

## Mitchelltown

### Prior 1895

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27th June 1892 Wellington Education Board: . Mr. John Collins wrote offering to sell two sections of land at Mitchelltown for school purposes at .£380, or lease them at .£28 per annum, with the right of ultimate purchase at .£380. The committee who had inspected, the site (Messrs. Brown, Frasier, and Dr. Newman) recommended that the property in, question should be leased. Mr. Young; supported the committee's recommendation on the understanding that only an infant school should be provided for the present. The Chairman and the Rev. Mr. Paterson considered the site in question unsuitable for various reasons, the chief being that the Board had to face the question of providing a district school in the long run, and that by a little expenditure a more level and better situated section could be obtained. A petition was also received from a number of residents in Mitchelltown protesting against the purchase of Mr. Collins' land. On the motion of Mr. Brown, it was decided that in consequence of the receipt of this petition the existing committee should be discharged. Another committee was then set up, consisting of the Rev. Mr. Paterson and Messrs. McCardle and Young.

29th June 1892 EB A deputation from' the residents of Mitchelltown waited upon the Education Board to urge the great necessity for a school in that suburb. Mr. J Collins, who. acted as spokesman, said that twelve months ago the residents had asked the Board to build a schoolhouse, but apparently nothing had been done. At present, not reckoning the elder children, there were 60 children at Mitchelltown under the age of nine years who could not take advantage of the city schools. Last year the Board told them that £600 had been allocated for a school, but they were still in the same position as they were a year ago. The Chairman of the Board explained that although .£600 had been placed on the estimate for building expenditure presented to the Government last year, as part of a proposed expenditure of .£6000 on buildings, all that the Board had received for building purposes was between

.£2000 and £3000. In the new estimates for building purposes a sum for Mitchelltown was being set down, and a memo, attached pointing out that the case of Mitchelltown was an exceedingly urgent one. Eventually it was arranged that the matter would be further investigated on Friday next by the subcommittee before whom it came some time ago.

18th August 1892 The Minister for Education informed Mr Fisher on Thursday that if the Wellington Education Board brought before him the necessity of a school at Mitchelltown would be very happy to consider it when the proper time arrived. The amount, he added, allocated to the Wellington Board this year was the largest that had been allotted for two or three years past, but he had specially considered the board on account of the extensive settlement that has been taking place in this locality

13th October 1893 Parliament Sitting Report included: Mitchelltown School.—In discussing a vote of £1009 for additional school buildings Mr Geo. Fisher expressed a hope that the Minister for Education would see his way to do something toward erecting a school at Mitchelltown, which was badly in need of some assistance, on account of its distance from any other school. The Minister replied that if any Board made application to him for aid on account of any special requirements he always had the power to show special consideration

27th October 1893 Education Board: Tenders for road to School Site Mitchelltown called:

4th November 1893 Wellington Education Board: The tender of Robert Perrett of £33 10s for making a roadway to the Mitchelltown school has been accepted by the Finance Committee of the Education Board.

December 1893 Ministry of Education Report: Wellington Education Board: Mitchelltown not open:

5th January 1894 TENDERS for House to be Removed within eight days from school site, Mitchelltown, will be received by the undersigned on or before noon of Monday, the 8th instant. THOS. TURNBULL, Architect to the Board.

19th January 1894 Wellington City Council An application from Mr. Thomas Turnbull, architect, for leave to deposit spoil from the excavation work at the Mitchelltown School site on the Town Belt, was referred to the City Surveyor, with power to act.

1st March 1894 Education Board It was resolved to call for tenders for the erection of the new school at Mitchelltown;

5th April 1894 The Education Board received the following tenders for the erection of the new school at Mitchelltown : Clark and Thompson. £777 (accepted) ; J. Hamilton, £840; D. McLean, £686; W. G. Emeny, £885; J. Russell, £889; J. Edwards, £900 ; J. Brooks, £1043.

24th April 1894 Te Aro School Committee election report included: The sooner Mitchelltown School was opened the better.

14th July 1894 The new school which is being built at Mitchelltown is nearing completion and will probably be opened at the beginning of August.

