard 5 re admitted

15th February At a meeting last night, the committee decided to close the school tomorrow on the occasion of the Greytown "More Men Fund" fair.

27th February Arthur ($8\frac{3}{4}$) Myrtle $6\frac{1}{4}$ and Ivy ($5\frac{3}{4}$) the children of Clement Udy admitted today

1st March 1900 overpaid by 37 pounds E C Forbes PP

5th March John Thompson Standard 5 admitted

22nd March School closed by Committee's consent for the Patriotic Fund fair at Papawai today

6th April Threatening weather. Attendance 15 Only. Whooping Cough in a mild form is prevalent and affecting the attendance

10th April Weather still damp and uncertain A Edwards admitted

25th April The attendance is still low, as many of the pupils are only convalescent from whooping cough

1st May Miserably wet weather. Monthly average 21 only

8th May Annual Examination conducted by Mr Bakewell today. The following passed the several Standards

Standard VII Albert Saywell, Annie Hurley, Beatrice Stuart-Forbes

Standard VI Alma Morgan

Standard V Elsie Jones, Mildred Morgan, Georgina Stuart-Forbes, John Thompson

Standard IV Charles Smith

Standard III James Phelps, Mabel Morgan, Olive Judd, Jemima Nielsen

Standard II Gwen Stuart-Forbes

Standard I Nina Judd, Flora Udy

9th May Very wet. No children attended

21st May Holiday granted by School Committee to allow me to visit Wellington on business. Relief of Mafeking

26th May Since examination Allen and Roy Waterson and Clarence Udy have been admitted while Charles Gallon, Annie Hurley, Clare Welch Beatrice and Georgina Stuart-Forbes (All Senior Pupils) have been withdrawn. Roll now 30

26th May Examination report of the 8th May

- a) 5 in Standard VII
- b) Total 32 Presented 17 passed 13
- c) The pass subjects were satisfactory with the exception of spelling and the reading of a few candidates in Standards 3,4,5
- d) Comprehension of the language of readers should improve
- e) Class subjects included Geography Satisfactory, Drawing Good, Grammar Fair, History satisfactory
- f) All candidates passed Standard VII
- g) Instruction of Standard 7 and Primers Good
- h) Very satisfactory work has been done during the year, in spite of wretched attendance
- i) I would draw the attention of the committee to the state of the outside offices
- j) F H Bakewell

29th June School closed for winter vacation, The average for the past quarter was 23 only; the attendance has been much affected by whooping cough and consequent ailments

16th July Resumed duty today with an attendance of 20

30th July Parts of the fencing, the offices and the shelter sheds are out of repair-----The Boys require a urinal. The pit (Boys Offices) is practically no pit at all--- All together the offices are very unsatisfactory. Blinds dilapidated—

The material for teaching Physics, may be handed over by Miss Forbes to another teacher as it is not required here

Signed T R Fleming (Inspector)

3rd August Beautiful weather for some days past

10th August We have had a week's miserable weather Attendance much affected. Average for the week is 17. Norman Udy admitted. Roll now 26

17th August Mr Fleming's Inspector's Report received today

Inspection 30th July

Teacher Miss Stuart Forbes Present 24 Roll 27

- a) Offices, fences and shelter sheds are in an unsatisfactory condition
- b) No urinal for the boys
- c) The blinds are in a tattered condition
- d) The average last quarter was 23. Miss Stuart Forbes expects the roll number to decrease
- e) T R Fleming

21st August Irene Udy Admitted

29th 30th August School closed, the committee granting me two days leave to visit Wellington

3rd September 1900 Head Teacher, Matarawa School; average 24. Salary, .£80 and residence PP

3rd September Board today notified me that my appointment the Hutt commenced on 1st October Average for past month is 18 The prevalence of measles is playing havoc with the attendance. Today being wet, no children attended

5th September Weather still miserably wet and cold. The drawing examination was conducted today by Mr Morgan a member of the committee

12th, 13th 14th Owing to my serious disposition I was obliged to obtain from the Committee leave of absence for the rest of the week.

17th September Resumed duty today Attendance 19. Weather miserably wet and cold

18th September Finding I am still too unwell to carry on my duties, the school closed today for an indefinite period. Committee's consent being granted. On my Doctor's advice I am in application of sick leave. This terminated my connection with Matarawa School as soon as I am well enough I begin my duties at the Hutt

While thanking this and former committees for the kind consideration I have always received at their hands. I will wish my successor the same good treatment and every success generally.

The attendance for the past quarter is very low owing to the prevalence of measles and whooping cough

Signed Last entry by Miss Stuart Forbes

6th October 1900 Miss Hamilton appointed PP

11th October Dorothea Hamilton Opened school this morning with an attendance of 13.

15th October Am working at a disadvantage as I don't know or understand the children yet. It will take me some little time to find out what and how much they can severally do. Admitted a little girl Edna Gallon. She is an only child and delicate, so she is rather pettish and self willed

19th October I find that Kenneth Saywell is extremely nervous. He is a timid delicate child. The three Smith boys are very bad writers and spellers

25th October The children here can draw maps very nicely. I find there are several poor readers. The girls are more forward than the boys. The girls sew beautifully.

30th October A very wet day and the wind blowing a hurricane

1st November A holiday by order of School Committee chairman as it is the South Wairarapa Show Day

7th November Ivy Udy has not been to school since I came. I do not know the reason for her absence except that the distance is too great

9th November Prince of Wales Birthday

14th November Charles Smith had a fall while coming to school and got a nasty cut in his cheek. I sent him home to have the wound attended to.

20th November Started Sixth Standard in Square Root

23rd November Nina Judd is backward in her arithmetic. Kenneth Saywell is backward in all things. The two Waterson boys have been attending very badly. They have promised better attendance. Their mother is not well. Henry Phelps is also a bad attender

26th November Put the sixth standard children to work in Profit and Loss

29th November 1900 The application of the Matarawa Committee for a range in place of the existing colonial oven was remitted to the foreman of works to report upon PP

30th November The fourth Standard are doing very well with practice. The third standard is a very poor one

4th December The boys of the Upper Standards are bad writers and spellers

5th December Admitted a boy Neil Grant, he is only a visitor

6th December Arthur Udy has gone to his own house

11th December Ivy Udy has returned to school. Today is her first time she has attended since I came

18th December Gave Flora Udy one stroke of the stick today for disobedience. She was scratching on her slate. I told her to stop doing so, but she took no notice

20th December Gave Lily Cassey a stroke of the cane for telling an untruth

21st December Closed school this afternoon for Xmas holidays
Death of Dorothea May Hmlton 1904 Aged 53

HAMILTON	DOROTHEA	53 Years	20/05/1904	Karori
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1901

31st January 1901 D Hamilton salary 80 pound got 24 pound increase from Government allocation PP

28th January Re-opened school after Xmas Holiday

29th January There seems to be a doubt about the time of reopening here. Some thought that on account of the Queen's recent death school would not reopen for another week. The attendance consequently is very small. Admitted a girl yesterday. Her name is Annie Kells. She is preparing for the 5th Standard exam

31st January Edna Gallon has left. Her father has gone to live near Dalefield so she is going to Dalefield School

4th February The two Judd girls have not returned home yet. Their father called to tell me they would be home for a week or two. Henry Phelps attends very badly. Some of the Udy children have not returned I do not know whether they are coming back or not, as they only live in this district in order to attend school. They go home during the holidays. Admitted a little girl Mabel Kells, she is only in the infant class.

6th February At dinner hour today while I was over at my dinner one of the Waterson boys came and took his school things away without my knowledge. I told the boys to enquire where the Waterson Boys were going to school

7th February I have been told the Waterson boys are not to attend any school so I have reported the matter to Mr Varnham (Truancy Officer). They made very irregular attendance before the holidays

11th February Have admitted another little girl Rosina Judd. She is an infant

15th February. Have enquired about the Udy's who are absent and cannot obtain any reliable information about whether they are coming back to school or not. They live a long distance from here and only stay with their grandparents in order to attend school

28th February As the Wairarapa milk suppliers hold their annual picnic somewhere close to Matarawa most of the settlers and their families go to it, therefore we have no children here today

8th March Best attendance this week we have had since school resumed this year

20th February 1901

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

TO THE EDITOR. Sir, — In reading the report of the interview between a deputation of 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. now, 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. PP

20 Feb 1901 Matarawa Roll 22 Sole Teacher 110 pounds rise of 30 pounds PP

18th March Only very few here in the forenoon I did not feel well so did not resume school work in the afternoon

22nd March One day last week I think Wednesday, I marked the attendance in the register in the wrong place. I did not discover my mistake until today

29th March Last day of quarter and attendance has been low

Balance Sheet for year ending 31st March

In Bank 1900	1-9-3
Grants for Ordinary Purposes	8-10-0
Half Cost Erecting Shed	5-15-0
Voluntary Donations	0-0-5
Sale of Books	0-11-7
Total	15-16-3
Cleaning school and outbuildings	5-3-0
Repairs	4-19-6
Books Maps and Furniture	2-6-5
Bank Commission	0-10-0
Balance	2-17-4

1st April Mr Varnham the truant officer called today. Mr Beard of Greytown mended the broken windows and also the roof of the residence one day last week.

10th April Reopened School after Easter this morning. A wet cold morning only 17 present

15th April Elsie Jones has gone to Seatown (*Seatoun*) for a few weeks and Nina Judd is not well

22nd March The ventilators have been cleared of birds' nests and wire netting placed over them on the outside. The windows have been repaired also

25th April Gave Clive Ferrick one cut of the cane on his hand for repeated idleness

26th April The Smith boys are much improved in reading and spelling but their writing is still bad

3rd May Examined the 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd and 1st standards with the exception of Kenneth Saywell with whom I did not finish and the two first standard boys in spelling and as they just have their spelling done on their slates I left that subject till Monday, so that the inspector can see their work when he comes. I have marked none of the work in the schedule until the inspector sees it,

7th May Mr Fleming conducted the annual examination today when the following passed

Standard VII Alicia Morgan

Standard VI Mildred Morgan

Standard V Annie Kells

Standard IV Olive Judd, Mabel Moran, Jemima Neilson

Standard II Florence Udy, Mega? Udy

Standard 1 Clyde Ferrick, Arthur Morgan

9th May Elsie Jones returned to school today after being away from home for a holiday

14th May Alice Morgan and Henry Phelps have not been here since the exam. I do not know whether they have left or not

22nd May A wet day only 5 present. I have been making the three Smith boys work more in English Subjects than formerly. They take part of the time allotted to arithmetic for spelling and writing. They are very weak in those subjects

24th May Holiday Victoria Day

29th May Received Mr Flemings report included

- a) Presented 23, present at school 14 passed 9
- b) Reading varied from weak to good
- c) Writing fair only
- d) Geography Fair
- e) Drawing satisfactory to good
- f) Recitation Fair Standard 4 and Standard 1 good
- g) Needlework Very Good
- h) One candidate passed Standard 7
- i) Three candidates in Standard 5 were weak in English Subjects but with this exception the work generally was good
- j) The lower classes have been well taught by Miss Forbes who has managed this school successfully for several years

T R Fleming

30th May Gave Flora Udy one stroke of the stick on her hand for idling and playing with a box and pencils. I spoke to her repeatedly but she took no notice

7th June I am taking the three Smith Boys and Kenneth (Saywell) more in spelling and transcribing subjects than the other children as they are so weak in those subjects.

8th June The flagpole was put up on a corner of the school yesterday, but there is no flag to put up today. Got a telegram from Mr Gibbs yesterday re hoisting and unfurling the flag

1st July Admitted another girl Maud Kells

1889/18608 Kells	Annie Jane	Eva Mary	Thomas Rogers	-
1887/863 Kells	Eva Maud	Eva Mary	Thomas Rogers	-
1893/11193 Kells	Kathleen Mabel	Eva Mary	Thomas Rogers	-
1885/10479 Kells	Sarah Ann	Eva Mary	Thomas Rogers	-
1891/17233 Kells	William Rogers	Eva Mary	Thomas Rogers	-

4th July. Very cold and wet. No children came to school

8th July Nina Judd returned to school again today. She has been away for some months as she has not been well. Maud Kells who has recently been admitted has been away from school for two or more years so of course I have to place her at whatever work she can do as she has forgotten so much

11th July Barnet Phelps attends irregularly but he has a long way to come to school

17th July A holiday it being Arbor Day. Mr Judd our committee chairman sent me word to say it was a holiday

18th July Gave Eddie Udy one stroke of the cane on the hand for idling and playing instead of doing his work. I spoke to him several times previously

31st July Mr Budd came this morning and took his three girls home as they got wet coming to school

6th August Clear frosty weather good attendance at school

9th August 5th standard making good progress with fractions

16th August Better weather today but very cold

23rd August Gave Maud Kells two strokes of the cane for being sulky and disobedient

30th August Jemima Neilson is away from house. She has gone for a short visit to some of her relations

4th September Held the drawing examination today. Mr Judd our committee chairman acted as supervisor

6th September Mabel Morgan has left. She s to go with her sister for company the Dalefield School

10th September Several children ill. Influenza is the trouble. I believe it is prevalent now

13th September Influenza has reduced the attendance very much this week. Gave Maud Kells one stroke of the stick on her hand for repeated idleness I had spoken to her several times previously

20th September Annie Ordish is not well

11th October This was Charlie Smith's last day at school

17th and 18th October. Bad Weather. Only 3 children present both days

22nd October Every child whose name is on the register is present today. Had urgent business to transact at the Greytown post Office and as I could not get my business done after 4 O'clock I only gave

the children half an hour at dinner time and let them go for a little before half past two.

24th October Gave Maud Kells one stroke of the stick for being rude and disobedient

31st October Carterton A and P Show day. No child came to school. There was no holiday declared previously

7th November The rain is pouring down. No children present

22nd November Inspector Robert Lee paid a visit and wrote in the log book.

Entries should be signed occasionally say well on every leaf. There are now only 18 children on the roll of whom 16 were present today. The room is more untidy by the droppings of starlings. The School Committee might be good enough to remedy this.. The wall furniture is old and should be renewed. I took classes in reading poetry and inflanatin ? and also in L C M (*Lower Common Multiples*) As the greater part of the 18 on the roll are in Standard 5 and 6. I fear the prospects of increase on the roll are rather small. The School Committee might see to repair gates etc.

The room floor is unswept. It should be swept daily. Robert lee Inspector

10th December. Very few boys present. They are wanted at home.

20th December Very wet. Only 4 children present. Breaking up today for midsummer holiday Barnet Phelps was so wet when he got to school this morning that I sent him home at once

1902

27th January Resumed work this morning with thirteen children present . They made some alterations to the school well and punch during the holidays but the result is the water is not fit to use

30th January A man came to the punch but the water is still unfit for use. It is discoloured and seems to have vegetable matter in it.

3rd February. One of the girls was cleaning out the school on Saturday and when using the pump broke it so that we are completely without water now

10th February The pump has been fixed but the water is not clean or good. Another boy joined the fourth standard here today. His name is Philip Sparrow. He has been attending the Dalefield School

14th February I forgot to record a no attendance on the 6th inst. There was a local pic-nic and everyone seemed to go there.

18th February Gave Philip Sparrow one stroke of the cane on his hand for repeated disobedience

20th February Another local pic-nic only five here in the morning and three in the afternoon

3rd March. All present except Daniel Phelps

10th March Saw Mrs Phelps on Saturday. She told me Barnet has not left school for good but that they have moved farther away to live and the distance is too great for the boy to walk

13th March Olive Judd has a very painful thumb and has not been to school all week

20th March Only a small attendance today as a Sunday School pic-nic is being held at Dalefield and the greater number of the surrounding residents with their families are there I believe. Olive Judd has a whitlow on her thumb

4th April Olive Judd's thumb is not better yet

11th April Olive Judd has returned to school though she still has to go to the doctor to get her thumb dressed

Philip Sparrow is a very unsatisfactory worker. He is a boy must be driven or he will not work

23rd April A very wet day. Only seven present

30th April The children attend very well. Philip Sparrow gets out every afternoon at 3.00 as he is wanted at the house

5th May Received my month's cheque and find it is reduced as the average attendance for the quarter just past was low. I am afraid the attendance will reduce rather than increase.

13th May The two Smith boys are ill.

22nd May. Mr Fleming came today (a day earlier than expected) and examined this school. All presented and all passed their respective standards

29th May The children are nicely started in their new standards

2nd June Mr Judd Our chairman sent a note to me today. It arrived during dinner hour. In it he said I was dismiss the children as peace had been proclaimed in South Africa. On that account I gave the children a half holiday to commemorate the occasion

3rd June A holiday it being the Prince of Wales Birthday

14th June Very cold and frosty, very cold in school. We have a good fire. Have not received the inspector's report yet

20th June Breaking up for the mid winter holiday

18th July Received inspectors exam report and inspection report but have mislaid them and so cannot copy them in log book till I find them

31st July Elsie Jones has not been at school for some days as her mother is ill.

18th August I have been ill and unable to keep school open for the past fortnight. We resumed work this morning

20th August Several children have bad colds. Rose Judd has has one, and returned to school again today.

25th August. Second Standard can do addition, subtraction and multiplication

29th August These last few days have been exceedingly cold an unpleasant change from the beautiful mild weather we had for some time previously. Elsie Jones and Jemima Neilsen have both had severe colds, therefore have not been lately

2nd September Mr Riley called here today and looked over the drawing work. He said to take up two subjects such as Freehand and geometry and to continue as we are doing

Elsie Jones was at school yesterday. She did not look at all well. She is not perfect today.

8th September A stormy wet cold day. Only six children present

9th September. This is just a similar day to yesterday

11th September As I mislaid the inspectors last reports which came together and have not found them I asked our chairman to lend me his copies and he has done so. Now I copy them

Included

- a) The written work in the exercise and copy books should improve.
- b) The offices, shelter sheds and fences are in need of repair
- c) The school requires painting
- d) The water from the pump is not satisfactory. The droppings from birds make the inside of the school unsightly

e) The accommodation is more than sufficient. I understand there is little prospect of the roll number increasing. At the examination last year it was 23.

f) Additional subjects needlework plain sewing, very good. Drill and exercises. Swedish Satisfactory

g) Instruction of Primers. An improvement in the written work of the exercise books is desirable but with exception the general work of the school is fairly satisfactory

h) T R Fleming

12th September I heard this morning that Elsie Jones is suddenly taken ill

17th September Elsie Jones's illness is rather serious. It is a severe nervous attack. The doctor comes to see her daily

22nd September Mrs Smith called to say Alan Smith was leaving as he was going to work away from home. Lawrence is to continue at school for a few months longer but his mother says his attendances may not be good as he will ne required for home work. Mrs Jones requested me to take Elsie's name off the register as she is not likely to attend school again. Now that we have lost Elsie and Alan we have only 12 names left on the register

26th September We have had wretched bad weather for some time. The children have attended well withal.