29th April 1894 Education Board: It was resolved that the Te Aro Committee should control the new school at Mitchelltown, now ready for opening, until next January, the school to be classed as an infant school up to the 2nd Standard

8th September 1894 Education Board Applications for the following Appointments -will be received at this office up to Saturday, the 22nd instant :— Head Mistress for new School at Mitchelltown ; probable attendance, 80 ; salary about £140; D certificate a necessary qualification

26th September 1904 Education Board Applications for the following positions were considered:— Head teacher, Mitchelltown ; second assistant, Mount Cook ; second assistant, Masterton ; assistant,

Pahiatua ; assistant, Petone ; assistant, Mount Cook Boys. A selection was made in each case, and the names will not be made public until the Committees interested have been consulted.

13th December 1894 The Education Board has decided to create a separate school district for Mitchelltown, instead of having the local school managed by the Te Aro Committee.

## 1895

1895	92	Mitchelltown	McKenzie	Christina		Head Female	£181 5s
1895	92	Mitchelltown	Fleming	Elizabeth		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1895	92	Mitchelltown	Weston	Constance		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00

**Christina McKenzie** was a pupil teacher at Masterton from 1878 to 1882. Then sole teacher at Wangaehu [One of the earliest schools in the Wairarapa, its roll never seemed to grow beyond a sole charge. In 1915 it closed down because of low numbers but then was restarted in 1923 to close in 1939. 11 Kilometres from Masterton on Te Ore Ore Bideford Road near turnoff to Bideford] . Then from 1891 to 1894 was sole teacher at Makara. She then was head Female at Mitchelltown from 1895 to 1900. From 1901 to 1907 was head of Hastwell just out of Eketahuna. From 1908 to 1911 was an assistant at Newtown DHS and from 1912 to at least 1915 was assistant at Petone DHS

**Elizabeth M Fleming** was always a pupil teacher for the Wellington Education Board 1893 to 1894 at Mount Cook Infants' 1895 to 1902 at Mitchelltown and and 1903 at Rintoul Street

**Constance M Weston** was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 1892 to 1895 and Mitchelltown 1895 to 1897. Then Assistant Female at Mitchelltown 1898 to 1901

1901/5885	Constance Marion Weston	Henry Mills	Rowden
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29th January 1895 MITCHELLTOWN DISTRICT. Bounded on the north by the Te Aro District and that portion of the Karori District north of Upland Farm, Section 28, and thence by a continuous line on the western side of Section 48, the southern side of same section to the western side of the Gaol Reserve, and of Native Reserve, Section 25 ; thence along the centre of Aro-street, Wordsworth-street, and Happy Valley-road to Section 11 ; thence along the southern and part of western side of Section 11, the southern, western, and northern side of Section 1,

30th January 1895 At the meeting of the householders at Mitchelltown School last night it was announced by the Chairman that, subject to the approval of the Education Board, Mr. Henry Mitchell would present a handsome clock to be erected on the outside of the new\_ school building; also, that, Mr. John Collins would present half a dozen volumes of books as prizes at the first examination hold in the School. The announcements were received with applause.

31st January 1895 The residents of Mitchelltown have elected the following School Committee Messrs J. Collins, H. Mitchell, W. J. Poster, W. J. Haines, R. .Tait, J. Goer and Mrs Frost. Mr Collins has been elected chairman of the committee, and Mr W. J. Foster secretary and treasurer.

1st February 1895 Education Board: The fencing of a right-of-way to the Mitchelltown School was sanctioned.

6th February 1895 MITCHELLTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE. TENDERS are invited, to close on Saturday next, 9th instant, at noon, for fencing at the Mitchelltown School. ' Plans and specifications may be seen and tenders deposited at the office of the Melrose Borough Council,

9, Queen's Chambers, Wellington. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. W. J. FOSTER, • Secretary to the Committee, Wellington, 5th February, 1895.

13th February 1895 Education Board Mitchelltown Constance Weston passed her Fourth Year pupil teacher examination

23rd February 1895 The children attending the Willis street and Mitchelltown schools had their annual treat yesterday, being taken in the Mana and Duco to Lowry Bay, where a very pleasant time was spent. The funds obtained from the sale of work recently held in the Willis street school were utilised for the purpose, and a plentiful supply of refreshments and a variety of amusements were provided for the children. Messrs Biggs, Jupp, Geary, Richards and Petherick, members of the Willis street School Committee, and all the teachers, were present and rendered valuable aid.