30th September Today is the end of the quarter and we only have 12 children's names left on the register

6th October Mr Smith came here at dinner time for his boy Lawrence as there has been a sudden death in the family

27th October Started 2nd standard in Simple Long Division and 3rd Standard in compound multiplication today

30th October Holiday granted by our chairman of School Committee for the P and A show in Carterton

31st October Kenneth Saywell has not been at school this week I hear he has had an accident

13th November I hear Kenneth Saywell has had another accident. Sixth Standard working in discount, third in compound multiplication, and second in Long Division

17th November Kenneth Saywell returned to school today after an absence of three weeks he had his eye and a rib hurt

25th November A holiday on account of the general election

1st December. One only boy Clive Ferrick present. We also have six girls present. It was a glorious morning

4th December Kenneth Saywell has been absent some days on account of his eye. He had it hurt some time ago and it has again become troublesome.. He is at school today. Arthur Morgan and Annie Ordish are both ill. They have been absent for some days

Mr Ordish stopped the birds from coming into the school.

16th December An exceptionally heavy rain this morning The two Ordishes got here drenched to the skin so I sent them home again as they were so wet. No others came.

19th December Closed school this afternoon for the Xmas holidays

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26th January Came back to Matarawa this forenoon by the eleven o'clock train. Of course I was late for school so found no one here. It had been a very wet morning. I missed my train on Saturday afternoon

27th January Started school today with 3 pupils

29th January . No attendance ; very wet

3rd February All (7) here with exception of Rose Judd, who is staying in Greytown in order to attend on a doctor who is seeing to her eyes that are bad.

5th February Clyde Ferrick and Norman Ordish were sick this forenoon and went home. Jemima Neilson also was sick but she recovered

12th February Only 4 children present. The greater number of the people round here went to a Monster which is being held near Greytown. *The Monster Aggregation of Stellar Attractions headed by The Wilton Bros, Phenomenal Triple Bar Experts etc*

16th February Rose Judd returned to school today after a fortnights absence. She was living in Greytown for two weeks to be near the Doctor's residence as he was seeing to her eyes that were in need of treatment

19th February We have only 5 children present today. The Dalefield School Pic-nic is being held today and some of our children are going to it.

26th February The weather has been exceedingly hot lately. Our eight children attend very well

5th March Jemima Neilson is not at school as her mother has had an accident and Jemima must stay at home to attend to the household duties

11th March Olive Judd is working at the metric rules in arithmetic. She has done all the other sixth standard rules. Jemima Neilson is not so far advanced as she has been away from school The second standard have got through all the rules

20th March The children who are coming attend very well

31st March Today ends the first quarter of the year. I do not intend giving my sixth standard, Stock sums this year as I would like them to be strong with other work and they can take Stock next year. I think it wiser to do this in order to not confuse them

10th April Closed school today for Easter Holidays. Got the children to come to school a half an hour earlier this morning and only gave them half an hour at dinner time so that I could dismiss them for good at half past two as I want to be in time for the special train going to Wellington

16th April Only 1 girl present today as it is wet

22nd April Winter weather is setting in now. We have started our winter fires in the schoolroom

28th April The Householders elected a new School Committee last night

30th April Olive Judd goes over to Greytown on Thursday afternoons to attend the cookery class there.

18th May Examined the fourth, third and second standard children today, and am leaving the results to be seen by the inspector when he comes

25th May Am keeping school open today as we expect the inspector tomorrow I feel far from being well. Felt too ill to come to school last Thursday and Friday though I felt I wanted to come as our examination was so close

26th May Mr Bakewell examined our school today when all the children passed their respective standards

27th May Am feeling far from well. Intend going to Wellington tomorrow to consult a doctor

Another page removed

25 June 1903 Inspector Bakewell reported that he could not recommend moving the Matarawa School. It was already too near Dalefield, and the proposal was to move it still nearer. Mr. Buchanan gave reasons in support of the application of the Committee. The Chairman, with Messrs. Leo and Robertson, were appointed a committee to visit and inspect the locality. PP

New Teacher Amelia Thompson

Next entry not till 10th August . New handwriting

10th August Opened school today. 8 pupils present Admitted one new pupil Guy Udy Standard 1

13th August Very wet day 7 present Well water utterly unfit for use.

14th August Pouring rain no attendance

17th August Still wet very cold. Mima Neilson still absent visiting in Carterton

24th August Clear fine day after very heavy rain. Kenneth Saywell returned to school today after a long absence

2nd September Hail and sleet all day, snow lying very close attendance 9

8th September Very wet and cold only 7 present. I wonder that any of the children came

Received Examination report

Roll 8., Present 8 passed 8

Very satisfactory

14th September Fine warm day. Attendance 8 Committee meeting at 7.30 p.m. this evening

15th September Attendance 13. Four new pupils enrolled or perhaps it would be better to say re enrolled. They are Mr C Udy's four children, Myrtle, Ivy, Arthur and Norman they are in the 2, 1, and infant standards respectively

24th September Still windy and turned very cold. Attendance 11
Arthur and Ivy Udy absent. They attend rather irregularly
28th September Fine day after heavy rains- attendance only 8. The
four Udy's absent they seem to stay away on the slightest pretext.
Have sent a note to parents
5th October Ken Saywell away helping chaff cutting. Guy Udy not
well. Norman and Arthur Udy wanted at home
7th October Weather still cold. The 4 Udy's are attending better now.
All four would make good progress if kept at school regularly
12th October Weather turned very warm Attendance 13. Ken Saywell
fainted while reading today. The sudden heat is rather overpowering
16th October Weather very warm, close and dull. Miss Hamilton my
predecessor paid the school a visit today. She is better but not
recovered from her illness
26th October Very windy but still warm. 4th Standard have started
reduction of measures. 7th Standard commenced measurement of area
28th October Very windy. Children unable to play outside.
Attendance 13
30th October Very cold and windy Attendance 12. Nina Judd fell
while playing and twisted her right arm (She has hurt the same arm
before) and cannot use it for a few days
3rd November Fine warm day. Attendance 12. Second Standard
learning long division
4th November Holiday given by committee Carterton Show
11th November Monday 9th November public Holiday. King's
Birthday
12th November Fine warm day but attendance only 8 5th Standard
started fractions

13th November Warm and fine attendance 8. This has been a very
bad week for attendance. The holiday and wet day kept the children
away all week
20th November Ken Saywell absent. He is likely to be leaving soon
27th November Attendance 12 Fine weather. 7th Standard have started
Cubical Content
1st December Still fine and warm Attendance 12. 2nd standard are
learning long division
4th December Myrtle Udy suffering from a bad throat
14th December Attendance 11. Fine warm day. Saw Ken Friday he is
not coming to school any more, is wanted to work at home. Ivy Udy
is not well and is absent today
18th December Closed school today from Xmas Vacation

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25th January Reopened school admitted 10 new scholars- Jessie
Saywell, Rita Judd, Ray Waterson, James Waterson, Vera Waterson,
Enid Waterson, and Ida Udy - Infants
Mabel Waterson 1st, Nellie Waterson 3rd Clarice Waterson 3rd
standard and Freda Waterson 4th Standard
Guy Udy has returned to Hukarui. Clyde Ferrick has not yet returned
from his holidays
26th January Admitted two more pupils Edward Playle 1st Standard
and Herbert Findlay 3rd Standard Roll is now 23 Attendance 22
3rd February Warm dry weather still prevails. I find that Bert Findlay
is by no means fit to work with 3rd Standard, so will give him special
work until examination. He is not well today and is absent

4th February A number of the children are away in consequence of the Dalefield School Picnic

9th February Rather dull close day. Attendance 20 Bert Findlay still absent owing to a sore foot. He is unable to walk.

11th February Attendance 22 3rd standard started long division (Compound)

14th February Wet and Cold today Attendance only 8 until 10.00 when the others came making 21

17th February Clyde Fenwick returned to school today after a long holiday. Ted Playle and Bert Findlay are still absent

19th February Ted Playle suffering from a bad hand and Bert Findlay from a sore foot. Attendance 22 Roll 24

22nd February Both Ted Playle and Bert Findlay returned to school today

24th February Wet and rather cold today. Have been holding a general written examination and so far the children seem to have remembered their work very well, some of the new scholars have not some so well as they have not touched on some of the work taken Attendance 24

26th February I have put Myrtle Udy into 3rd Standard. She is a remarkably bright girl and deserves every encouragement

29th February Attendance 25 Admitted one new scholar Horace Bain an infant. The School Committee hold a meeting tonight

4th March Another pouring wet day No children attended

18th March Yesterday March 17th in consequence of a Wesleyan Sunday School Picnic and the day being a semi holiday, very few of the children intended attending so a holiday was given. Attendance today 25

24th March Fine clear day. Attendance 25 Have been examining all classes in arithmetic. Clyde Ferrick is the only one who failed. Indeed he is dreadfully weak in this subject

6th April Pouring rain all day. No children attended.

9th April Still raining very heavily. Five children came about 11 but were so wet it was impossible to let them remain in their wet clothes

23rd April Clyde Ferrick has met with an accident to his foot which may prevent him attending for a while

27th April At the meeting of householders held April 25th the following gentlemen were re-elected Mr Judd Chairman and Secretary, Mr Saywell Treasurer, Mr Welch, Mr Ordish, and Mr D Neilsen. Attendance 24

Bitterly cold and raining all day. Clyde Ferrick returned to school. The new well was completed yesterday, but the old faulty pump fixed over it.

2nd May Weather very cold. Attendance 24 The various fences around the school are being mended and a portion fenced off for the horses, which is a great improvement.

12th May Attendance 25. I am daily expecting to hear the date of the examination

18th May Readmitted Arthur Morgan who has been attending Dalefield for some time. He has passed III standard but I am giving him II standard work until after our own examination Roll 26

25th May Yesterday being Empire Day. School closed. Today it is very wet and in consequence the attendance is only 15

If fine tomorrow I intend examining Standard 1 -5

29th May I examined Standard 1 to 4 today. I have marked the work and results according to my opinion on the schedules. One standard 1

boy I have not marked as I am not certain about his reading. I should like the inspector to decide

31st May Jessie Saywell suffering from influenza, absent all week so far. Very wet boisterous weather. Rained incessantly for nearly a fortnight

4th June Mr Fleming conducted the annual examination today

The results are as follows

Standard	Presented	Passed
7	2	2
4	3	3
3	6	6
2	2	2
1	3	3
Primers	1	1

Matarawa Only eight children were examined in this school last year. Miss Thompson took charge August 10th last year and the increase in roll number to 26 since that date is fairly due to her work in the school. There was a satisfactory improvement in the general work of the school, though writing is still a weak subject. The fences and out buildings are in a state of disrepair. The school requires painting. The pump does not work satisfactorily. The residence is at present unoccupied and as ivy is finding its way into one of the rooms I authorised Miss Thompson to take measure to destroy the plant

T R Fleming

17th June This week has been very wet and cold. Attendance only 22.

“Mima” Neilsen has left having passed the seventh standard. Three children are away. Thursday afternoon after marking the roll I

dismissed the children as owing to an accident I was too unwell to teach

18th July Opened school today with 22 pupils on the roll The five Udy’s have removed some distance away and are unable to attend.

Admitted one new pupil. Margaret Udy Primary (*Primers*)

28th July Ivy Udy returned to school this week. Myrtle may be returning soon, Weather very cold

1st August Cold and very windy 23 children attended notwithstanding the very wet weather

5th August On account of fall of snow yesterday and today no children have attended.

9th August Arthur Udy returned to school this week. But having some miles to ride can only attend on very fine days

A violent shock of earthquake was felt about ½ past 10 this morning. Considerable damage was done throughout the district but fortunately the school buildings escaped

19th August Myrtle Udy returned to school this week.

29th August Admitted two new children (Owen and Winifred Dillon) last week. They come from Hawkes Bay, I have put them with 2nd Standard although their reading is scarcely passable

6th September Weather very wet and cold Attendance very good. Roll now 27 Average for August was 24

23rd September I was obliged to send ray Waterson home on account of his head being very swollen, through a cut received at home

28th September I held an examination of the work done this quarter.

The children on the whole have made very fair progress

Some of course are rather behind the average

3rd October New Quarter started. 16 pupils on roll. Mabel Waterson was taken ill during lunch hour, Clarice Waterson took her home as she was unable to go alone. Very cold wet weather.

17th October Last week school was open only two days. The weather being so stormy the children were unable to come.

Wednesday the first day of the storm many children came but as they were drenched and I also was very wet I sent them home. The following days no one attended. The roads are still very wet and muddy

21st October Warm bright day. A great change after the dreadful weather lately Attendance good

26th October Yesterday being very wet no children attended. Today in consequence of the show at Carterton there is a small attendance .

Tomorrow the 27th the school will be closed

3rd November Today very windy and stormy, Tomorrow has been granted as a holiday. The School Committee have kindly given me leave of absence

15th November Yesterday being wet and stormy no children attended. Today fine but cold

2nd December Very wet and still extremely cold for this time of the year. Attendance still keeps very good

9th December School was dismissed early Wednesday afternoon and closed Thursday and Friday in consequence of the sudden death of Mr Morgan with whose family I was am living. I did this at the suggestion of Mr Welch (Committee Member) and he mentioned the matter to Mr Judd (Chairman) Tomorrow being the day fixed for Mr Morgan's Funeral I intend closing the school in order to attend

8th December 1904 SAD FATALITY.

Accidentally Shot.

By Telegraph Press Association). Tauranga, Last Night.

Thomas Morgan, late of Carterton, who was on a visit to his brother-in-law at Burnside Farm, Mount St. John, Tauranga, was found shot on the farm this morning. It appears that deceased last night decided to go hare shooting, and arose early for that purpose, but on leaving the homestead with a gun in his hand he got entangled in a loose wire, and in trying to extricate himself he fell, causing the gun to discharge, blowing away his left cheek and jaw. Deceased had purchased Mr Ley's farm, and had paid a large deposit. He intended to settle here. At the inquest this afternoon a verdict of accidental death was returned.

[A telegram in yesterday's issue stated that it was a case of suicide, but during the afternoon a message reached us stating that the fatality was the result of an accident.!

The Carterton Observer says:—"Mr Morgan was an old settler of Matarawa, well respected by all who knew him, and the news will give a grievous shock to a very large number of the people of this district. The heart-felt sympathy of all will go out to the bereaved family. A private wire received by Mr Moncrieff, says Mr Morgan was crossing a fence carrying a gun, when the weapon exploded, inflicting fatal injuries. He has had no farming losses, but, on the contrary, had just sold out well at Matarawa, and wired yesterday he had purchased a place at Tauranga. The sad occurrence was, therefore, purely accidental. PP

14th December Yesterday by permission of the Committee I closed school. Today is bitterly cold wet and stormy

16th December Closed school today for the Christmas holidays. I had promised an attendance prize at the beginning of the year. This was won by Norman Ordish. In order to encourage the children (who in

my opinion have worked extremely well) I gave a prize to the one who gained most marks in each standard. The winners were- Standard 5, Nina Judd, Standard 4 Norman Ordish, Standard 3 Ivy Udy, Standard 2 Ted Playle, small prizes were also given for spelling

1905

24th January Opened school today with 25 names on the roll. Admitted one new pupil May Perry who has been attending the Dalefield School, but does not know her alphabet

25th January Admitted another new scholar Grace Smith 2nd Standard who has been attending Clareville School

26th January I received word this morning that the little girl May Perry admitted 24th has been sent back to the Dalefield School where her elder sister attends, She attended one day

13th February Norman Udy readmitted today after an absence of 8 months. He belongs to 1st standard and appears to have kept up work at home. The distance (6 miles) is too great to allow of his regular attendance

11th February in consequence of the Dalefield school picnic being held today only 4 attended. I let them go home about 2 p.m.

21st February The committee have expressed their willingness to assist in getting up a picnic for the children. A meeting of the parents and those who will assist has been arranged in the schoolroom Friday at 3.15

27th February A school picnic has been arranged to take place Friday March 3rd, The exact spot has not yet been decided upon.

6th March School was closed Thursday and Friday of last week. Thursday, as I was obliged to go to Carterton to consult a doctor

about my throat. Friday the school picnic was held in the playground and was a great success. The children seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. Average for the week 24

17th March In consequence of neighbouring schools having closed very few children attended so with the Chairman's permission I closed school early in the afternoon. We have had a wet miserable week in consequence none of the children living across the river were able to attend. Guy and Irene Udy were admitted from Hukanui School . Barnett Phelps was readmitted, having attended no school since he left here; he is very shy and backward. Enrolment now 29

7th March. I did not open school till 11.30 this morning. My throat has been very bad lately and I was obliged to go to Carterton to see the doctor about it. A committee meeting is to be held this evening. Fred and Clarice Waterson have taken the duty of cleaning the school

3rd April In consequence of the constant rising of the river, the four Udy's have attended very seldom and this lowers the average a great deal

19th April Very cold bitter wind blowing. Started fires in school this week. Held a written examination last week. The children seem to have made very fair progress

26th April Reopened school today after Easter vacation. A meeting of householders was held on Tuesday 25th when the following gentlemen were elected to form a committee
Chairman Mr Judd, Treasurer Mr Saywell, Members Mr W C Ordish, Mr J Waterson, Mr R G Welch

1st May Received notice of the date of the annual inspection. May 31st. This means the school will be examined two days after the midwinter vacation

9th May. Much to my surprise Mr Bakewell pay (Sic) his annual visit of inspection today. The chairman Mr Judd had at my request asked him to alter (If possible) the date fixed for the examination. Mr Bakewell kindly did so and conducted the examination this morning. 25 were present and of this number 18 were presented for examination. 17 of whom passed.