27th February 1895 An offer by Mr. Henry Mitchell to present a clock to the Mitchelltown School was accepted by the Education Board to-day, with thanks

27th March 1895 Education Board .An application - from the Mitchelltown Committee to admit children up to the Third Standard was referred to the Inspector

30th March 1895 AN ENTERTAINMENT in aid of Mitchelltown School Funds will be held in Mitchelltown Schoolroom on TUESDAY NEXT, 2nd April, at 7.30 p.m. Admission, Is ; Children, 6d.~ ' Piano kindly lent by the Dresden Co.

11th April 1895 A concert and dance-the Second of a series of entertainments arranged by the committee— was held in the new schoolroom at Mitchelltown last night and was well patronised. Mr. J. Collins, Chairman of the school Committee, presided. The programme comprised choruses and drill by the children, several tableaux, comic songs, by Miss Fleming and Mr. Barlow, other vocal selections by Miss Jacobs and Messrs. Page and McBain and a farce, " 'Andy Andy," by Messrs. Glasgow and Harris, which was most laughable. About 80 persons stayed for the dance, which was kept going until about 2 am. The accompanists were Mesdames Carte and Johnston and Miss M. Fleming, while the dance music was played by Mrs. Johnston, Miss M. Fleming, and Messrs. Watts and Burfoot. Votes of thanks were given to the performers, the teachers, and members of the school committee. As a result of the two entertainments which have been given, the committee has been enabled to purchase material for a stage and fittings and a large lamp for the school, besides adding a few pounds to the school funds.

24th April 1895 Wellington Education Board:..... that if there is room for the younger children, Third Standard children may be admitted to the Mitchelltown School.

17th May 1895 A deputation from the Mitchelltown School .Committee will wait upon the Education Board with a view of getting a large landslip at the back of the Mitchelltown school removed.

30th May 1895 MITCHELLTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE. A CONCERT and Dance, in aid of the Piano Fund, will be held in Mitchelltown Schoolroom on FBIDAY, 31st May, at 7.30 p.m. Admission, Is ; children, 6d. The local Brass Band will play from Willis-street to the school. W. J. FOSTER, Hon. Sec

19th December 1895 The Mitchelltown School " broke up" yesterday afternoon, when the prizes were presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. John Collins, after which votes of thanks were passed to Miss McKenzie, the head mistress, and her staff for their efficient work, the Inspector's report stated that out of 49 children examined in the standards, 47 passed,

and the work on the whole was very satisfactory. The prize list is as follows : —Attendance Standard 3— Helena Hofmeister, 1 ; May Luke. 2 ; next in merit, C. M. Loughlin, Elizabeth Bayliss, G. Lindsay, C. Henry. Standard 2— Annie Olansen, 1; Walter Biddle, 2; next in merit, A. Biddle, Amy Haines, A. Mercer, G. Dixon. Standard 1— A. Frost, 1 ; B. Olansen, 2 ; next in merit, James Hannan, A. Hansen, F. Blanchfield, Joseph Hannan. Infants— Class o : Violet Elliott, 1 ; Ellen Johnson, 2 ; next in order, Ethel Hodder, Nellie Davis. Class 2-. Alfred Biddle, 1 ; A. Ramage, 2 ; F. Lindsay, 3 ; H. Dowman, 4. Class 1 : Agnes Lindsay, 1 ; Bertie Hodder, 2; Rae Faby, 3; Ernest Biddle, 4. Highest passes: Standard 1— Sarah Olansen, 1; George Thompson, 2. Standard 2 -Charles Thompson, 1; Mabel Walker, 2. Standard I— Frederick Eaton, 1 ; Arthur Frost and Joseph Hannan (equal), 2. Infants— Class 3 : Albert Cate, 1 ; Violet Elliott and Mary Hurney (equal), 2. Highest passes in the monthly examinations : Standard 3, Helena Hofmeister; Standard 2, Mabel Walker; Standard 1, Florence Hargood.

## 1896

1896	95	Mitchelltown	McKenzie	Christina	Head Female	£188 15s
1896	95	Mitchelltown	Fleming	Elizabeth	Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1896	95	Mitchelltown	Weston	Constance	Female Pupil Teacher	£39.00

31st January 1896 The Mana will also make two trips to Day's Bay, one at 9 o'clock for the Mitchelltown School excursion, and another at 11 for the benefit of those of the Terrace school pupils or their parents or friends who may find the earlier hour inconvenient.

11th February 1896 VOGELTOWN. The boundaries of the Vogeltown School District are extended so as to include Section No. 11, previously included in the Mitchelltown School District.

25th March 1896 Wellington Education Board Authority was given for the erection of a covered shed at the back, of the Mitchelltown school.

11th April 1896 BRUNNERTON RELIEF FUND. A CONCERT AND DANCE In Aid of the above Will be held in the MITCHELLTOWN SCHOOL ON MONDAY, 13th APRIL, Commencing at 8 p.m. Admission, 1s; refreshments included. [Brunnerton was a coal mine just out of Greymouth which had collapsed with a large number of deaths]

16th April 1896 Evening Post: the sum of £6 2s deposited at our office as the proceeds of the Mitchelltown School concert, £1 was given by Mr. H. Mitchell, and 6s contributed by the school children.

11th August 1896 The Mitchelltown School Committee has decided to join the School Committees Association.

21st August 1896 TO-NIGHT, the Mitchelltown Brass Band will give a Concert and Dance in the Mitchelltown Schoolroom. Doors open' at 7.30 ; commence at 8 o'clock. Prices, 2s 6d and 1s 6d, including refreshments. Music by Mr. Fischer. C. B. JAMES, Bandmaster. J. FLYNN, Secretary.

23rd August 1896. Wellington Education Board: Mitchelltown School will be examined on the 7th December by the inspectors

26th October 1896 Owing to the bad weather on Friday evening, there was only a moderate attendance at the concert and dance held by the Mitchelltown Brass Band in the local

schoolroom. The following contributed to the programme :— -Miss Farrell, Mrs. G. Perrett, Messrs. Amos, 'Armstrong, Darrell, Evans, Blanchfield,. and Walsh. The Band contributed selections, and Mr. Fischer played the accompaniments.

## 1897

1897	89	Mitchelltown	McKenzie	Christina		Head Female	£181 5s
1897	89	Mitchelltown	Fleming	Elizabeth		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1897	89	Mitchelltown	Weston	Constance		Female Pupil Teacher	£42.00

23rd February 1897 Wellington Education Board: Elizabeth M Fleming and Constance Weston are classified as ex Pupil Teachers [Around this period for the Wellington Education Board there were too many lady teachers classified as ex pupil teachers for the number of vacancies available]

4th March 1897 Wellington Education Board : Mitchelltown School Standards 1,2 and 3 plenty of room

11th March 1897 The anniversary concert and dance of the Mitchelltown Brass Band will be given in the' Mitchelltown Schoolroom to-morrow evening. The New Zealand White-eyed Kaffirs and other amateurs will assist.

24th March 1897 The Wellington Political Society has afoot a proposal to establish an institute for girls on similar lines to\* those of the Wellington Boys' Institute.....Mr. Mitchell, of Mitchelltown, has also promised to contribute.

8th April 1897 Wellington Education Board: A protest was received from the Thorndon and Mitchelltown Schools against the frequent changing of the school readers by the inspectors. The matter was referred to the inspectors to report upon

27th April 1897 The report presented showed that in every respect the condition of the school was satisfactory, and the Committee was exceedingly well satisfied at the manner in which the head teacher (Miss McKenzie) had carried out her duties. The report of the head teacher stated that 123 children were now attending the school, and that the average attendance for the past quarter had been 97. The balance-sheet showed a credit of £2 9s 4d. The following is the Committee for the Year : — (J. R. James (Chairman), W. Blanchfield (Secretary), W. J. Foster (Treasurer), H. Warner, A. Orr, J. Gore, and H. Dowman. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Foster for his services as Secretary.

28th April 1897 Wellington Education Board: The report of Inspector Lee with reference to the complaints of the Thorndon and Mitchelltown committees respecting certain subjects in the curriculum was ordered to be communicated to the committees mentioned. The report stated that certain subjects of the curriculum were fixed by the Legislature and could not be interfered with by either the Board or the committees.