Mr Bakewell expressed himself as pleased with the general work. He gave me many hints concerning the new syllabus and has promised to pay a visit later on and give specimen lessons in such subjects as Geography and History

After the examination I allowed the children to go home early just keeping them long enough to mark the roll

10th May Admitted a new scholar Jack Pye. Has just passed the 4th standard at Dalefield School, he seems a bright boy

15th May I started all standards in their new work today, Altho' the vacation will commence on Friday. I wish them to have some idea of new work. I have not been able to give many oral lessons as my throat will not bear the strain. Admitted a new scholar Ella Adams an infant

18th May Very wet stormy day. No children attended

19th May Closed school today for the midwinter vacation as the weather is still wet and cold. Only 9 children attended

27th May 1905 Leave of absence was granted in the following cases:— Amelia Thompson, school teacher, Matarawa, one month from 31st May PP

29th May Reopened school today with 22 scholars Irene and Guy Udy, Myrtle, Ivy and Arthur Udy and Arthur Morgan have left. *(Waiohine School opened in 1905 and ran until 1908 and I guess that this is the reason that the Udy's left Matarawa. The Waiohine School*

was on Mr T Udy's Farm with Mrs Leighton teaching there) Horace Bain will not be coming till the roads are less muddy

30th May I have closed school today. My months leave of absence is granted from May 31st but I cannot use my throat any longer. For the information of the relieving teacher I have enclosed a note in the roll book. I append a list of the names who passed at last examination so that their names may be made out when the pass cards arrive. List included

Enid Waterson, Jessie Saywell, Rita Judd, James Waterson and Horace Bain were passed into Standard 1

Arthur Morgan passed IV standard conditionally but no pass card is to be issued to him as he is at present attending Masterton School

June and Guy Udy having left asked that their pass cards should be sent to Mr C Udy Hukanui. I should be very glad if this is done

7th June Opened school 17 present. Weather very cold (Heenan probably Keenan, relieving teacher)

8th June Opened school- no attendance- very wet- Walked between 2 or 3 miles to open. Going Home. In consequence of there being no furniture in the school house I am obliged to walk or ride from Greytown. The settlers here can give me no accommodation so far. On a wet day the road is not fit for bicycles so I must walk

9th June Note from chairman (Mr Judd) stating that School Committee meet on Monday next

The school axe is missing. Wrote to Mr Judd concerning this and other matters

Notification from Wellington Education Board re sending 1 map of N Z and 1 map of world and also 1 modulator

12th June Modulator arrived. 20 present in morning and 18 in afternoon

14th June Maps of Europe and World arrived this morning : brought by Mr Judd from Greytown
Weather threatening Attendance good
20th June Fine attendance fair
Had an accident when riding to school on bicycle. A dog ran across bike and threw me badly. Sprained thumb and cut about a bit as a result
Road under water in places after gale. This delays me on road as I have to carry bike across some places
21st June. Began brushwork
21st July two entries for Ill suffering from bilious headache
26th July Attendance fair. Hear that Grace Smith has left but no official notice
28th July Very wet came to school at 9.30 No Attendance
28th July 1905 Miss A Thompson Resigned PP
31st July. Left Reverend Porritt takes charge tomorrow
1st August *T Porritt, ex Greytown and Featherston Head Teacher* , took temporary charge of school this morning, many children came very late
4th August Average for week 18
11th August The children have commenced "cottage gardening" in the garden round the teachers house. We have had a general clean up of old rubbish and the teacher put two new squares in the window
The Board's carpenter paid a visit yesterday and made a thorough inspection of the residence, school and outbuildings
18th August Weather very bad, wet and cold, only 8 present
The children attend very well except on very wet days. There are no children within one mile of the school the average distance is 2 ½ miles

25th August Attendance this week very good-19. The girls made the maximum and on Tuesday and Thursday all were present
25th August 1905 The local school committee (*Carterton*) are using their best efforts to get a High School established in this town, and if a High School were established here, pupils could be drawn from outlying districts, such as Dalefield, Clareville," Taratahi West, Parkvale, Gladstone, Waihakeke, Ponatahi, and Matarawa. PP
29th August Teacher suffering from sharp attack of bronchitis, unable to speak, children sent home
11th September School reopened this morning 9 girls and 6 boys present. I am told that Jack Pye has left and gone to Wellington
12th September Received 1 N Z ensign from Wellington Education Board through chairman of School Committee Also a copy of specifications of work to be done at the school and teacher's residence
21st September Great Storm on 19th and 20th surrounding country flooded. Children could not get to school. All the girls and 4 boys at school today
28th and 29th September Held quarterly examination- all classes. With the exception of Standard 6 Writing. Composition and Geography are very weak subjects
Standard 3 is backward in all subjects
4 were admitted in quarter and 5 left. 21 on roll
6th October 3 children admitted this week
19th October The weather has been fine this week. Attendance has been good. On Monday and Tuesday all were present All the Watersons are absent today owing, I understand to their mother's illness

20th September School closed today to celebrate the centenary of the battle of Trafalgar. The flag was saluted. Mr Porritt addressed the children patriotic songs were sung, followed by a liberal distribution of nuts and lollies provided by the chairman

25th September Continuous heavy rain. Only one present closed school at 1 p m

26th October School closed today for South Wairarapa A and P Show

27th October Received memo from Secretary Wellington Education Board stating that Mrs Bland of Makairo has been temporarily appointed to charge of this school and will relieve Mr Porritt at the beginning of next week

31st October Mrs Bland will take charge tomorrow (Wednesday) T Porritt

3rd November I took charge of the school on Wednesday The children generally are rather weak in Arithmetic. I have given the girls sewing today

7th November This morning Alec Findlay came to school with his feet and legs in a disgracefully dirty condition. I told them that he must wash them during the dinner hour, but when afternoon school opened, I found he had not done so. As he had no reason whatever to give for his disobedience . I caned him across the legs and sent him out to wash. He immediately went home. E Bland

8th November When Alec Findlay came to school this morning, I found that he had not gone home when sent to wash his feet yesterday but had stayed in the paddocks till school was out. I therefore caned him for his misconduct

11th November yesterday was a holiday- King's Birthday. The weather very wet today and no children attended school

15th November I have had to reprimand the elder boys for wilfully destroying the school fences. They repaired the damage during the dinner hour

17th November I am trying to teach the children to sing, but they seem to have very little idea of time. With the exception of reading and sewing their work is very poorly done

20th November One boy Alec Findlay has left. He returns to his home in Martinborough

22nd November As the children are beginning to work more freely and to obey more readily than when I first came, my duties are a little less of a strain than they were

23rd November Today is very stormy- the wind is blowing a gale. So only 5 children are present

1st December Raymond Ticehurst brought me a note this morning to say that as his parents are leaving the district, this is his last day at school here.

5th December Tomorrow being election day all school will be closed

15th December School closed for 6 weeks summer vacation. E Bland

1906

29th January Took charge of the school today after the summer vacation. 24 children present including 4 admitted. Leslie Ordish, Noel Dillon, Cecil Bain and Arthur Blackwell. All in primer class M (Martha) Ussher

30th January Entered Evelyn Waterson Roll 25

13th February The Waterson family (7) were absent yesterday owing to sickness. Two are absent today

14th February Watersons all absent. Truant Officer Mr J Dineen called during the lunch hour

19th February Entered Harry and Emily Hardinges of Greytown- they come over the bridge. The boy is seven years old and had no schooling Emily is nearly 6

21st February Edward Playle and Rita Judd absent three days owing to illness

22nd February Twenty Five present. Edward Playle is still absent and is very ill

27th February A Mr Burton lecturer addressed the children for over an hour this afternoon on such subjects as "Good Taste"; "Good Manners", "Good Conduct" etc

He said he had addressed the children at Dalefield, Belvedere, Clareville etc so I gave him permission to speak here. I question whether it was time well spent

28th February All present but Edward Playle who is still under the doctor

8th March With two or three upper class girls I have been busy with the library books. We numbered each book as well as catalogued them as no catalogue was found

13th March Edward Playle has been absent 4 weeks. The remainder are attending well

23rd March Very wet. The younger children are absent
Started an exam of all classes

26th March Exam concluded with fairly satisfactory results. E Playle present after an absence of five weeks

30th March Received a T Square for which I applied but it has been broken in transit. This has been a very bad week- wet and cold

13th 16th 117th March East Holidays

12th April Received a bell from the board. The old one is of no use at all

19th April Have received six dual desks- require more

24th April Annual exam held by Inspector Tennant- where all children were promoted. Owen and Winnie Dillon and Vera Waterson are put up on condition that they work hard in new class

23rd April Meeting of householders elected same School Committee

3rd May Owing to the somewhat sudden death of his brother Alec. Herbert Findlay has been absent yesterday and tomorrow

9th May received inspectors report Teacher Miss Ussher- Since February 1906. Roll 13 boys 14 girls. Present 27

Repeated changes of teachers during the year must have mitigated against the best work being done

Miss Ussher is to be congratulated for the very satisfactory condition of the school

Geography, History and Moral Instruction Satisfactory

Nature Study and Science Not taken

Physical Instruction Exercise and poles Not Examined

Order, tone and discipline of school etc Good

Efficiency of school etc Satisfactory

Signed J A Tennant

11th May Have received a circular from the Secretary intimating that the term holidays are to be on the 21st May and 3rd September respectively

16th May Very wet 23 present. I have applied to Secretary for material to start brushwork in all classes after the term holidays

28th May One day during last week the Chairman of Waiohine School called and claimed three of the six dual desks. We now have three.

School reassembled. All present but 2 Hardinges

4th June School closed Prince of Wales Birthday
11th June A supply of material has been sent for use in brushwork-
tho' many of the children have supplied their own paints for the work
13th June. Edward Playle is away this week suffering from sore eyes
18th, 19th, 20th, 21st June School closed on a/c of the death of the
Right Hon R J Seddon- Premier of NZ
26th June All in attendance but Edward Playle who is away from
home
19th June Average for quarter 25 roll 27
10th July Attendance small Viz 6 boys and 6 girls. Wet and Stormy
12th July. Several are absent. Jessie Saywell is away in Wellington
this week. Rose Judd is again ill. Ellen Waterson is away since
Monday
20th July Owing to bad weather and sickness five children have not
been present at all this week- They are R Judd, C Bain, H and E
Hardinge and Arthur Blackwell
23rd July Have received two large reading sheets from the Secretary
24 Present. Rose Judd still absent
27th July. All present Average for week 25
31st July have received new table. 1 thermometer and rain gauge from
the Secretary of the Board
9th August Norman Ordish has gone away for a week
13th August Several absent- including the Waterson family (Six) who
are leaving the district
15th August The Clerk of Works (Board's) called yesterday re
painting interior of school, tank for cottage, and new offices. I have
written to the Secretary asking if the painting can be done during the
September vacation. Very wet cold and wintry Present None

17th August Left Waterson family (6) who have gone to Pahiatua.
Roll 20
22nd August Teacher and children took a walk to the river bed, noting
trees, plants, flax etc en route
28th August All present but Emily Hardinge who has rheumatic fever:
and Ed Playle who is temporarily laid aside
10th September reopened school 19 present and 21 in afternoon.
Entered Ivy Hardinge' Glen and Claude Hoar
13th September Entered Cyril and Archie Grigg
14th September Entered Nelson Grigg all of Greytown
17th September Entered Alan Grigg and Mary Blackwell
The roll number is now 27. The same as it was when the Nation
family were here
21st September Removed Nina Judd's name from roll for some
weeks- she has gone to Petone
24th September Inspector Tennant paid a visit of inspection to the
school this afternoon
1st October Some metal which was much needed has been spread on
the ground at the doors, gates etc.
2nd October 15 present (Boys) and 5 girls. Several are absent owing
to colds
4th October Alan Grigg has been absent two weeks owing to a sore
foot.
8th October Entered two girls D De Lacy and I Pritchard from the
Greytown Side of the river Roll 27
10th October School Holiday Labour Day
18th October Left Glen and Claude Hoar who have returned to
Eketahuna Roll no 25
23rd October Morning stormy 9 present 5 boys 4 girls

24th October School closed for Wairarapa A and P show
 26th October Owing to his continued illness have removed Edward Playle name from the roll until after Xmas
 5th November The interior of the school has been painted a light green and is much improved by same. Two new outbuildings and a tank have also been supplied
 9th November King's Birthday Holiday
 20th November The Clerk of Works called to inspect the painting etc. I called his attention to the state of the lobby and upper part of classroom which have not been renovated. Full attendance viz 24
 22nd November Teacher and children took a ramble for an hour this afternoon thro' the bush and onto the riverbed, noting things of interest en route
 26th November received inspector Tennant's report Roll 25- present 23
 Organisation satisfactory. All school records carefully and neatly kept
 The interior of the school requires painting. This has not been done since the school was opened in 1878. The offices should be repaired and preferably rebuilt
 The only water supply for both school and residence is a well and pump from which the water is not of the best
 A tank should be provided Signed J Tennant Inspector
 3rd December Re entered Rose and Rita Judd after an absence of 10 weeks
 4th December Very wet Attendance small- less than half- Since yesterday morning the rain gauge has registered 150 points which is a record since it was put in place

6th December Full attendance Second test examination held on this date
 11th December The Truant Officer Mr Direen visited he school but no names were given for bad attendance as all children attend well
 13th December Harry, Emily and Ivy Hardinge are absent owing to slight ailments
 17th December All in attendance but the Hardinge (3)- who are away as Harry is ill
 21st School closed for Xmas holidays

1907

4th February Reopened after holidays 24 present . Re-entered Edward Playle
 8th February Irene Pritchard, Cecil Bain and Dorothy DeLacey have not attended. The two former are from home
 12th February Mary Blackwell is required at home for a month or two to look after the baby. Her name will not be removed from the roll this week
 15th February Withdrawn Mary Blackwell and Dorothy DeLacey. The former is needed at home for a few months the latter will attend Greytown School as it is nearer than Matarawa
 19th February Leslie Ordish is absent suffering from whooping cough
 Irene Pritchard and Cecil Bain are still absent
 22nd February Removed leslies Ordish's name from roll
 26th February Received parcel of new materials for brushwork for current year

1st March 19 present. A picnic in the neighbourhood is responsible for the poor attendance

5th March All in attendance except I Pritchard who is still away from home and Rose and Rita Judd who went away to the exhibition and will be absent a week

12th March Have received 1 large brush (Number 12) for the teacher's use in brush drawing

15th March Rose and Rita Judd are present bringing the attendance up to 21. Nelson Grigg is absent

19th March Very wet Present 9 The rain gauge showed 340 points of rain since 9 a.m. yesterday

This is a record since using the gauge here

22nd March I Pritchard is present for first time this year

26th March All in attendance but Clyde Ferrick who has gone to the Christchurch exhibition. He is the fifth child who has gone there since school opened in February

3rd April Re entered Mary Blackwell Roll 25

8th April Clyde Ferrick still absent- this being his second week

12th April Re-entered Leslie Ferrick after an absence of several weeks

15th April Have today received from the "Victory" stallholder at the Exhibition one Victory Shield to be retained as school property. The school became entitled to this as the children disposed of 21 "charms" @ 1/- each

19th April Half holiday granted by Committee as "Besses of the Barn" band were playing in Carterton

22nd April Annual Exam held when promotions were made only in Standard 6, as there is to be another exam at the end of the present year

Entered Maude Crombie Roll 27

26th April Inspectors Holiday taken on this date

2nd May It has rained continuously since yesterday the attendance is again poor viz 4

8th May Mr J Direen (Truant Officer) paid a visit to the school. There were no children to report.

14th May Entered two new pupils from Waiohine School viz Maud and Barney Phelps. Maud is 15 years and in Standard 1 Barney is 13 years and in Standard 3

15th May Entered Alfred Phelps 10 years old is in Primer 3

24th May School Closed Empire Day

3rd June Prince of Wales Birthday

7th June Have removed H Findlay's name from the roll as he has gone to his parents in Martinborough Roll 26

14th June Week's average 24- roll 26 A Phelps has not attended as he is not well and is under the doctor

18th June All in attendance except Alfred Phelps

21st June Average for week 23. A Ordish has been absent 3 days Wanted at home. A Phelps absent all week

24th June I have received inspector's report included

- a) Standard 6 Competency 1 Proficiency 3
- b) Average age of those who certificates granted in Standard 6 13 yrs 4 months
- c) Moral Instruction and health Satisfactorily treated
- d) Needlework Good
- e) Handwork Brushwork Good
- f) Order discipline and tone of school Good
- g) Efficiency of the school etc Good

1st July full attendance viz 26

8th July Morning showery attendance small viz 12

Have received from the Secretary a small map of Matarawa district
22nd July Have received pair of set squares for which I applied. The abacus will arrive at a later date as Whitcombe and Tombs have none in stock

24th July Regulation Holiday Arbor Day

26th July Withdrawn Rose and Rita Judd who have left the place. Roll now 24

27th July Visited the school today and found the work going on satisfactorily. The boundary fences should be attended to. J Tennant

7th August All in attendance but I Pritchard who is unwell

The Board's Clerk of Works called re the two fireplaces (School and Cottage) needing repairs

9th August The old long desks have today been replaced by dual desks (13) We now have 16 of these which are by no means new but are preferable to the long ones

12th August Entered Henry and Vincent Stratford Roll Number 26

16th August 24 a good average for a very bad (wet) week

Have received Mr Tennant's inspection report Classes Primers to standard 7

Standard 7 are doing advanced work

Standard 6 work with extra work in English and Geometrical Drawing

Regularity of attendance satisfactory

A new door (inner) is required and the boundary fence require attention

The fireplace in the sitting room smokes badly

School room clean and tidy

Twelve new dual desks are required

22nd August Full Attendance Viz 26

9th September reopen after term holiday 1 week. Very wet and boisterous Present 6

10th September Entered Percy Nichols and Lizzie Leach

Harry Stratford came to school but I deemed it advisable to send him home owing to Vincent's continued illness- which is reported to be measles

12th September Jessie Saywell is absent all this week – not having returned from a holiday

16th September have allowed the Stratford's to attend today

Weather still wet and wintry Present 13

18th September 26 present. Jessie Saywell has not returned from a holiday Maud Phelps is sick

23rd September No less than 8 are absent through illness, chiefly colds and influenza being prevalent

26th September Special holiday Dominion Day

1st October All present but the Hardinges (3) Attendance 25

2nd October Very rough and boisterous weather Present 3 1 boy and 2 girls. As four more arrived at playtime I marked them present. Total 7

7th October 25 present including Harry. Ivo and E Hardinge who have been absent 2 weeks owing to influenza

11th October Very stormy- attendance 11. Week's average 26

14th October Entered George Bridgewater Roll 29

17th October Children and teacher took an hours ramble through the bush

18th October The School Committee have provided a doormat and set of fire irons for school use

22nd October Have received a set of pictures (Unmounted) of battles in connection with the school journals

25th October Owing to continued weakness (spine complaint) Edward Playle has left school Roll 28
29th October Cecil Bain is absent this week owing to a sore leg
4th November have received a new abacus
11th November Kings Birthday Holiday
21st November Holiday granted for Wairarapa A and P Show
22nd Holiday in lieu of Labour Day – October 10th
25th November Entered Doris Zillwood aged 5 years 4 months
12th December teachers quarterly exam held on this date
13th December teacher and children took a ramble- 2nd- for an hour in the afternoon
17th December Owing to shearing, haymaking etc three or four boys are absent. All girls present
19th December Quarters Average 26- Highest for the year
Summer Vacation begins

1908

3rd February reopened school after summer vacation
Entered N Higgison
4th February Entered Ruby, Edith, Cliff and Percy Bambry
5th February Re-entered Winifred and Noel Dillon who left last April to be taught by a governess
6th February Entered Owen Dillon aged 15 years 6 months
7th February Several are absent owing to a picnic at Dalefield
10th February Re-entered for second or third time Edward Playle
13th Cecil Bain is absent being very ill

Left Clyde Ferrick, Norman Ordish and Annie Ordish who all obtained certificates of proficiency and will attend a High School. Also M Crombie who has gone to Wanganui. Olive and M Phelps who is to remain at home
M Ussher
14th February The roll is now 31.
18th February Have received as “school property” eight pictures of NZ Flora
28th February No less than 9 have been entered and 6 withdrawn this month. Roll now 31
3rd March Have re-entered Annie Ordish who last April obtained a proficiency certificate in Standard 6
13th March Owing to illness Annie Ordish and I Hardinge have not attended this week
19th Very cold, wet and wintry Twelve present
20th March Still very wet- no attendance
23rd March School closed for annual picnic and prize distribution
1st April Teacher and children went for a nature study ramble
2nd April Vincent Stratford is away since Monday- being away from home
14th April Arthur and Mary Blackwell have left as their parents have left the district
27th April Meeting of householders to select a new committee- A quorum was not present hence no committee
29th April Teacher’s exam being held. All present except Winnie Dillon who is ill
1st May 1908 Grants were made for lining classroom and a tank PP

29th May 1908 The Wairarapa members (*Wellington Education Board*) were appointed to report on the site for a new school at Matarawa PP

4th May Annual visit by Inspector Tennant who expressed himself thoroughly satisfied with the work. Many promotions were made.