13th May 1897 At the usual monthly meeting of the Mitchelltown School Committee, Mr C. R. James in the chair, it was decided, in respect to the reply furnished by the Inspector to the Education Board referring to the New Zealand Reader, that it is in no way satisfactory, and that the Board be requested to obtain a definite answer in reference to the same. It was decided that the teacher be furnished with a thousand blank forms to enable him to furnish quarterly reports to parents as to the pupils' progress or otherwise. The following visiting committee was appointed for the month: —Messrs Dowman, Orr and Warner.

29th May 1897 There was a fair attendance at the Mitchelltown Schoolroom last night, when a concert and dance was hold under the auspices of the New Zealand-Workers' Union. Amongst those present were the Hon Hall-Jones and Mr J. Hutcheson, M.H.R.....

17th June 1897 The monthly meeting of the Mitchelltown School Committee was held in the schoolroom on Monday night, Mr C. R. James in' the chair. Letters from the Education Board were held over until next meeting. The head teacher of the school, Miss C. McKenzie, forwarded a very satisfactory report for the month. The committee was notified that the attendance had much improved.

14th September 1897 After paying all expenses in connection with the Jubilee celebration entertainment the School Committees Association has £104 12s 6d to divide. This has been apportioned as follows : — £30 for the purchase of school readers, £7 12s 6d to the Wellington District School Committees Association, the remaining £70 to be divided amongst the city schools at the rate of £8 to each school in the city proper and £7 to the Mitchelltown and Vogeltown Schools. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Terrace School Committee for foregoing its share, the library at that school being in a good condition.

14th September 1897 The Mitchelltown School Committee unanimously decided last night to support the resolution passed by the Workers' Union in favour of a Technical School for domestic economy, especially the branches relating to cookery.

6th October 1897 . A CONCERT and DANCE, in Aid of School Funds, will be held in the Mitchelltown Schoolroom, ON FRIDAY EVENING, ,8th OCTOBER, At 8 p.m. FIRST-CLASS VARIETY PROGRAMME, Comprising items by ' Mrs. Gooder, Misses Gallagher and Crichton, Messrs. Gooder, Reeves, Clarke, Gallichan, Silbon, Kean, Neagle, Bowater, Hall, Whitehead, Jeffries, Grimstone, and Curtis, and various others. Also, an amusing Irish Sketch entitled— " The Three Pats from Enniscorthy," by the Armstrong Trio, including Treble Irish, Jig. Music by Mr. Fischer Mr. T. Bernasconi, M.C. Admission — Double, 2s 6d; single (gent), Is 6d. Refreshments included. Concert only, Is. W. BLANCHFIELD, Secretary.

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1898	89	Mitchelltown	Fleming	Elizabeth		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
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17th February. The Mitchelltown School Committee last night nominated Messrs Fraser, Robertson and Blair to be their representatives on the Education Board. The annual treat of the Mitchelltown School children will be held either at Day's Bay or Kaitoke in a week or two.

25th February 1898 . The children attending the Mitchelltown school hold a picnic to-morrow at Day's Bay. The party go across by the Duchess, which leaves the wharf at 10 a.m.

28th February 1898 The annual picnic of the Petone State School, held at Day's Bay on Saturday, was attended by fully 1500 persons. Sports of all kinds were arranged, and the Petone Band provided music. The committee had undertaken to provide all requisites, and, thanks to the generosity with which residents responded to a call for financial assistance, they were enabled to provide handsomely for all contingencies, large as the demand was. The Mitchelltown School also held its picnic at the Bay on the same day, about 300 being present.

7th April 1898 Wellington Education Board: It was decided, in order to relieve the overcrowding at the Te Aro school, to create the Mitchelltown school a standard school (Miss Weston to be appointed an assistant), and to make an arrangement for removing first standard pupils from the main school to the infant school when necessary.

26th April 1898 The election of the Mitchelltown School Committee resulted as follows : — Messrs. C. R. James (Chairman, re-elected), W. A. Blanchfield (Secretary, re-elected), TV. J. Foster (Treasurer, re-elected), J. Goer, J. McIndoe, G. Lindsay, and H. Biddle. A hearty vole of thanks was accorded Messrs. James, Foster, and Blanchard for services rendered during the past year.