8th May Inspector's holiday

12th May Have introduced the new British Empire readers to all classes, on the Inspectors recommendation. The Committee has supplied 1 book of each standard for teacher's use

14th May Annie Ordish is still away-ill and Edward Playle is away on holiday

15th May Have received 1 new chair for use (by an extra big boy) with a table; also 1 dozen ink wells small to replace large ones

20th May Annie Ordish is still absent, all the others are attending

1st June Reopened today several are absent.

School Committee election postponed from 28th April. New Committee is as follows. Messrs Ordish (Chairman and Secretary) , Saywell (Treasurer), Knowles, Stratford, Zillwood

3rd June Prince of Wales's Birthday

8th June Received Inspection Report of May 4th

- a) Miss M Ussher Head teacher
- b) 20 boys, 9 girls
- c) Promotions were made in December and the classes were examined in last years work for the most part.
- d) More than half the pupils have been admitted since last examination and consequently there were some very weak candidates in several classes
- e) Reading Satisfactory

f) In Standard 7 candidate doing advanced English and Arithmetic

g) Order, discipline tone of school very Good

h) Efficiency of school etc Very satisfactory

12th June All in attendance except Jess Saywell who is still under the doctor

23rd June A meeting was held at the school consisting of Messers Buchannan and Viles (Wellington Education Board), School Committee and Settlers to discuss the question of selecting a new site for the school or patching up the present building. It was unanimously decided to do the latter- at any rate for the present- as the present site is more central for the majority of children and for those who will attend in the near future.

26th June 1908 A report recommending that the Matarawa school be not disturbed at present was adopted. PP

26th June Cecil Bain has been absent with a bad cold. Jessie Saywell has been absent for five weeks

29 June 1908 The Matarawa school site is not to be altered, the residents having come to the conclusion that it was the best obtainable PP

30th June The quarters average is 27 Roll 29

1st July Very heavy rain. Attendance small. The playgrounds are very wet and slippery.

2nd July Re- entered Enid Waterson -Standard 4

6th July Have re-entered James, Raymond, Evelyn and Vera Waterson who have returned to this district for a few weeks only.

9th July Jessie Saywell has returned after an absence of six weeks owing to an accident

10th July A miserable wet week- less than half present on three days- Present 16

13th July The clerk of works visited the school to note repairs needed. Mr Buchanan also came to meet the Board's Official and report at the next meeting of the Board

22nd July Arbor day- School closed

27th July Entered Walter Petersen- whose guardian is Mrs Neilson- he is in standard 6 Roll Number 35

3rd August Entered Melva Zillwood. She has been attending since Christmas but is only now of school age

7th August. Withdrawn Bambry family (4) who have gone to live in Dalefield. And A Ordish who is wanted at home. Roll No 31

11th August Have received a communication from the Truant Officer re Watersons who are attending though not very regularly. Have forwarded a reply

13th August Have concluded a test examination of all classes with fairly satisfactory results

17th August. The committee formed a "working bee" and attended on Saturday to trim the trees, gravel the playground etc.

19th August Attendance so far this week is suffering owing to many coughs, colds etc

The Hardinge's (3) and Noel Dillon are away ill, also Edward Playle (the latter is away 3 weeks)

25th August The Dillon family are ill. The two boys are under the doctor. E Playle still absent. The remainder (27) in attendance

28th August. The truant officer visited the school and spoke to the children re attendance

31st August Entered Gwendolyn Broderson, whose guardian is Mrs H Neilsen and aged 5 ½ years

2nd September Full attendance viz 32

14th September Re-opened with a full attendance -32

25th September The attendance this week has been a record as each child (32) has made the full attendance

"Dominion" medals presented to 29 children have written for 3 more
8th October Have received and distributed the remaining three "Dominion" medals

9th October Mr Direen Truant Inspector called but there are really no bad attenders

16th October All boys present- 4 girls absent, 2 ill

20th October Emily Hardinge is still absent owing to illness

21st October Inspector Tennant paid a surprise visit this afternoon and took the classes in Geography and Nature Study 29 were present

27th October The Hardinges (3) are still away owing to their father's illness

28th October very small attendance owing no doubt to it being the first day of the Carterton show

29th October Holiday for people's day at Carterton Show

30th October Holiday in lieu of Labour Day (14th)

6th November Have removed the following names from the roll- N Petersen and G Broderson and Enid and Evelyn Waterson- Roll now 28

9th November holiday for King's Birthday

12th November After an absence of 4 weeks Emily Hardinge is present

17th November School closed General election

19th November have received the Inspector's Report of recent inspection which is as follows

a) Classes Primers to Standard 6

- b) Miss Ussher. 32 children on roll 29 present
- c) Records carefully kept
- d) The setting out of written work commended
- e) Supervising in recess- satisfactory
- f) Manners general behaviour good
- g) Certain repairs and alterations have I understand been authorised and should be effected as soon as possible
- h) The seating arrangement particularly requires attention
- i) So far as possible the school is kept clean and tidy
- j) Signed J S Tennant Inspector

23rd November Colds, influenza etc seem prevalent and several are not present viz N Dillon, Ivo and Emily Hardinge, Ray Waterson

26th November Have today examined and Promoted Standard 1 and Primer 3

1st December The Watsons (3) are not in attendance either yesterday or today and have sent no excuse

3rd December Teacher's quarterly exam in all subjects, Winnie Dillon and Emily Hardinge are present and all others but Vera Waterson who has gone away

7th December A ramble was taken by teacher and pupils of one hour's duration

8th December Barnett and Alfred Phelps are absent today and yesterday. They are not regular

11th December The Clerk of Works called with the contractor who is to effect repairs to school and residence in the holidays

15th December The attendance is not so good, viz 23 and always falls away at holiday times

16th December Very wet and wintry. Small attendance viz 12

17th December Summer vacations begun Quarterly average 25

1909

1st February Reopened with an attendance of 21. 14 Boys and 7 girls
The school and residence have been painted and repairs effected during the holidays

3rd February Clerk of works called in order to see late repairs etc

4th February Have received from the Board a new map of the British Isles

5th February No new scholars have been enrolled

12th February Removed from roll Edward Playle, Percy Nichols, Raymond and James Waterson

Wet morning small attendance Viz 16

15th February Entered Eileen Ryan who is staying with Mr C Hardinge, Greytown

16th February Have received free school books (8) for current year as far as Standard 2

17th February Have received intimation of alteration in inspector's arrangements viz the inspector's visit will be early in the year and the annual visit at a later date : All schools are henceforth to be classified at end of year

19th February Have removed the name of Barnett Phelps from the roll as he is wanted at home. Alfred has not attended this year

26th February School picnic held. The member for the district N C Buchannan Esq. attended and presented the prizes

1st March Entered Harold Dransfield who is visiting his grandmother Mrs Stratford for a short time

4th March Absent Doris Knowles and George Bridgewater. Alfred Phelps has not yet attended

5th March Owing to continued absence have removed A Phelps name from roll

18th March The morning was very wet- nearly 1 inch of rain was registered. 15 present

26th March Removed from roll Eileen Ryan as she has returned to St Joseph's Orphanage. Jessie Saywell is seriously ill under the doctor

2nd April All in attendance bur Jessie Saywell who is ill and Harold Dransfield who is going home.

7th April Inspector's visit paid by Mr Tennant who expressed pleasure with the improvements to school ground and cottage 20 present

19th April After 4 week's absence Jessie Saywell is present. Entered Stanley Reid who is 11 years old and in standard 2

23rd April Very wet. River in flood- small attendance viz 8

26th April The annual meeting of householders was held to elect committee for ensuing year. The members of the outgoing committee were re-elected (Meeting invalid)

5th May received inspection report

School inspected 7th April

- a) Miss Ussher
- b) Roll 21 No present 20
- c) School records carefully kept
- d) Buildings grounds fences all in good order
- e) School and offices all tidy and clean
- f) J S Tennant

7th May All on roll attending well Average for week 22

12th May Raining heavily Present 9

19th May Mr J Dineen Truant officer called and warned three boys who are not attending as well as they should

24th May Empire Day School holiday

25th May Have sent to the Clerk of Works (at his request) measurements of fire place (school) in order that a fire guard may be provided

26th May Harry Hardinge is absent having cut his foot rather badly

27th May An acre of ground adjoining the school has been obtained by the Committee for a yearly rental and fenced by the Board for the use of horses of children attending the school

31st May- 4th June Term vacation

7th June All present Viz 21

10th June At the formal elections of the School Committee during the week's holiday the following members were elected. Messrs Ordish (Chairman), Saywell, Zillwood, Knowles, C Jones, F Jones and Ticehurst

11th June have received wire fireguard for which applied for last year

30th June The quarter average is the full roll- 21

7th July All attended well since first of July

13th July Have received a note from Secretary (*Board or Committee?*) on the high average (100%) of attendances for June Quarter

16th July Very wet 3 absent

21st July School Holiday Arbor Day

27th July As the weather was beautifully fine I took an hours winter ramble to the small bush near. Later the children wrote a composition on their observations

2nd August Very heavy rain has fallen attendance small

3rd August Am holding the second term examination for this year. W Higginson is absent and I have sent for him

10th August All present this week
 25th August Mr Dineen Truant Officer called all present
 31st August Doris Knowles and George Bridgewater are absent
 6th- 10th September School holiday
 (During the term holiday Mr Zillwood's three children have been found to be suffering from scarlet fever and have been sent to Greytown Hospital)
 13th September Opening Day. On advice from chairman delayed opening in order that the Health officer should fumigate the school and outbuildings – which he did.
 14th September Owing no doubt to the above several are absent
 15th September Entered Daisy Hardinge who is just five
 17th September The week's average is small viz eighteen. N Higgison is absent all week- ill and Jessie Saywell is absent owing to a cut foot
 20th September entered Halford Whiteman aged 6
 The attendance is still very small. quite a number are sick
 22nd September Jessie Saywell is still absent also Zillwoods (2)
 24th September Have taken off name of Doris Zillwood as she will be absent for some time
 4th October Jessie Saywell has returned today
 8th October. The Dillons (3) leave this week. As far as learning goes they are very unsatisfactory pupils as they make little or no progress at their work They are leaving the district
 13th September Have received through the Board six continuous readers for the infants. As the account was enclosed I have forwarded it to the Board
 Have held an examination prior to the inspectors visit
 18th October Re-entered James Waterson who is living with a guardian- Mr N Smith

20th October Annual visit toady of Inspector Tennant who pronounced the work of all standards good and all the children ready for promotion
 21st October Flag Hoisted- Trafalgar day
 22nd October Inspector's Holiday
 25th October Have re-entered the Dillons (3) temporarily' they were to leave the district three weeks ago but have been hindered so far.
 28th October School closed for Wairarapa A and P show
 29th October School closed in lieu of labour Day (13th)
 1st November have received Inspector Tennant's report. Included

- a) Miss Ussher Roll 21 present 20
- b) The present examination is held with a view of estimating the general character of the work, the promotions will be made at the end of the year
- c) Reading Good
- d) Recitation good
- e) Spelling good to very good
- f) Writing good Standard 6 very good
- g) The order and tone of the school is very good and Miss Ussher is to be commended for the thorough efficiency of the school in all departments
- h) J S Tennant

4th November As H Stratford was successful in obtaining his proficiency Certificate he has gone to the Greytown High School
 5th November Winifred and Owen Dillon have left again and gone to Greytown School
 9th November Kings Birthday Holiday
 10th November Doris and Melva Zillwood have returned. The former brought a doctor's certificate stating that she may now attend

12th November The week's average is 21 (Doris Knowles obtained a proficiency certificate but is still n attendance)

16th November An early summer ramble was taken for an hour down to the bush near. It is some four months since the last walk (July)

19th November left and returned to Carterton Arthur Hooker. The roll number is twenty one

26th November Truant officer Mr Direen called but all are at present attending well

29th November As per instructions I am holding an exam of all candidates. All candidates are really ready for promotion (inspectors exam held October 20th). The one Standard 6 girl is exempt from this exam as she gained her proficiency certificate on 20th October

1st December Concluded the exam of all but Standard 6 (Doris Knowles)

Have forwarded results to Board Office

6th December Mrs Hardinge has very kindly donated 2 books to the school library (Nos 2 and 3)

16th December The quarters average is 20- 95%

Have received promotion to the charge of Morison's Bush School (Kaitara) and take up new duties at beginning of the year

I wish to thank the committee for many kindnesses received during my term (4 years) as teacher here- I also wish my successor similar treatment and every success

Martha J Ussher

Omitted to state that 4 children obtained good attendance certificates from this year

23rd December 1909 The children and their parents, at Ponatahi, have presented Miss Merlet, school teacher, with a beautiful silver teapot

and a set of pretty salt-cellars, on the occasion of her leaving for Matarawa PP

1910

24th January Commenced Duty today in charge of this school. Isabella J Merlet. Weather very wet and stormy consequently school reopened with small attendance 12 out of 21

11th February Attendance satisfactory average for week 21/21

18th February One boy absent one half day this week. Rest all present

23rd February Two girls absent through illness otherwise attendance good

28th February One girl away with whooping cough

11th March School picnic held today

14th March Another girl has whooping cough

17th March Another girl has whooping cough. Fumigated the room with sulphur. With the exception of 3 ill the attendance is good

1st April Five children now away with whooping cough

4th April Inspector Millar visited the school today, on account of the cases of whooping cough. Saw several who have coughs but could not say for certain whether whooping cough. Asked me to report of any further developments

18th April Another boy away ill and two more girls ill last Friday. Received report of Inspector Tennant who visited the school on the 7th

Inspectors report included

a) Miss Merlet, Roll 21, present 16

b) The only pupil in Standard 4 will work with the present Standard 5 thus reducing number of classes

c) Attendance usually good. Present poor attendance is due to a local epidemic of whooping cough

d) Buildings etc satisfactory

e) School and offices clean and tidy

29th April It is decided that we take term holidays next week on account of number absent through whooping cough

6th May Committee closed school for another week for the same reason

16th May Reopened school today but still a poor attendance one or two fresh cases of whooping cough keeping others away. 10 present out of 21

19th May Average for the week 13

27th May Average for the week 12

30th May Hardings (4) not returned to school yet since whooping cough

31st May School Committee elections Messrs C Jones (Chairman), Me W Saywell, J Knowles, C Zillwood, W Ticehurst

1st June School closed for Kings Birthday Two pupils away on holiday this week. Average 12

10th June Cyril Grigg absent this week- met with an accident and injured his knee

13th June Same Boy sent to hospital, likely to be absent some weeks

17th June Very cold and wet only one boy and one girl present

15th June On advice of truant officer removed names of 4 Hardings from roll till they return

1st August Re entered 4 Hardings

22nd August 3 pupils absent owing to influenza. Term exam

29th August Very wet day only 5 present

12th September Resumed school Roll 19 Present 18. Wet day

20th October Examining pupils today

26th October Inspector's examination held today. The two Standard 6 pupils fit for proficiency certificate

7th November Standard 6 boys Cyril Grigg and Vincent Stratford went to High School

28th November Gave annual examination today forwarded results to Board

Received proficiency certificates for Cyril Grigg and Vincent Stratford

Inspectors Report included

- a) Miss Merlet
- b) Roll 21
- c) Standard 6 Good Proficiency certificates granted
- d) Physical Ed Swedish Drills- Breathing exercises. Too wet to examine
- e) All subjects at least good
- f) Singing not examined Good at last visit
- g) Nature Study Good Notebooks commended
- h) The order and tone of the school is commended, the pupils are eager and enthusiastic and good work has been done in all departments of the school work
- i) J S Tennant, Inspector

1911

30th January Reopened School and admitted 5 pupils Roll 26

10th February Holiday for school picnic

15th February Masterton Show

17th February Truant officer visited

24th February Have asked Committee if I can have yard fenced off in residence

27th March Three unused desks have been removed to Clareville School

30th March Holiday for unveiling Mahupuka Monument at Papawai

31st March Inspector visited school today. Took note of fence required for yard of residence

4th April Meeting of election (School Committee) lapsed owing to number present being insufficient

19th April Re-opened school attendance 24. Admitted one new pupil who is staying in the district for a few weeks

Wilfred Grigg absent being still in hospital since March suffering from blood poisoning. Gladys Smith also absent since March. Otherwise attendance good

8th May Received word that holidays commence on May 29th. On account of coronation holiday the term vacation has been postponed till June 16th when an extra week is to be given

Inspectors report for 21st March included

- a) Miss Merlet
- b) Roll 26
- c) Attendance good 97% for the quarter
- d) Good progress has been made in all classes with the years work
- e) The pupils are earnest in their work and the written exercise are commendably neat and careful;
- f) A fence dividing the residence back yard from children's playground is required to give the teacher a little more privacy
- g) School premises offices etc clean and tidy

h) J S Tennant

22nd May School Committee Mr. C Jones, chairman, Goff, W Saywell, J Knowles and Whiteman