30th June 1898 Wellington Education Board Applications for either repairs or painting from the schools at Mauriceville, Masterton..... and Mitchelltown were left in the hands of the chairman'

16th December 1898 Prior to the breaking-up of the Mitchelltown School on Wednesday, some 25 book prizes were distributed on behalf of the Committee by Messrs. H. Mitchell and John Collins, and toys were given to the smaller children. The parents -were entertained by the teachers at afternoon tea, and a number of songs were sung by the scholars.

## 1899

1899	119	Mitchelltown	McKenzie	Christina	D1	Head Female	£181 5s
1899	119	Mitchelltown	Weston	Constance M	E3	Assistant Female	£80.00
1899	119	Mitchelltown	Fleming	Elizabeth		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1899	119	Mitchelltown	Prendeville	Amelia		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00

**Amelia Prendeville** only taught for the Wellington Education Board as a pupil teacher at Mitchelltown in 1899

16th February MITCHELLTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE. THE Residents of Mitchell town are invited to attend a Meeting to be held in the Schoolroom THIS EVENING, Thursday, 16th, 8 o'clock, to consider the best means of raising Funds for the benefit of the Wife and Family of the late Mr. W. A. Blanchfield

23rd March 1899 Te Aro School and overcrowding: Mr Watson is of opinion that the Mitcheltown [Sic] and Brooklyn school should afford greater relief than they do. Many of his children belong to these districts, but parents will not send them to the schools mentioned, and he remarked, " I cannot refuse anybody while I have got room. There is a natural desire to crowd into the city." It is a good thing, he said, from one point of view to have a school full. It made people careful; they were afraid to weep their children away for fear somebody should take their places.

25th April 1899 .Mr, C. R. James presided at the meeting of Mitchelltown householders. Satisfactory reports on the working of the school by Miss McKenzie (the head teacher), the Inspector, and the out-going committee were read. The balance-sheet showed the year's, receipts to have been £46 17s 4d, and the balance in hand £7 4s 2d. The reports and balance-sheet were adopted. The election of the new committee resulted as follows: — Messrs. J. Goer, Walker, W. J. Foster, J. McIndoe, Frost, G. Perrett, and F. Rodger. The thanks of the meeting were given to Miss McKenzie, head teacher. Miss C. Weston, assistant, was also thanked for the efficient manner in which she conducted the school during Miss McKenzie's illness. The retiring committee were thanked for its services. The new committee met afterwards and



elected Messrs. J. Goer, F. Rodger, and W. J. Foster as Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer respectively.

4th May 1899 Wellington Education Board: Miss McKenzie (Mitchelltown) was refused additional salary while on further leave

29th June 1899 At the meeting of the Education Board yesterday a letter was read from Miss McKenzie, head teacher at Mitchelltown, stating that she could not agree to the Board's proposal to transfer her to the position of teacher at Makomako. In the course of discussion it was mentioned that Miss McKenzie had placed her case in the hands of the Educational Institute with a view to an appeal being made against the reduction of her status. The Board decided to allow the Chairman to deal with Miss McKenzie's case in whatever way he thought best.

No Further entries found for 1899 in reference to Mitchelltown school

## 1900

1900	112	Mitchelltown	McKenzie	Christina	D1	Head Female	£195.00
1900	112	Mitchelltown	Weston	Constance M	E3	Assistant Female	£80.00
1900	112	Mitchelltown	Fleming	Elizabeth		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1900	112	Mitchelltown	Williams	Freda		Female Pupil Teacher	£36.00

**Freda Williams** was a pupil teacher at Te Aro Infants' in 1898 and 1899 and at Mitchelltown in 1900.

28th February 1900 Wellington Education Board: 6 months leave of absence was granted to Amelia Prendeville of Mitchelltown. Amelia did not teach under her maiden name for the Wellington Education Board again.

1st March 1900 Wellington Education Board: The unsatisfactory state of the Mitchelltown school was again considered It was stated that the Inspector had reported that the school should be made first grade and placed in the hands of a master. The committee had asked the board! to put this report into force. The board decided to further adjourn consideration of the matter for a month.