3rd July 3 children absent on account of measles

21st July School closed owing to teacher's illness

8th August Another case of measles

16th August Five more absent through measles

23rd August One more case of measles

11th September A case of chicken pox in the school

26th September All children returned and present Roll 30

2nd October Two infants admitted Roll of 32

9th October Held examination

16th October Chief inspector visited school today. One infant absent, sick

17th October Received word that the grade of the school will be raised to III if average for current quarter is 28 or more

11th November Received inspector's report School closed 8th to 20th as teacher ill

20th November resumed school today Proficiency Exam to be held next week

27th November Held exam today

Inspectors report arrived 16th October and included

Class	Roll	Present
6	7	7
5	2	2
4	4	4
3	2	2
2	1	1

1	0	0
Primers	16	15
	32	31

- a) All subjects listed as good or better
- b) Singing Good
- c) Drill Free and Breathing exercises daily Good
- d) Order Discipline Very Good
- e) The school is under very satisfactory management and good work has been done during the year
- f) The Elderberry shoots which are growing between the lining of the wall of the school should be cut down immediately
- g) T R Fleming

1912

29th January Attendance 30 5 Standard 6 children have gone to District High Schools

And one has left to stay home. 2 new pupils admitted

16th February School picnic held

27th February Committee donated 11/9d left over from picnic fund to be spent on books for school library

3 pupils left district Roll 28

8th March Supply of miscellaneous readers only today, others not arrived yet

22nd April School Committee Elections Mr. C G Jones , chairman, W Ticehurst, R Gallon, I Whiteman, R Whiteman, W Goff

23rd April In 8 families attending this school there are cases of mumps but none of the pupils of this school have yet been attacked so I have sent the contacts home for a week. Committee agreed last

night that it was the best thing to do. 9 children are therefore absent as contacts

26th April On account of mumps in 8 families average only 21

Then no more entries from Miss Merlet

1916/9341 Isabella Annie Merlet Wilfred Winton Kidd

1938/22906 Kidd Isabella Annie 62Y

1944/28726 Kidd Wilfred Winton 61Y

Wilfrid Winton Kidd to Isabella Annie Merlet 1st February 1916. St Augustine's Napier Anglican PP

14th August Mrs Engstrom began duties Attendance 24

30th August School closed for term holidays

Inspectors Visit of 8th May included

- a) Miss Merlet
- b) March quarter average roll 29
- c) I found the children all employed and working under good control.
- d) The first term exam had been held and the work done showed that very satisfactory progress had been made
- e) Very good work has been done in writing
- f) The scholars obtained prizes for Brush drawing, Writing and Sewing at the Greytown flower show held in November 1911 and February 1912
- g) Seven scholars obtained proficiency at last annual examination
- h) Boys shelter shed requires slight repairs
- i) Part of the resident fence is rotten

j) Otherwise condition of building etc fairly satisfactory
 k) T R Fleming
 July 11th Weather bad only 12 present
 16th July Heavy rain and flood children unable to reach school. 2 present
NB Order is as in log note dates
 24th, 25th 26th 2,6,1 present
 26th July Teacher contracted bronchitis through the damp water lying all around residence and school
 31st Teacher absent 29th 9.30, 30th ill
 1st August Unable to regain voice and school closed
 9th September School has been under relieving teacher from 14th August to 30th. Reopened today after over 5 weeks absence
 17th September Commenced examining school Six new pupils entered since holidays four of whom are staying in district for a visit.
 18th September Roll 32 Attendance 31 the other having cut her foot very badly
 1st October Four children absent through influenza
 7th October Inspector's annual examination held today
 25th November Held examination and forwarded schedules and Standard 6 papers (1 pupil)
 13th December Standard 6 pupil gained proficiency certificate
 19th December Closed school for holidays
 Inspectors Report Included
 a) Miss Merlet
 b) Roll 32 with 14 primers and 7 in Standard 1
 c) Drill very satisfactory
 d) In spite of the fact that the work of the year suffered interruption owing to the absence through illness of the

teacher, the result of the examination is creditable to Miss Merlet who has had to carry out her duties when she was not fit to do so.

- e) The ventilation of the school is bad- only half the windows open at the top. As the summer is approaching this matter should receive early attention
- f) A B Charters

1913

3rd February Reopened school Attendance 26, Roll 27

14th February School Picnic. School ventilation improved by two windows

8th, 15th April Admitted 5 pupils Roll 35

13th April Visited Battleship, took 9 children, 3 members of School Committee also went with them

21st April Entered two new pupils Roll now 37. Three children are away from the district for a week. Two are today visiting the battleship

At recent show in Greytown 10 pupils entered work and took between them 16 prizes including writing, sewing, darning, brush design, floral design, decorated basket, vase etc

28th April Mr. C E Jones, R J Gallon, R Whiteman, J Whiteman, F Zillwood, J Edmond, W Ticehurst elected to School Committee

Inspectors report 13th May included

- a) Miss Merlet
- b) Roll 36 Present 31
- c) Overall rating Good
- d) Average attendance 95.4% for first quarter

- e) Quality of instruction good
- f) Boys shelter shed, reported on last year has not yet been repaired
- g) Results of first term examination shows very satisfactory progress
- h) A B Charters

29th April 1913 Matarawa: C. E. Jones (chairman), H J Ticehurst, F. T. H. Zillwood, R J. Gallon, J. A. Whiteman, E. R. Whitman, J. Edmonds PP

24th May Closed school for term holidays. Measles in two families in the district

4th June resumed school 34 present

18th August I Smith commenced duties as supply teacher

8th September I Merlet resumed today. 31 pupils present Roll 34

10th October Two pupils left today (Wellington)

31st October Holiday Carterton Show

18th December Closed for holidays Forwarded returns to Board. Roll 32

1914

3rd February Opened school today Attendance 26. Roll 29

18th February Masterton A and P Show

24th March Roll 32

20th April Very wet day only 15 present out of 32

28th April Wet and Stormy Attendance 10

1st May Four children in one family have been taken away to the camp at Takapau. Average for week 27

Inspectors report for 1913 includes

- a) Miss Merlet Roll 34
- b) The only weakness is in Standard 2 and 1 which were very weak classes last year. Miss Merlet's work shows intelligence and care and the school as a whole maintains the very satisfactory standard it has always reached under the present teacher

Inspectors report 3rd April 1914 included

- a) Miss Merlet
- b) Roll 32
- c) The school is intelligently and faithfully managed by Miss Merlet
- d) A good feature is made of the study of plant life in the Nature Study programme
- e) The pupils here have made good progress and all work industriously
- f) The building is very old and its condition fair in the circumstances- necessary repairs will be effected to the residence

7th May School Committee elected. Mr. C E Jones Secretary and Chairman, W J Ticehurst Treasurer, R J Gallon, J A Whiteman, W J Smith, C Rogers, D Brynes

3rd July 6 pupils absent chicken pox Had School fumigated

21st August Inspection examination held

16th September Reopened School Roll 41

Received Inspectors report included

- a) Miss Merlet
- b) Roll 42
- c) Owing to large roll number teacher has had a very difficult task during last few months, but I have every confidence that

Miss Merlet whose work always characterised by earnestness and thoroughness will be able to effect considerable improvement by the end of the year

1915

2nd February Opened School attendance 34

Then note Roll 40

March School picnic held

26th March Weather very bad average only 33 out of 40

9th April 5 children absent through influenza

16th April School closed teacher ill influenza

28th May Closed for term holidays today Roll 37 present 25

Inspection Report included May 10th included

- a) Roll 37 Present 25
- b) All classes were working satisfactorily. Intelligent teaching is a feature of the school work
- c) The brush drawing of some of the children deserves commendation
- d) Very wet stormy day accounts for number of absentees on day of my visit
- e) Grounds are rather damp in wet weather. Pools of water collect at corners of schoolroom, and in other places on the grounds. Miss Merlet reports that the new tubs are useless, that the new tank leaks and that no water is available for wash house and bath
- f) T R Fleming Inspector

23rd September Examination held by inspector included

- a) Miss Merlet Roll 27 present 25

b) Standard 6,3 children , Standard 3 7, 6, Standard 2 4.3, Primers 13,13

c) Attention is called to some necessary repairs in last report

d) The General work of the school is of a fairly satisfactory character

19th November Two cases of measles reported pupils will be absent until next year

Concluded examination papers and forwarded them to the Board Office. Two pupils, one in Standard 3 and One in Standard 2 were too weak to promote as their age does not justify promotion on work done

10th December By permission of Committee am closing school today, 4 days early and having resigned from the service as from January 31st 1916 Am giving up charge of this school

I A Merlet 10. 12.15

1916

1st February School was opened this morning with an attendance of 29. New teacher Miss (Grace Elliot) MacGregor

4th February Mrs. Goddard wrote asking that her two boys might leave school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Granted on condition that extra time be given when required to make up for lessons missed

10th February Meeting of School Committee and ladies of the district to arrange for annual school picnic to be held on 25th

17th February Poor attendance for the week- owing to several cases of sickness

29th February Received circular re patriotic needlework in school

3rd March School to be closed tomorrow for the annual picnic
 6th March Received from Smith and Smith school supply of plasticene (8 lbs) paints and brushwork paper (1 ream)
 20th March Ivo Hardinge returned to school today after six days absence at work. This week he and Geo. Biddle attend to the cleaning of the school
 29th March W Ticehurst and G Goddard take on the school cleaning this week. A number of children related to the deceased absent today on account of the death of Mr. Smith
 28th March I am informed today that Ivo Hardinge will be away for some time at work but may be back at school in the course of a fortnight or so. He is over 14 years of age
 3rd April R Biddle and F Goddard clean the school this week
 6th April The tap was accidentally left on today and the tank almost emptied. Schoolwork is considerably hampered through the irregular attendance of some of the children
 10th April I Harding and G Biddle clean the school this week
 14th April Window accidentally cracked by S J while playing marbles
 School closed for holidays. 16/- paid to boys for cleaning
 4th May B H returned to school today after three days absence at Masterton Her attendance is irregular and I find she cannot keep up with Standard 3 arithmetic
 5th May B H put back to Standard 2 for arithmetic
 10th May M. S. took ill in school this morning. Her mother called during the forenoon and took her away in the car
 10th May Mr. Morris organiser for the National Service, called at the school this forenoon and gave a twenty minutes' address on the objects of his organisation (24 membership) tickets to the amount of 24/- taken by the children

15th May Visit to school by Mr. Fleming Inspector
 22nd May First term examination throughout the school
 29th May Very small attendance (13) owing to wet and stormy weather
 30th May Yesterday Ivo Hardinge aged 14 ½ died in hospital from the effects of a gun accident. He was popular among his schoolmates and I have found him a pleasant and attentive pupil
 1916/4473 Hardinge Ivo Alfred Edwin 14Y
 ACCIDENTALLY SHOT. Greytown, May 29. ■ Ivan Hardinge accidentally shot, himself on Sunday, and was taken to the Masterton Hospital, where he died today. He was a son of Mr. Cecil Hardinge, of Greytown, and was fourteen years of age. He was out rabbit shooting and fell when the accident occurred. PP
 31st May School was closed for the afternoon on account of the funeral for Ivo Hardinge
 2nd June Appropriate Empire Day lessons given on the Flag, King's Birthday, the meaning of Empire Day and patriotic song sung
 5th June Wellington schools closed today but no notice of the holiday was sent to me and so none has been granted
 Inspectors report 16th May included

- a) Miss MacGregor Took charge in February
- b) Roll 31 present 331
- c) I discussed with Miss MacGregor the allotment of time to different subjects and mad suggestions
- d) Work was proceeding satisfactorily according to timetable
- e) A post or two broken on back fence
- f) Two windows broken but arrangements made to repair them
- g) Miss MacGregor reports that the scrim and paper of the ceiling in two rooms of the residence requires attention, and

that owing to a leak in the tank at the residence there is no supply of water to the bathroom and washhouse. This has been the condition of the residence for some time and has been reported previously. More cupboard accommodation required

- h) Provision has been made for cleaning the schoolroom but the cleaning of the offices is not satisfactory
- i) The pan in the girl's office should be attended to at once'
- j) T R Fleming

6th June Standards VI and V leave off the Talisman temporarily and take up Highroads of History Pat VII in place of it. Two of the four children in this class have just come to the school and find it hard to read Scott without any knowledge of the previous part of the Novel

14th June Mrs Hardinge wrote today offering a gold medal in memory of Ivo to be awarded to the best scholar for the year

19th June Particulars re Ivo Hardinge Medal

1. To be awarded annually to the best pupil in the school
2. All the ordinary school subjects to be counted and amiability also to be taken into consideration in adjudging the award
3. For 1916 the medal to be awarded on marks obtained from the present time to the end of the year
4. To be awarded each year so long as any of Geo's schoolmates are in attendance at this school

26th June Having been informed that the neighbouring schools had notice to keep the Prince of Wales's birthday today, I have closed the school for the holiday. No notice was sent here for Empire Day (5th June)

18th July Today have issued a circular to parents re Belgian Children's relief fund. We have decided to receive donations of money and produce up to the 24th inst

27th July £2=19 in cash and produce to the value of (Blank) has been forwarded to Wellington for the Belgian Children's Relief

25th July Mrs Bayliss has offered two prizes for school subjects to be decided upon by the teacher

1964/36043 MacGregor Grace Elliot 95Y

[Grace Elliot MACGREGOR](#) b: ABT 1868 in St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh

In 1881 the family emigrated to New Zealand on the Jessie Readman (where James ran a newspaper). They reached Port Chalmers on 25 October and stayed in Dunedin for 5 months. He started Columba Presbyterian Church in Oamaru. The building owes its classical form to his enthusiasm. He was a prolific writer, in both verse and prose.. Probate 2602, Dunedin, 16 Nov 1894.

4th August The weather for the past fortnight has been very rough and the attendance has been somewhat irregular

11th August F P has had an accident to her leg which will probably keep her from school for some time

14th August Special prizes are offered for attendance (best boy and girl) for good conduct (best boy and best girl below Standard III, for best kept exercise books (Teacher's prize in upper and lower divisions respectively and for good conduct (Best boy and best girl in Standards 3,4,5. The last two are offered by Mrs Bayliss

18th August Weather still unsettled and attendance bad for week

23rd August Second term examination held today throughout the school

31st August The school closed today for 7 days holiday, the first day being given for Empire Day which was not held here.

15th September received notice today that the inspector's annual visit will be paid on or about 28th September

22nd September Have given appropriate lessons today on the significance of Dominion Day Which will be held as a holiday

28th September School examined today by Mr. Fleming. Holiday tomorrow

24th October Received today 2 dozen plasticene boards and 3 boxes of coloured chalk

25th October School closed tomorrow for Carterton Show and Friday for Labour Day

30th October Three new desks were delivered at the school on Saturday 28th inst

7th November Sent to Greytown Red Cross depot the following articles made by the school children: 5 infants flannel jackets, 8 eye bandages, 9 knitted girdles, 2 treasure bags

19th November Miss Blackburne Drill instructress visited the school today

28th November finished the annual examination today including Standard 6

6th December Took the children's votes today on special prizes for good conduct Primers to Standard 2 and Standard 3-5 and on Amicability including Standard 6

14th December School closed for summer vacation

Inspectors report for 28th September include

- a) Roll 35
- b) Observation talks and lessons given on health and temperance
- c) The general work of this school is of a satisfactory character
- d) T R Fleming

1917

30th January School reopened today Most of the children have returned but some have not recovered from whooping cough which has been prevalent here during the holidays

12th February New cupboard set up in the school on Saturday Committee met last night and decided to hold the annual picnic on Friday March 2 in Mr. Jones' Bush

16th February received from Education Board supplementary readers. All named in log. Some of these were slightly injured in transit This afternoon the children of the four highest standards began to hem handkerchiefs sent out by the Lady Liverpool Committee in Carterton (2 dozen sent)

21st February Peoples day at Masterton Show and consequently a poor attendance at school

2nd March School picnic held today

5th March At the picnic the following special prizes for school work during 1916 were presented. Attendance Wilfred Ticehurst and Gladys Smith. Good Conduct Wilfred Ticehurst, Fred Goddard, Sybil Judd and Mollie Judd. Best kept exercise books Freda Parker and Ronald Knowles. Dux of the school (Ivo Hardinge's Medal) Daisy Hardinge

16th March School visited today by Mr. Direen Truant officer

16th April Received copy of Waite's "Chalk Drawing"

25th April Anzac day During the forenoon appropriate lessons were given and patriotic songs sung. The afternoon was observed as a holiday

8th May Finished first term exams today

11th May Sent in today to Lady Liverpool Committee, Carterton 2 dozen handkerchiefs hemmed by the school children. The girls began some treasure bags made from material contributed locally. The boys had an hours work in the afternoon preparing a potato plot at the back of the school

14th May Rough weather with creeks in flood. Small attendance

19th June Two loads of wood delivered today
 L G Complaining of headache and having high temperature, sent home during the forenoon
 23rd June received circulars from Education Board re Arbor Day and London Children's relief Fund
 4th July Forwarded to Bank of NZ Wellington the sum of 18/- being the school contribution to the above fund
 16th July Received circular re Soldier's Comfort Fund
 20th July Annual examination by Mr. Stuckey- Inspector's Holiday to be held on Monday. N.B Proficiency Pupil to be examined in November in Greytown. Taking with her Journals and writing block and also record of marks obtained at previous examinations
 6th August Brush work material received: viz 1000 sheets of paper, 2 dozen paint brushes, 6 bottles of paint
 14th August Very stormy- only 8 children present
 29th August Second term examinations of all classes held today and yesterday
 21st September Dominion Day holiday announced with suitable explanation of the occasion
 8th October Several panes of the side windows smashed by the gale last night. The chairman of Committee is arranging to have new ones supplied
 Inspectors report of 20th July received, included

- a) Roll 30 Present 30
- b) In preparing schemes for next years work full regard will be paid to the requirements of the recent amendments to the syllabus
- c) Nature Study Fair Knowledge of certain facts but little evidence of practical outdoor work or investigation
- d) Buildings Satisfactory
- e) The fences are in a dilapidated condition. The Clerk of works might make a report when in the neighbourhood
- f) F G A Stuckey Inspector

10th October Completed composition tests and mental arithmetic tests set by the inspectors for the month of August and received here at the end of last week
 15th October R B returned to school today after two days absence working on the farm
 26th October School reopened this morning after two days holiday for Carterton show Labour day was not held as a holiday
 3rd November This afternoon the boys planted several rows of Robin Adair potatoes. The proceeds from their sale in the autumn is to go to the Red Cross or some such object
 9th November The broken window panes have all been replaced
 16th November Received notice today of Proficiency examination to be held in Greytown on the 29th inst. Received receipt National Service League 1/6d for booklets purchased by school children
 20th November School visited by Mr. Just Inspector of Physical Instruction
 21st November Annual examination of the school begun today. 13 entries (including sewing, writing, brushwork and plasticene modelling) sent to Greytown Show. E B kept at home yesterday to help his father with shearing
 25th November Finished annual exams of standards 5 to 1. The following took prizes at the show
 F Parker (Writing 1), G Gallon (Brushwork 2), R Knowles (Writing 2 and plasticene 2), Claude Smith (Plasticene 2), A White and S Judd (Sewing 1 and 2) Highly Commended L Parker (Writing) and G Smith (Brush work)
 27th November Sent today to Lady Liverpool Committee, Carterton 19 soldiers treasure bags made by school children
 30th September Have this week given lessons to Standards VI- 1 preliminary to next years proposed course on paper folding and cardboard work
 8th December 7 dozen eggs and 9 dozen bottles collected for drives in connection with the Carterton Red Cross sale

20th December School closed this afternoon for summer holidays

1918

5th February School reopened this morning

8th February School potato crop dug and stored. To be sold for Red Cross Funds

15th February Working under new scheme of work and revised timetable

22nd February Received today 1½ dozen knives for cardboard work from Board

25th February At meeting last night it was decided to hold the school picnic on 8th March. £4 voted for school prizes

Special Prizes Ivo Hardinge medal (Dux), Good Conduct (II-V) Mrs Bayliss (2), Class Marks in III and IV (Mrs Gilbert (2), Progress 1 Mrs Ticehurst, Best Exercise Books (Teachers Prize), General Knowledge Mrs Biddle

4th March Received on Saturday inst from Board, 72 sheets of cardboard and 4 bottles of Cici and 18 strawboards 15 inches by 12 inches, returned to Board forms 1414,1415 receipts for same

8th March School picnic held today

15th March Senior division girls (Standard VI- III) making hot water bag covers for Red Cross

19th March Very small attendance this forenoon (Under half roll number) on account of the darkness due to bush fires on the ranges, Dismissed school at 11.15 to admit of children reaching their homes before smoke become too dense

26th Received Map

27th March Explained above to Standard VI-III

19th April School visited today by Mr. Stuckey, Inspector

25th April Anzac Day Appropriate lessons given Addressed by Mrs. Gilbert, wife of one of our Anzac Men. Flag saluted. School closed for afternoon

22nd May Received per order of Education Board; 5 lbs of plasticene, 6 wire calculators, box of coloured chalk, box of beads, 3 dozen brown paper drawing books, 18 boxes of crayons

Sent out absence notices re E S who has brought no written excuse on three occasions of absence this month.

27th May Received satisfactory reply to above

3rd June Empire day Holiday

21st June Heard that E S has Diphtheria. Fumigated the school. School dismissed early as the creeks are in flood.

24th June School closed for two days for fumigation etc

26th June Reopened today- the school having been fumigated by the Health officer and on his recommendation scrubbed on the following day

1st July Mr. Stuckey held examination today. Very wet only 26 present. School closed in afternoon

18th July Seven loads of gravel laid on paths around school

19th July Rough day with frequent snow showers. 14 children present in the forenoon. School dismissed the afternoon owing to threatening weather

26th July Attendance has been very irregular during this week owing to snowstorm dam bitter weather

1st August Owing to another case of diphtheria in the district the school closed today instead of tomorrow. I will open a day before the appointed time of expiry of school holidays

Inspection report of 17th April and 1st July included

Class	Roll	Present
6	3	1
5	5	4
4	5	5
3	6	5
2	7	3
1	8	6
Primers	8	3

Total	42	27
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- a) Miss MacGregor
 - b) Roll 42 Present 27
 - c) The weather was very wet on the day of my second visit and there has been some sickness in the school
 - d) Attendance Very fair 86% for the year ending March 31st
 - e) With the present high roll the school is a most difficult one for a sole teacher. An attempt should be made to maintain a higher average, thus securing an assistant for next year
 - f) Needlework very Good
 - g) Some of the children rather talkative and inattentive.
 - h) Some gravel to be spread around the school
 - i) F G A Stuckey
- 3rd September No school yesterday as the teacher had sprained her ankle. School opened this morning but closed until the 11th owing to the accident
- 16th September Teacher unable to resume duty on the 11th. School reopened today
- 7th October School closed today for holiday on account of capitulation of Bulgaria- Flag saluted before school dismissed
- 20th October Three day's holiday given for Carterton Show (2) and Labour Day
- 4th November Half holiday to celebrate the surrender of Austria
- 8th November Reported capitulation of Germany- School dismissed 11 a.m.
- 2nd December Good Attendance on Monday 11th November, but dismissed on account of influenza epidemic- will reopen February 4th 1919
- All examination results completed and the various schedules and returns forwarded to the Board's Office

1919

4th February 8 pupils have left, 5 to reside elsewhere and 3 (Proficiency) to attend other schools. School has been thoroughly cleaned during the holidays and grass mowed in the playgrounds

7th February 8 new pupils admitted during the week

14th February Working under new timetable on new scheme of work

19th February School closed yesterday for Masterton Agricultural Show

27th February Annual picnic to be held tomorrow Special Prizes Good Conduct Girl Standard 3-5 (Mrs Ticehurst), Examination Marks (Standard 3-5) Boys and Girls, Mrs Bayliss, Sewing Mrs Whiteman, General Knowledge, Mr. Biddle, Ivo Hardinge Gold Medal (Mrs Hardinge)

Sent during the week for supply of material for handwork, 8 dozen sheets cardboard, 8 knives, coloured chalk

7th March E and LB removed to Pirinoa school for a few weeks. E took his transfer and will attend school there. Supply of cardboard finished this week. Received journals for March

19th March E and LB returned today. Received at end of last week, 5 dozen sheets cardboard and 1 box of coloured chalk; also 8 modelling knives

23rd March Returned signed invoices for handwork material

April School visited by Mr. Stuckey, inspector

2nd May School opened on Tuesday after Easter and Term Holiday. Closed for Thursday afternoon on occasion of returned soldiers reception in Carterton. School Boys received club (match) football this week

9th May Sent off to Masterton result of children's vote on favourite subject taught in school

12th May Two loads of firewood left on Saturday 10th inst.

16th May S K absent all week with sickness suspiciously like chicken pox. At my request (and that of chairman of School Committee) parents have kept others of the family at home for a few days

23rd May Clerk of works visited today and made suggestions re repairs to fences

30th May There have been three cases of chicken pox including SK (May 16th entry) One (R K) still absent. Most of the children are having cocoa regularly at midday

13th June One case of sickness (M J) lasting the whole week. Find on inquiry patient on way to recovery

20th June During the week received copy of Jones' Spelling book, but keep on with present scheme till exam is over. With regard to entry

13th June- M J still absent on account of influenza in the house

27th June Very poor attendance for this week due partly to unfavourable weather. Several pupils have had colds and are kept at home

4th July On receipt of news of Germany's signature to Peace treaty reference was made to the fact and school proceeded as usual in the forenoon. In the afternoon special lessons- drawing- reading and Transcriptions were followed by an impromptu afternoon tea with patriotic songs, cheers and indoor games

7th July Received today from the Education Board office parcel of school stationery included weekly work book ordered earlier in the year

11th July Distributed 14 tubes of dental cream and applied to Department for 4 more as the supply was not sufficient. Took occasion to draw the children's attention to the importance of the preservation of teeth.- school tank cleaned out by some of the boys

18th July The King's Peace Proclamation read in school today- Monday 21st inst to be observed as school holiday when celebrations will be continued

23rd July Arbor Day Appropriate reading and Nature Study lessons given. Peace tree planted in school grounds

24th July School visited by Mr. Cummings who mad suggestions in Nature Study and recommended that a school garden be started when the teaching staff is increased

31st July Term examination held this week, satisfactory on the whole. School closed today for term holidays on recommendation of School Committee Chairman

25th August R B and J R cleaned the spouting on the tank side of the school

26th August Received news today that the inspectors visit has been postponed till next week or possibly till a few weeks hence

1st September School examined today by Mr. Stuckey Wednesday is to be the inspector's holiday

15th September School closed this afternoon to admit of pupils attending The Land We Live In picture matinee in Carterton

22nd September Dominion Day Holiday

24th September Omitted to note August 29th dismissed one of the older boys F W (Aged 14) for continued disobedience and insolence School closed this afternoon when most of the children of Standard I to VI attended a lecture on the war given in Greytown by Lieutenant Colonel Charters

2nd October Creeks very high and Swamp Road Children unable to attend school on that account

6th October Received notice of appointment of Miss Gunn as assistant to take up duty her on Monday 13th inst

9th October J R absent this afternoon at drill instruction in Greytown of which I have had no notice

16th October Fire started by match thrown by E S among dry grass. Corner of school wall slightly burned

19th October Re entry of October 6th- No further word of assistant. Chairman of Committee has written informing the Board

21st October Trafalgar Day noted with special lessons on its significance

23rd October Word from Education Board that owing to decease in roll number no assistant is being sent at present

24th October Monday First, Labour Day and Wednesday and Thursday Show Day are to be observed as holidays. Leave of absence

for the intervening Tuesday has been granted by the School Committee owing to special circumstances

Yesterday 4 new taps were supplied for the wash house in place of the defective ones which have been removed. As the tank is empty at the moment the leakage cannot be tested

3rd November Last night's gale has loosened sheets of iron on playshed roof and levelled parts of the fence

11th November Armistice Day Noted by appropriate lessons and observance of two minutes silence from 11.00

17th November Proficiency Exam in Greytown High School today

20th November J R absent this afternoon at Drill Parade in Greytown

24th November Annual examination of Standards 5-1 held today. On Friday 1st Mr. Just visited the school and drilled the children He recommends working only on the first 12 sets of exercises annually

Inspection report on 1st April and 1st September included

- a) Miss MacGregor
- b) Roll 39 Present 36
- c) On last year's attendance the school is entitled to an assistant. Owing to the shortage of teachers it has so far been impossible to find anyone to fill the position
- d) Very suitable programmes are in use
- e) Plasticene modelling and cardboard modelling satisfactory
- f) Needlework very satisfactory
- g) Many of the pupils are restless, talkative and troublesome generally. Considerable improvement will be expected in this respect
- h) The buildings are in fair order, the fences in very bad condition
- i) With the present roll number the room is full. Additional accommodation cannot be recommended on the following grounds
 - 1) Some of the pupils live in the Greytown district and there is room for them at the Greytown District High School

2) Some of them live within two miles of the Dalefield school where there is accommodation for them

3) F G A Stuckey Inspector

4th December On their own suggestion the boys have begun preparing for gardens a piece of ground previously selected by Mr. Cumming for that purpose

10th December Some rows of potatoes planted today

12th December School closed yesterday to enable pupils to attend the Schools' Sports in Carterton. A good number took part in the events

16th December School closed for summer holidays

1920

19th February School opened today after extended holidays owing to the prevalence of Influenza. I commenced duties as relieving teacher (Esther) Amy Westlake

Entered 3 new children Roll Boys 15, Girls 18

26th February. Very wet day The result is several children are absent

27th February Annual school picnic today

9th March Brenda Bayless returned today. Has been away at Hamilton with her parents for a while

18th March Took children for a swim after schoolwork was over. Behaviour of children was excellent

22nd March Return of G M and I Biddle absent for a week with mild influenza and also L Rogers had been away two days owing to extraction of teeth

8th April Very wet day only 14 present

9th April Very wet day only 15 present

14th April Inspector A N Burns visited school today

28th April Meeting of Householdors. Elected to School Committee Mr. C Jones, chairman, R Gallon, W Ticehurst, W Chamberlain, J Todd

5th May In afternoon took children to Carterton to see H R H Prince of Wales. Prince gave one extra days holiday- total 3
 11th May Reopened with full attendance 33
 15th May The boys tried to repair boundary fences at recess, in a very dilapidated state. Also commenced digging school gardens
 14th May Closed school for term holiday. Wrote to Mr. Cummings re garden tools etc
 19th May 1920 Mrs G E MacGregor resigned PP
 1st June Reopened after school holidays. Received note of my appointment until end of the year Attendance Boys 15 Girls 17
 3rd June King's Birthday School closed
 7th June Brenda Bayliss returned after a week's absence – death of a relative
 21st June Entered two new boys (Lyall and Harold Hooper) Wrote to Education Board re fences and shed improvements
 23rd June Exceptionally rough day Attendance Boys 12 Girls 12
 22nd June R W absent at Palmerston Show for 3 days
 M August absent away at Napier
 28th and 30th June The school hockey team played Greytown School (After School) 2:1
 7th July Return Hockey match played in Greytown after school Score: Matarawa 6 Greytown Nil
 9th July Visit by Mr. Cummings re requisites I applied for
 20th July Received word that garden tools etc had reached Carterton
 21st July Visit of Mr. Cumming's assistant Mr. Lawton and had a short address re names of specimens we had collected
 23rd July Weekly attendance only fair owing to sickness still prevalent Girls 13 Boys 15
 23rd July The chairman of the School Committee (Mr. Jones) brought the garden tools down from Carterton for me
 30th July Evening held to raise funds for school picnic £6-0-0 realised
 2nd August Inspector Burns annual visit paid today
 4th August 6th Anniversary of the Great War

9th August Closed Inspector's holiday
 11th August Final hockey match with Greytown Result 4-3 3.30 pm
 17th August Plasticene brown paper and chalk from Board
 18th August Poor attendance due to prevalence of whooping cough and influenza
 7th September Reopened school with very low attendance only 19 present. Boys 13
 Whooping cough being the cause of absence of others. Inspector's annual report received by me
 Mr. Powell (Wellington Education Board) visited the school today and approved of necessary improvements to both school and residence
 8th September Repairs at residence commenced today
 13th September T Square and inkwells received from Education Board
 Inspectors Report of April 14th and 2nd August included

- a) Miss A Westlake
- b) Roll 34
- c) The schemes have not been remodelled as Miss Westlake's position s relieving teacher has been uncertain. It will be necessary to have the schemes improved next year on lines indicated by my notes in the scheme of work book
- d) The work done in all subjects covers a very satisfactory part of the year's work (Except Geography and History)
- e) The school according to last year's report was in a very backward state dn good work has been done by he present teacher towards raising it to a satisfactory state of efficiency
- f) Arithmetic has improved from weak to good
- g) The children are taking a keen interest in gardening
- h) The children are orderly and good mannered. There has been a lack of diligence in the past but a keen spirit of work is now apparent

i) Attention is again called to the state of the fences and shelter sheds. A new step is required at the front door

j) A N Burns Inspector

17th September Attendance still very poor Weekly Average 19

21st September return of 3 children after whooping cough

27th September ~~Labour~~ Dominion Day not observed as a holiday but to be observed later. Appropriate reference made

26th September Return of 3 more children

29th 30th September Very stormy, river flooded- low attendance Whooping cough still prevalent

4th October Dominion Day observed today

5th October Return of remainder of whooping cough children. Full attendance

6th October Fine Day Full attendance

22nd October Full attendance for whole week Boys 15 Girls 16

25th October labour day No Holiday Dreadful Southerly storm Only 12 present

27th 28th October Two days holiday for Carterton Show

11th November Armistice day Flag Hoisted, Two minutes silence at 1.00 Appropriate songs sung

Visit of Truant officer No complaints re attendance generally

13th November Dr Ada Patterson paid a visit to this school. Remarked on good condition of children's teeth

19th November Proficiency certificate Examination in Greytown High School today (2 pupils)

22nd November Received word re proficiency results. Both candidates procured proficiency

23rd November Commenced annual examination today Full attendance

25th November Greytown Spring Show Today Matarawa School won 20 prizes

9th December Holiday Wairarapa School Sports held in Carterton today

Matarawa School – Jack Rogers won Wairarapa Championship

8th December Committee meeting held Picnic to be held 17th December

10th December J and L Rogers received today 10/- money from First Prize Best individual garden plot on the Wairarapa

16th December School closed today for summer vacation. Combined Matarawa Dalefield School concert held tonight in aid of Memorial Park £22 raised

1921

1st February Reopened school today Painters still at work at outbuilding

4th February Attendance low owing to measles

7th February Weather very sultry Several children not well owing to heat

15th February received six coloured illustrations from Education Board as applied for

16th February holiday for Masterton Show

23rd February Receive plasticene board, paints etc from Education Board also weekly work book and scheme

24th February Fete day in Carterton Holiday observed by all schools

3rd march Children allowed out an hour early for Dalefield Picnic

10th March Three children absent through outbreak of chicken pox

17th March Mr. Cummings visited the school inspected tools, plots etc. Children had another lesson in swimming. One more boy learnt

30th March Reopened again Attendance Boys 14 Girls 12 Sickness in two families

15th April Two girls absent for week. Sore throats prevalent just now

15th April W E Chamberlain (Chairman and Secretary), W Ticehurst (Treasurer), R Gallon, D Todd, W Wilson Election of School Committee

20th April Very wet day. Several children absent through illness, Colds very prevalent

25th April School closed for Anzac Day Service in Carterton

26th April I Biddle returned after 2 weeks illness

3rd May Reopened school today Roll 31 Very fine day

31st May Euchre tourney held in school in aid of Picnic and Library £2-14-0 realised

1st June Received map of the world and ten free readers

3rd June School closed for King's Birthday

14th June Euchre party held in school for prize fund. £2 odd balance

27th June Very wet day Closed school early less than half present

23rd June Further euchre tournament held

5th July Held Children's party Proceeds for library £5 (roughly)

12th July Annual examination visit by Mr. Cowles

20th July Inspector's holiday taken

19th July Busy Bee by Committee- hedge cutting etc

29th July Football match against Dalefield School Result Matarawa 55 Dalefield 5

3rd August Took 14 children to Masterton to see War Trophy Exhibition. Splendid Exhibition and Thoroughly educative

4th August 7th Anniversary of the Great War

Very wet day. Great floods, roads under water. Only 16 present

5th 6th August both very wet days low attendance

16th August Final Euchre party for this season held in school Proceeds about £4 very successful

Inspectors report of 11th July included

- a) Miss A Westlake
- b) Roll 28 Present 27

c) School pupils was carefully graded

d) Recitation good but pupils are not word perfect

e) Spelling good in tests but small words in composition are frequently miss-spelled

f) Drawing very satisfactory Primer classes are very good

g) The gardens are in good order

h) Sports are well organised

i) Buildings are good except that the inside is rather dingy

j) Fences are in bad repair but being attended to

k) The teacher is commended for the general tone of the school

l) A Cowles Inspector

6th September School reopened only 24 present. Absence due to colds etc

12th September L H returned after rheumatic Fever Received barometer and mounting

16th September Mr. Powell Wellington Education Board called at school today. Inspection of fencing Done

19th September Received 1 ½ hours leave this morning to come from Wellington. Training College reunion Saturday 17th

24th September School closed for Dominion Day

14th October L Rogers away with quinsy under Doctor

D Herrick away with Rheumatic fever under doctor

20th October One boy cut his foot badly today

21st October Trafalgar Day Special lesson on the significance

24th October The holiday observed today for Labour Day but to be taken on Friday. Heavy Southerly rainfall, only 8 present. Creeks in flood

24th October Carterton A and P Show No Holiday Given. Low Attendance

27th October Carterton A and P Show Peoples day School closed

28th October Dominion Day Observed

11th November Armistice Day 2 minutes silence observed. Appropriate lessons taken and flag saluted. Entered 3 new children

14th November Entered two more new children
 18th November Greytown Show Held. Following list of prizes
 Darning: May Herrick (1st), Ngaire Parker (1st), Aileen White (2nd)
 Plain Sewing May Herrick (1st)
 Handkerchief N Parker (1st) A White (2nd)
 Brushwork A White (1st) N Parker (2nd) L Gallon (3rd) Ken Power (1st)
 Plasticene T White (1st) Jim Todd (2nd), H Hooper 3rd, M Chamberlain (1st)
 Writing M Herrick (2nd) N Parker (3rd)
 Map of New Zealand N Parker (3rd)
 Child's Pinafore M Herrick (1st)
 Fancy Work N Parker 3rd and 2nd. Total prizes 20
 24th November Mr. Lawton Agricultural Advisor visited today
 25th November Finished annual Exam today- Quite satisfactory
 29th November Proficiency Exam in Featherston- Did not receive notice to attend Greytown in time Result 3 proficiencies out of 3
 L Rogers unable to attend through illness Awarded endorsed competency
 29th November Received Mr. Lawton's Report included
 a) Quality of work is high
 b) A number of plots both vegetable and flower are under cultivation in various parts of the grounds
 c) The rabbit pest is responsible for the loss of vegetable otherwise the plots are in good shape
 d) The various native (Native?) trees in the neighbourhood are the base of study and are well carried out
 30th November Posted examination schedules to Education Board today
 6th December Took children's voting today on Standard 6 for Conduct towards medal
 10th December School closed for (annual) Wairarapa School Sports, Took children L Rogers our runner for championship was ill

13th December Heavy Southerly. Only 10 present closed school early
 16th December Annual Picnic Held today and prize giving. Ngaire Parker awarded Ivo Hardinge memorial medal
 10th December Went for third swim today Break Up party held in afternoon and Christmas Tree
 21st December School closed for summer vacation

1922

7th February Reopened school One Standard 6 pupil gone to High School
 12th February L Rogers entered Greytown High School today
 15th February School closed for Masterton Show
 27th February Received notice of new rate of salary today
 1st March L Herrick in hospital with Tuberculosis in Greytown Hospital
 18th March Received oath of allegiance form (*For Teachers*)
 20th March Return of Les Herrick after operation. Many suffering from colds
 23rd March Nurse Buckley examined children today. Only very slight defects
 25th March Received Karaka Spray and berry from Mr. Lawton as promised
 31st March Sanitary Inspector closed school- I was in contact with case of a paralysis form- later proved to be infantile paralysis
 19th April Miss Ogg relieved here from 1st – 14th. I recommenced duty today. Full attendance
 26th April Visit by Mr. Cowles Inspector today- Very stormy weather
 25th April Anzac day Children and teacher attended service in Greytown
 26th April School closed as teacher summoned as witness in a court case in Carterton

31st May School Committee elected. Mr. W Ticehurst Chairman and Secretary, Treasurer Robert Gallon, Mr. Todd, Mr. Groube, Mr. White

8th May First term exam held today Full attendance Boys 18, Girls 11

10th May First Term exam concluded. Reports sent out

7th June Euchre party held in aid of school funds

12th June Entered two new pupils Attendance full (26)

29th June Mr. Powell visited school today- ordered tanks as other one rust eaten and very old

30th June Held school concert in aid of memorial tablet. Nett proceeds £4-10-0.

6th July Tank set up today. Memorial Board hung by chairman

14th July Low attendance, big floods, Land under water

23rd July Received notice of Inspector's visit September 4th – 6th. Decided to take holiday August 5th – August 23rd

4th August 8th anniversary of the great war. Special references made. Closed school today for 2nd term holiday

22nd August School opened today 3 absent Received word of inspector's visit and Children scrubbed the walls etc this afternoon

23rd August Mr. Lawton Agricultural inspector visited school today

24th August The Drill instructor Mr. Montfort came but weather was too rough to take drill outside Painters at work so school work taken in shed

25th August Painting completed by Committee this afternoon

30th August Drill instructor took children for an hour this morning

6th September 6 boys allowed time off to play a hockey match in Carterton

7th September Inspector Cowles visited the school today

11th September Inspector's holiday taken

13th September Very stormy only 13 present

14th September Mr. Lawton's report included

a) Grounds are ready for sowing and planting. The children supply their own materials and are waiting for favourable weather. The results are usually good

b) Theoretical: Assumes the form of general nature study talks

c) The children are very much interested in their work and their teacher sets them a good example

d) Many questions were answered and specimens named

25th September Dominion Day but holiday not taken

7th October Inspectors report included

a) Miss Westlake

b) Roll 25 Present 19

c) The school is well managed and under very efficient control

d) The work of the pupils is very satisfactory and the progress for the time of the year Good

e) Accommodation Now ample

f) Ample provision is made for ventilation, cleaning and warming

g) The Committee takes a very commendable interest in the welfare of the school

h) A fine honours board has been placed on the walls of the schoolroom

i) A new library of 100 well chosen volumes has been bought and the interior rooms of the school room have been cleaned and painted.

j) The classes work under good control. The pupils are responsive and attack their work in good style

k) Geography and writing very satisfactory

l) A little improvement of setting out of written work is desirable

m) Miss Westlake is commended for the all round development of her pupils both in school and out

n) Alfred Cowles

24th October Labour day observed as school holiday

26th October Carterton A and P Show holiday given
 27th October Dominion Day observed as previously postponed
 30th October received notice of proficiency exam. In Greytown 1st November
 1st November Proficiency examinations held. 3 candidates 3 proficiency certificates
 17th November Annual examination held today
 20th November return of 3 Knowles children after attack of pneumonia
 23rd November Greytown Show Children gained 18 prizes
 27th November Received proficiency certificates today also prize money from A and P Show
 1st December Wairarapa Sports held in Carterton today
 4th December decided to hold picnic on Friday 15th
 14th December School closed for summer vacation. Received £1-3 for garden prizes

1923

1st February Reopened school today Entered 4 new pupils
 Roll 12 boys 10 girls
 21st February Masterton Show holiday
 22nd February Heavy Southerly but only 1 pupil absent
 8th March Mr. Lawton visited school (Agriculture) his report included

- a) Programme. 2nd year of Board's programme
- b) Good, Crops have been satisfactory and are mostly harvested
- c) Sufficient flowers and vegetables still in ground to show the extent of the work done
- d) Theoretical- Work is always good. At present insects are being collected and will be the base for the year's work
- e) As the school is on the down grade it may be necessary to reduce the garden plots.
- f) Keep the question page going

20th March One pupil temporarily away in Wellington removed from roll. The roll now 18
 27th march Held a children's party and concert in aid of the organ Benefit amounted to £4-2-0
 23rd April Return of E Smith after 4 weeks absence- due to injury to ankle
 24th April Return of William Shirtcliffe absent since the 16th – Mother ill
 30th April Election of School Committee Mr. W J Ticehurst Chairman Secretary, R Gallon Treasurer, D Todd, F Groube, A E Knowles
 4th May Sent out reports today- satisfactory results Setting out still needs improvement
 10th May Inspector Burns visited this morning- very wet only 11 present
 29th May Reopened school 14 present
 Inspectors report Mr. A N Burns included

- a) Miss Westlake
- b) Work book well kept
- c) As the weather was very wet the attendance was very small
- d) The pupils are well trained in habits of industry
- e) The term examination tests were of a very satisfactory nature and the results show the instruction has been good
- f) A N Burns

4th June Holiday for King's Birthday
 6th June Ala Gallon met with injury to her eye during weekend and is absent
 23rd June Les Herrick in hospital with throat trouble
 24th July Inspector Coles visited the school today
 3rd August Reference to the anniversary of the Great War, and its beginning August 4th 1914
 6th August Only 11 present Prevalence of influenza and croup

10th August Average of 11 out of roll of 21 all this week. Borrowed gramophone and bought record of King's and Queen's message and children heard same this afternoon

14th August Only 7 present On Chairman's recommendation school closed this afternoon in place of usual term holidays

4th September Reopened school today Entered one new girl Roll 22 Present 21

Inspectors Report of 24th July included

- a) Miss Westlake
- b) Roll 21 present 17
- c) The school is under capable direction
- d) The pupils are responsive and keen
- e) The classroom is very clean and attractive- the result of cooperation of the pupils with their teacher
- f) The Committee has bought an organ for use in the school. Part of the cost being raised by the teacher.
- g) Pupils exercise self control and initiative
- h) Alfred Cowles

24th September Dominion Day School closed

27th September As this school has dropped to grade 1 I have received word of my transfer as from today

I wish to thank the Committee for their kindness during my term here. I also wish my successor similar treatment and every success

Amy E Westlake

4th October 1923 Mrs B Tuck appointed Sole Teacher PP

21st October Commenced duties today

24th 25th October Holidays for Carterton Show Did not have holiday for Labour Day 22nd

26th October Very poor attendance after the holidays

1st November Visit Truant inspector. Fill attendance

9th November Howard Hooper and Eric Smith sat for proficiency

13th December Less than half attendance owing to chicken pox Drawing and Plasticene sent to Greytown Show, also sewing. Prizes awarded to Thelma White, Eileen Groube, Verna Raymond

Carterton Sports Howard Hooper carried off championship December 7th. A holiday granted so children might attend

14th December Closing school only 7 children present owing to chicken pox

1924

30th January Mrs A B (*Alice Beatrice ex Rongotea*) Tuck Reopened

1876/1431 Morling Alice Beatrice Patience Joseph School Attendance not good. Howard Hooper going to Greytown High School. Eric Smith left school

6th February Meeting of parents decided to have picnic 15th February

18th February Annual Picnic held in school grounds 15th February, Very good attendance of parents and friends. Distribution of prizes by Mr. Ticehurst. Medal presented by Mrs Hardinge awarded to Howard Hooper as dux of the school

22nd February School closed yesterday for Masterton Show

11th March Visit of Truant officer wet day 15 present

20th March Visit of agricultural instructor- explained new requirements for Nature Study- work to be on more scientific lines in garden

21st March Boys began digging

5th May Householder's meeting election of School Committee

7th May Visit to Wellington of Upper Classes to see the battleships

26th May Two boys entered Victor and Frank Brazendale

19th June Meeting of parents decided to continue Euchre tournaments in aid of picnic and school prizes

7th August Only 7 children present owing to boisterous wet weather

Visit agricultural instructor noticed that seeds had been planted too early, this being reason of their not appearing

8th August Two loads of wood from Mr. Heyder

4th October Pastel books received for use of lower classes

Inspectors report 11th September included

- a) Mrs A B Tuck
- b) Roll 20 Present 19
- c) The general efficiency of teaching is very fair
- d) The quality of work of senior pupils was fair
- e) Grammar promises well
- f) Arithmetic weak to fair
- g) Garden in preparation by Upper Classes
- h) A N Burns Inspector

10th October Visit by Mr. Lawton Agricultural instructor. Report included

- a) Soil improvement experiment- virgin soil versus old garden and stable manure
- b) Cultivation experiment Thinning and non thinning of crops
- c) Crops are all up and well advanced even to French Beans
- d) Much extra sowing has been necessary because of the ravages of birds
- e) Notebooks are neat and well kept
- f) Names and variety of vegetables sown should be entered in notebook for reasons explained to teacher
- g) Tools clean and in order
- h) The school is entered for the Carterton Show but this is not effecting the experiments nor should it ever be allowed to do so.
- i) Tree raising and planting will be part of next year's course and arrangements are to be made in the meantime

10th October Victor Brazendale and Thelma White have sent drawings for the Carterton Show

12th October Mr. Hayder brought another load of wood

29th October Labour Day not observed as holiday. Two days holiday instead for Carterton Show

Another load of wood received from Mr. Hayder

20th November Greytown Show Children exhibited plasticene and writing. Thelma White, Isabel Wiggins and Eileen Groube gained prizes

28th November proficiency Examination. Thelma White gained proficiency. Mervyn Ticehurst and Osmond Brazendale Competency

2nd December Holiday for South Wairarapa Sports

1925

15th April School reopened with an attendance of 10. The infantile paralysis has not affected the immediate district

24th April Visit of Dr Bakewell (*Real Doctor not the Inspector*)

25th April Children took wreath to Greytown

Dates as in log

11th April Prime Minister Mr. Massey dead school closed for day after saying a few words on his life

14th April Mr. Massey's funeral school closed

25th Visit of Inspector Irwin

8th June Householders meeting. Mr. Ticehurst Chairman, Mr. Gallon Treasurer, Mr. Heyder, Mr. Groube, Mr. Herrick

15th June Euchre tournament to commence. The proceeds to be in aid of school picnic

16th July Garden tools received from Education Board. 2 spades, 2 rakes and a hoe. Seeds also received for flower garden and vegetable

30th July Committee fencing gardens and cutting hedge

7th August Visit of Inspector Irwin

Inspectors report for 7th August included

- a) Roll 16 present 15
- b) 4 in Standard 6, and 6 in Standard 1
- c) Tone very satisfactory

- d) The pupils have made very fair progress in the majority of subjects
 - e) The gardens have now been fenced to keep out straying cattle
- 28th 29th October to be observed as holidays for Carterton show.
 School remained open on Labour Day
 18th December The annual breakup held 17th December a large attendance of friends being present

1926

1st February School reopened The roll is greatly reduced. Roll 12
 19th February School picnic a very good attendance of friends
 24th March A very wet morning Only five attended
 31st March 1st Quarter Examination'
 8th April The rugby Union presented the school with a football through Mr. Ticehurst
 4th May Visit of Inspector Bird, a very wet day only 7 children present
 5th May Visit of Mr. Brockett, Agriculture instructor, children were just leaving so that he will call again
 It was such a wet night Monday May 3rd that the Householders meeting had to be postponed
 11th May Inspectors confidential report received
 Attention drawn by him to bad condition of desk
 7th June Householder's meeting Mr. Heyder (Chairman), Mr. Herrick, Mr. Groube, Mr. Ticehurst, Mr. Sadler
 Commenced cocoa for lunch
 15th June There is to be a euchre tournament this evening
 1st July Dr Morgan visited school and examined children thoroughly
 A presentation was made to Mr. Ticehurst and one to Mr. Gallon at the Euchre Tournament in acknowledgement of their having been in office, one for 17 years and the other 14. Mr. Gallon has retired from the Committee

The electric light has been installed in the school house
 5th July Hockey match combined team Dalefield and Matarawa Versus Haitaitai
 8th July School to close half day Mr. Knowles funeral
 9th September Surprise visit by Inspector Blackie- full attendance
 14th September Visit by Miss Blackbourne Drill instructor
 23rd September Report received from Miss Blackbourne physical education. Good
 Inspector's report of 8th September included

Class	Roll	Present
Standard 5	1	1
Standard 3	3	3
Standard 2	4	4
Standard 1	1	1
Primers	6	6

- a) Mrs A B Tuck
 - b) Some of the pupils in Standard 3 and 2 will require to make great improvement to justify promotion at end of year
 - c) The methods used are satisfactory, in the primer classes the progress made by the pupils is very satisfactory, in the Standard classes the attainment is fair
 - d) The teacher has managed to clean the desk tops but to obtain a satisfactory surface the desks would require to be planed
- 28th September Standard 6 boy John Brown admitted
 27th October Two days granted for the show – forgone Labour Day on the 25th
 Haitaitai V Dalefield and Matarawa School Committee Cricket match in Carterton on Labour Day. Local team won
 Report of Instructor of Agriculture Mr. Lawton
- a) Outdoor work very good. Flower garden well stacked with blooms. Vegetable garden down and in good order
 - b) Forestry not a success. The beds are to be resown under altered conditions

- c) Indoor work is also good. Notebooks neatly kept. Answers good
- d) Forestry Work Prints to be observed in wrenching and puddling. A lesson on Crucifers. The plant selected was the wallflower

3rd December Jack Brown gained proficiency

16th December School closed for South Wairarapa Sports on December 11th

Annual Xmas Tree

17th December School breaking up for six weeks holiday. Reopening

1st February

1927

1st February Reopened with roll of 16

14th February Annual Picnic held at Petone Beach and afterwards took children to the zoo

7th February Received requisites which were left at Matarawa Station- plasticene boards and tools, chalk, crayons etc

20th February Prizes bought at Masterton to be presented at school by Mr. Heyder at the school on February 28th

Three children Udy left after not being able to get house after theirs burnt

9th March 6th and 8th March observed as holidays on the occasion of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York

25th April Anzac day a wreath taken to Greytown and placed on Cenotaph

2nd May New School Committee elected Chairman Mr. Heyder, Mr. Herrick, Mr. Groube, Mr. Gallon, Mr. Sadler

2nd May Wood for school arrived from Mr. Heyder

20th June Visit by Mr. Lawton left seeds

Money raised for artificial wreath for Mr. Hooper's grave by children

25th July Visit by Inspector. Only 8 present owing to colds.

Inspectors report included

- a) Roll 12 Present 8
- b) Mrs B Tuck
- c) Order tone and discipline, satisfactory
- d) The children are keen and respond well to oral questions
- e) The buildings are in satisfactory condition
- f) The general standard of work is fair

26th September Mr. Groube gave some manure and helped dig it into the gardens

30th September New desks arrived. Mr. Heyder carted them from Matarawa Station to the school

25th October School kept open yesterday Labour day . Closed two days for Carterton Show

Entries in gardens for show

7th November Daylight Saving Bill taking effect. School to commence 9.30 present time

25th November School closed for proficiency examination. Leslie Herrick passed

1928

8th February School excursion to Petone beach at the invitation of Greytown School joining them

26th February Distribution of prizes at Greytown Park

25th April Wreath taken to Greytown

27th April Mr. Heyder put new hinge on school gate

22nd May Visit of Inspector (Mr. Bohun)

Euchre tournament commenced in aid of fund for a gramophone

4th June King's Birthday holiday

14th August Last Euchre Tournament commenced in aid of fund for gramophone

25th August Mr. Herrick a School Committee member died. A wreath sent by school

28th September Visit of Inspector Blackie. Only 9 children present owing to epidemic of chicken pock (sic)

11th October Only 3 children present owing to chicken pock epidemic

Inspectors report included

- a) B Tuck
- b) Roll 13 present 9
- c) Some of the pupils in the senior school should not be promoted until the school is again visited by an inspector
- d) The teacher is earnest and very ready to accept and act on suggestions made
- e) The primer pupils are making very satisfactory progress. The Standard classes very fair
- f) Buildings and grounds in very satisfactory condition
- g) W G Blackie

4th December Half holiday to enable children to see celebrations of Greytown Jubilee

1929

4th February School assembled Roll 14

26th February School picnic at Greytown Park

Gramophone for school

12th April A record came from Department . The Sailor's Hornpipe

19th August Returned teaching after three weeks leave of absence

owing to having influenza. Miss Burns Reliving teacher

Inspectors Report of 14th October included

Class	Roll	Present
Standard 6	5	5
Standard 4	1	1
Standard 3	2	2
Standard 1	3	3

Primers	3	3
	14	14

- a) Mrs Tuck
- b) Classification is approved
- c) There is a good spirit of work in evidence and the children behave well
- d) In these respects and also in the general quality of work there is a decided improvement
- e) The pupils are making very fair progress in spite of the fact that many of them by working before school are manifestly somewhat tired
- f) The buildings though old are in very fair condition
- g) The room is kept clean but might be made more attractive by the addition of some suitable framed pictures
- h) The horse paddock which I understand is rented by the Committee is useless owing to the dilapidated condition of fences

1930

3rd February Attendance of 17 School resumed

14th February School picnic at Greytown Park, prizes distributed

3rd March Received record from Department King's Empire Day Speech

18th March Commander Byrd spoke through wireless. Upper classes went to Mr. Heyder's and Lower to Mr. Bain's to listen in. Children out of school at 2.30

13th June Primers absent from school to attend Dental Clinic
New Committee Chairman, Mr. Groube, Secretary Mr. Sadler,
Treasurer Mr. Gallon, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Heyder

8th September School reopened with very low attendance owing to prevalence of whooping cough

1931

23rd April 1931 Miss A Buncle appointed PP

23rd April 1921 The action of the Greytown Fire Brigade, a voluntary organisation, in saving part of the school buildings after an outbreak of fire at the Matarawa School recently, was commended at yesterday's meeting of the Wellington Education Board. "Voluntary fire brigades should be encouraged," said Mr. G. Matthew, who moved that £5 should be donated to the funds of the brigade. "We are sometimes inclined to forget just what important services are given by them to the community PP

1st May Miss A H Buncle took charge here today. No children here.

Opened school on Monday morning 4th May

25th May School reopened attendance of 9

Two pupils have left to attend the Greytown School as their parents consider them to need the companionship of older boys and the sports facilities of a larger school

The following garden tools received. 1 push hoe, 1 rake, 2 hand forks, 1 watering can

28th May Following Committee elected Mr. F Groube (Chairman), Mr. Sadler, Secretary, Mr. Gallon, Mr. Burgess and Mr. Heyder

17th July Visit of Miss Blackbourne Instructress in Physical training

20th July The following report received included

- a) Miss A H Buncle
- b) Roll 10
- c) The children are responsive and both the class and teacher are keenly interested in every phase of physical training
- d) Good posture training is carried out
- e) As the upper standards are hardly represented I would suggest to make the lessons especially adapted for the lower school
- f) Give plenty of simple folk dances and action singing games and a minimum of time to formal exercises

- g) Keeping a watch however on the posture throughout the entire lesson

21st August School opened at 9.00 Closed for lunch at 11.30.

Reopened at 12.30 Closed for vacation 2.00 Full attendance

8th September School reopened at 9.15 today full attendance

25th September Visit of Mr. Burns inspector

Report included

Class	Roll	Present
Standard 3	2	2
Standard 2	1	1
Standard 1	3	3
Primers	4	4
	10	10

- a) Miss Buncle
- b) The pupils although they behave satisfactorily are not working quite to their full capacity
- c) The general level of the work is fair. No branch of the work is of outstanding merit
- d) Planting is well advanced in the gardens
- e) The room is kept neat and clean
- f) A N Burns
- g) Report received 1st October

26th October Labour Day. School opened to allow two days for Carterton show

Walked down to the river bed during dinner hour and did not arrive back to school till 1.50 Children brought plants from riverbed to press

27th October Tuesday School opened early and closed at 2.30 to allow teacher to catch train to Wellington

17th December Open afternoon Parents and friends visited at 2 pm Children recited, danced and gave a small playette entitled Father Christmas at Home

Father Christmas (Mr. Heyder) then presented them and their small brothers and sisters and neighbours with presents provided by the

cleaning money; the cleaning being done by Mrs Groube in order to allow for this

Afternoon tea was then served by the Committeemen's wives and their friends, who with their children are to be congratulated for the success of the afternoon

18th December School closed at 2.30 for summer vacation

1932

1st February School reopened at 9.15

8 children in attendance including 1 newly admitted to the Primer Class

Kelvin Bain who passed Standard 3 last year has been removed to Carterton as his parents wish him to associate with bigger boys and to receive the sports facilities of the larger school

His brother in Standard 1 has gone along with him

This leaves Matarawa with a total roll of 8

5th February Mr Brockett agricultural Inspector visited his report included

- a) Roll 8
- b) As there are no children above standard 3 I think the Nature Study programme can be carried out by keeping close to the Standard 3 programme
- c) The work throughout should be practical and based on the children's own observations
- d) In dealing with weeds it is better to make a detailed study of a few plants than to make a large collection of which the children know very little more than the plant name
- e) When mounting specimens it will be found useful to mount open plant on a sheet and to include on the same sheet mounted specimens of leaves, flowers, fruit etc.

- f) In addition a few brief notes might be added dealing with such things as habitat, time of flowering, harm done, how eradicated and so on
- g) In the garden the year's work should have a definite object which should be outlined in the scheme of work
- h) As far as possible indoor work should be linked up with the garden
- i) No topic should be isolated from the rest of the programme and whether it be a study of weeds, or soil or a bulb its bearing re gardening or farming should be brought out
- j) The indoor lessons should generally help to a better understanding of what is done out of doors
- k) F C Brockett

23rd February Opened school ½ an hour early to help in choice of children's prizes for last year's work

23rd February School picnic held at Annual Picnic at Greytown Memorial Park

25th April Anzac Day School closed. Wreath taken into Greytown

29th April Drill instruction class in Carterton School closed for teacher to attend

5th May All children to go into Greytown to attend Dental Clinic 9.00
Holiday granted by School Committee for the afternoon to enable children to attend matinee production of Trader Horn

6th May Open afternoon Parents invited to afternoon tea at 2 pm.
Songs, recitations, and Country Dances by children who afterwards hand round tea, sandwiches and cakes

2nd June School closed until Monday 6th June for King's Birthday.
Committee meeting held

30th September The following children attended the dental clinic in Greytown

Joan Burch, Nola Brazendale, 10 to 10.30

Colin, Beth and Alick Sadler 11.00 to 11.30

Betty and Alan Talbot 1.15

Noel Groube 2.30

10th October Visit of Inspector Mr. Boden

19th October Inspectors Report included

- a) The order is good In general there is a very fair working spirit but the senior pupils do not put forth sufficient effort
- b) The written work is untidy
- c) The general level of efficiency varies from weak to fair
- d) The gardens are in good order
- e) Buildings are in very fair condition but a higher standard of cleanliness should be maintained.

7th November Meeting of School Committee to discuss cleaning arrangements

11th November Afternoon session used as a handwork lesson to enable children to scrub desks

9th December School opened at 8.30 and closed at 2.00 today

16th December No timetable work today. The morning used to prepare the school for reception of parents and friends at 2.00 Afternoon teas served by the children, the committeemen's wives and friends. Father Xmas handed out balloons and prizes to the children from a Xmas Tree

School closed until 1st February

In addition to the book prizes the children also received a cricket bat and basketball

1933

1st February 11 children in attendance

6th February Mr. Brockett Agricultural Instructor Visited School

Wednesday School Committee meeting

13th February Visit of Mr. McCaskill Senior Inspector

24th February School opened 8.30-11.30 12.30- 2.30 to allow Standard 4 boys to leave at 2.00 to see picture in Greytown representing Life in Africa

31st March School opened at 8.30 and closed at 2.15 to allow teacher to catch 2.30 train. Children allowed out 15 minutes early for good attendance

25th April School closed for Anzac day service in Greytown

27th September Visit of Senior Inspector Mr. McCaskill

24th and 29th September Lloyd Smith sent home for insubordination

2nd October Lloyd Smith returned. Admitted on promise of attention to studies

Inspection report of 27th September included

Class	Roll	Present
Standard 4	4	4
Standard 3	1	1
Standard 2	2	2
Standard 1	1	1
Primers	4	4

Due apparently partly to lack of cooperation among parents, pupils and teacher and partly to ineffective teaching the working of this school is disappointing

One feels that the boys are not working to capacity

While the formal work throughout the school is not up to the standard required. The quality of the work is weak

Pupils in school work quietly but without enthusiasm

The buildings and grounds are tidy but not very attractive

All the records are in order

October Received 6 lbs reed loom string, 6 lbs red loom stakes and one pair of clippers from Education Board. Charge being made on Committee

29th November School visited by Mr. Hylton, Secretary of Education Board. Mr. Powell, Architect, Mr. Donald and Colonel MacDonald, Board Members at 9.00

Visitors met by Mr. Groube, chairman of School Committee, Mrs Groube and Mr. Gallon

20th December. School closed for Summer Vacation

1934

5th February M G Rowse School reopened for this year, my first day here- fine and hot, children good but work appalling. A new floor has just been put in the schoolroom

2 new pupils making roll 14

14th February Visit of Mr. Brockett who took an inventory of science apparatus and tools for gardening

23rd February School closed for annual picnic

6th March School visited by Mr. McCaskill, senior inspector

25th April All standard children attended service at Greytown

4th June School closed for King's birthday holiday

5th and 6th June School closed to allow me to attend refresher lectures in Greytown given by Miss Blackbourne on Physical Instruction and Miss Kennedy on Handwork and Infant Room work. I feel that the time was very well spent

5th August Mr. McCaskill senior inspector visited school . Unfortunately the Standard 5 boy and the brightest senior boy were both absent

1st October Terrible storm raging, quite unsafe for children to come so school closed for the day, a tree has crashed on the boys shed and broken it.

2nd October Wind has dropped but still raining 12 children present

5th October School visited by Mr. Donald, Colonel MacDonald and Mr. Powell to see extent of damage caused by storm. Mr. Groube and Mr. Sadler came along to meet them

Inspectors Report of 9th August included

- a) Roll 16 Present 14
- b) Miss M G Rowse
- c) Miss Rowse took charge of this school at the beginning of the year. She has already done something to improve the quality of the work which was weak and is now fair.
- d) The improvement has been effected largely in the work in the Standard classes. The progress in the primer classes still being somewhat slow
- e) I feel that thoroughly prepared and systematic work will further successfully develop the work of the pupils
- f) The tone of the school is much improved, the discipline being very good
- g) The grounds are unattractive. Little has been done in the past to create a bright environment for the pupils
- h) D McCaskill

18th December School closed for the Summer Vacation

1935

5th February School reopened today. Owing to the hot weather schools are to close at 12.30. I propose taking children for a swim in preference to sending them home in the heat

25th February School resume ordinary timetable. School visited by Mr. Brockett agricultural instructor to make inventory of tools and apparatus

One hand fork not to be found

28th February One digging fork handle snapped today while boys were digging

5th April School visited by Mr. Partridge the inspector, who appeared to think that all but the three standard 5 boys were now up to standard with their work

18th April Together with Dalefield we went to Wellington to the winter show; quite a good day

19th – 26th April Easter holidays extended to include Anzac day on the following Thursday- the whole week being a holiday

6th May Holiday for King's Jubilee

10th May Parent afternoon in connection with Jubilee Celebrations. School closed for first term holiday

3rd June School holiday King's Birthday

26th June Children gave farewell party for Fran Burch at 2pm. Children entertaining mothers and friends and partaking of afternoon tea

31st July Party given as farewell to Alan and Betty Talbot who are going to Tauranga. Children have written invitations to mothers and friends and arranged a programme

5th August School visited by Mr. Partridge

Alan and Betty leave us today

Lloyd Smith is to try for his proficiency at the end of the year

28th October Labour Day

31st October School closed for Carterton Show

30th October Lloyd has History, Geography and Science paper for proficiency

1st November Drawing for proficiency

11th November Armistice Day appropriate singing taken

12th November School visited by Doctor Anderson who reports adversely on physical condition of children. Tonsils needing attendance are common

15th November School closed while teacher took Standard 6 Boy to attend at Greytown for proficiency. Lloyd was successful gaining 246 Marks

27th November School closed for general election

19th December End of School year

1936

3rd February School re-opened today Roll 10. Standard 3 being the highest class

10th February Parents meeting re picnic this evening. Decided to hold picnic at Greytown Park on 21st inst

21st February School closed for annual picnic at Greytown

24th February Mr. Powell Wellington Education Board architect, visited school to inspect porch floor. I drew his attention to the leak over school door. Repairs to house chimney to be carried out

5th March Visit of Mr. Partridge, the inspector

8th May End of first term Roll 13

23rd June School closed for King's Birthday
 11th August Visit of Mr. Partridge school inspector
 12th August 4 new pupils enrolled Roll 20
 7th September School reopened for third term. There are several 5
 year olds to come this term but no seats low enough for them
 28th 29th October Two days holidays for the Carterton Show although
 only a few children went to the show for the first day
 16th November The O'Keefe's have moved to Carterton. This leaves
 only two children now at school who were pupils two years ago
 14th December School closed suddenly today owing to prevalence of
 Infantile Paralysis in Otago

1937

2nd February I resume duties today but school does not reopen till
 Monday next. There is some doubt whether this school will reopen at
 all as it is to be closed this year and the children conveyed to
 Greytown
 In the meantime I shall sort out the material in the cupboards and
 pack my own all except what is needed for the first few weeks in the
 event of school opening
 The school picnic is to be held on Thursday

26th February Word received this afternoon that the question of the
 conveyance of the children to Greytown is to be held over till he
 March meeting of the Board
 Consequently I presume school will open on Monday
 Handwork material received
 1st March School reopened with 4 new pupils
 Roll number is now 25
 22nd March Visit of Mr. Partridge Inspector
 19th April School closed owing to infantile paralysis
 24th May I sever my connection with Matarawa School. M G Rowse
 24th May I A Stewart commenced duty as relieving teacher
 8th June School will be closed on June 9th for King's Birthday
 8th July School closed on 7th July for celebration of Silver Jubilee
 which was held at Dalefield Hall. Mr. Roberts M P, Colonel
 MacDonald and Mr. Powell were present. A good number attended
 and a most successful function held
 16th July School closed for one week
 26th July Matarawa School closed- I accompanied children to
 Greytown School on bus this morning

1878	Matarawa	Leete	James	Headmaster	£160
1879	Matarawa	Leete	James	Master	£120
1880	Matarawa	Leete	James	Master	£120

1881	29	Matarawa	Leete	James	Master	£140
1882	25	Matarawa	Leete	James	Master	£140
1883	23	Matarawa	Leete	James	Master	£140
1883	25	Matarawa	Leete	Mary	Sewing	£5
1884	23	Matarawa	Ponsonby	Gordon	Master	£160
1884	23	Matarawa	Ponsonby	Mary	Sewing	£5
1885	29	Matarawa	Ponsonby	Gordon	Master	£160
1885	29	Matarawa	Ponsonby	Mary	Sewing	£5
1886	32	Matarawa	Ponsonby	Gordon	Master	£190
1886	32	Matarawa	Ponsonby	Mary	Sewing	£5
1887	30	Matarawa	Ponsonby	Gordon	Master	£165
1887	30	Matarawa	Ponsonby	Mary	Sewing	£5
1888	29	Matarawa	Ponsonby	Gordon	Master	£165
1888	29	Matarawa	Ponsonby	Mary	Sewing	£5
1889	18	Matarawa	Leete	James	Master	£145
1889	18	Matarawa	Leete	Mary	Sewing	£5
1890	16	Matarawa	McNaught	Thomas	Master	£145
1890	16	Matarawa	Jones	Elizabeth	Sewing	£5
1891	22	Matarawa	Stuart Forbes	E	Female	£100
1891	22	Matarawa	Jones	Elizabeth	Sewing	£5
1892	22	Matarawa	Stuart Forbes	E	Female	£100
1892	22	Matarawa	Jones	Elizabeth	Sewing	£5
1893	22	Matarawa	Stuart Forbes	E	Female	£108
1894	25	Matarawa	Stuart Forbes	E	Female	£108
1895	29	Matarawa	Stuart Forbes	E	Female	£108
1896	27	Matarawa	Stuart Forbes	E	Female	£108
1897	28	Matarawa	Stuart Forbes	E	Female	£116
1898	20	Matarawa	Stuart Forbes	Emma L S	Female	£117
1899	21	Matarawa	Stuart Forbes	Emma L S	Female	£117

1900	20	Matarawa	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£80
1901	18	Matarawa	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£110
1902	14	Matarawa	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£92
1903	9	Matarawa	Thompson	Amelia		Female	£76
1904	24	Matarawa	Thompson	Amelia		Female	£103
1905	21	Matarawa	Bland	Eliza Jane	Licensed	Female	£126
1906	23	Matarawa	Ussher	Martha J	E1	Female	£130
1907	23	Matarawa	Ussher	Martha J	E1	Female	£130
1908	28	Matarawa	Ussher	Martha J	E1	Female	£130
1909	21	Matarawa	Ussher	Martha J	E1	Female	£155
1910	17	Matarawa	Merlet	Isabella A	E2	Female	£120
1911	27	Matarawa	Merlet	Isabella A	E1	Female	£125
1912	26	Matarawa	Merlet	Isabella A	E1	Female	£150
1913	29	Matarawa	Merlet	Isabella A	E1	Female	£155
1914	29	Matarawa	Merlet	Isabella A	E1	Female	£165
1915	28	Matarawa	Merlet	Isabella A	E1	Female	£175
1917	28	Matarawa	McGregor	Grace E	Sole	D-71	£175
1919	36	Matarawa	McGregor	Grace E	Sole	D-70	£240
1921	27	Matarawa	Westlake	Amy E	Sole	D	£240
1923	18	Matarawa	Tuck	Alice B Mrs	Sole	D-192	£215