2nd March 1900 The scholars of the Mitchelltown School, accompanied by the teachers, parents and friends, held their annual picnic at Day's Bay yesterday in perfect weather

10th March 1900 MITCHELLTOWN.— By order of the the Committee.— All the Subscription Lists issued on behalf of Mr. Biddle and family will close on Monday, the 12th March. Holders of above kindly attend at Lindsay's House, Mitchelltown, at 8 p.m. on same date. The Committee wish to thank all subscribers and donators for their liberal offerings, and the Mitchelltown School Committee for their generosity. — By order, H. C. DOWMAN, Chairman. G. LINDSAY, Hon. Sec

11th April 1900 A telephone bureau is to be established at Mitchelltown. Steps are being taken by the residents of the place to have a public hall eroded there . A vacant section of land has been secured and vested in the Melrose Borough Council, and a scheme is now on for raising the necessary funds for building the hall.

26th April 1900 At the meeting of Mitchelltown householders on the 23rd it was reported that there had been an increase in the attendance at the school, and also on the capitation received.

The following were elected a committee for the ensuing year: Messrs W. J. Foster, J. Goer, S. Luke, J. McIndoe, G. Perrett, A. Thompson and A. Whitelaw. A vote of thanks was passed to the outgoing committee, and the meeting also passed a vote of confidence in the head teacher. At a meeting of the committee held subsequently, Mr .T. Goer was elected chairman, Mr A. A. Whitelaw secretary, and Mr W. J. Foster treasurer.

23rd July 1900 MITCHELLTOWN SCHOOL. A PPLICATIONS are invited for the the Position ,of Caretaker of the above School, and must reach the Chairman not later than 27th instant. For particulars apply to JAMES GOER. Chairman, Taitville.

26th July 1900 Wellington Education Board: A deputation of three women presented a petition protesting on behalf oi 180 residents against the removal of Miss McKenzie from the Mitchelltown School. They were informed that no definite step was being taken for the present.

27th September 1900 Wellington Education Board: Miss Freda Williams Pupil Teacher Mitchelltown granted leave of absence for one month.

29th November 1900 Wellington Education Board: It was decided to hold over consideration of a difficulty which had arisen at Mitchelltown about a change of teachers

## 1901

1901	113	Mitchelltown	Foster	William H L	C1	Head Master	£245.00
1901	113	Mitchelltown	Weston	Constance M	E3	Assistant Female	£90.00
1901	113	Mitchelltown	Fleming	Elizabeth		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1901	113	Mitchelltown	Combs	Frank L		Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00

**William H L Foster** taught first for the Wellington Education Board at Paraparamu in 1893 to 1895 as head teacher of a two teacher school. In 1896 and 1897 he was head of Manakau School. From 1898 to 1900 he was an assistant at Clyde Quay, Then from 1901 to 1906 he was Headmaster of Mitchelltown. Then from 1907 to 1909 he was Headmaster of Mount Cook Boys' and by 1910 to 1915 head of Petone DHS with an MA , From 1917 to at least 1923 when my records end he was Headmaster of Clyde Quay

**Frank L Combs** was a pupil teacher at Hutt 1899 and 1900 and Mitchelltown in 1901. At training college in 1902. Assistant Master at Mangatainoka in 1903 and Petone 1904. Then sole teacher at Rakaunui [ 16 Kilometres from Pongaroa on State Highway 52 South from Pongaroa] 1907 to 1915 Head of Mauriceville West, 1917 headmaster of Fernridge with an MA. Then 1919 to at least 1923 when my records end headmaster of Featherston when the Researcher's father attended that school.

30th January 1901 Wellington Education Board: First of many pieces on teacher salaries: Mitchelltown: C Weston current salary £80 Proposed increase £ 9 2s: F Williams £36: £14

14th March 1901 Wellington Education Board: In accordance with a recent scheme decided on by the Wellington education involving the transfer of a number of teachers. Miss McKenzie, head teacher of the Mitchelltown School, will, subject to the approval of the local committee, be appointed to the Hastwell School, made vacant by the transfer of Mr W. Dempsey to Eketahuna. The Mitchelltown School, in accordance with the recommendation of the inspector, will be placed in charge of a master.

28th March 1901 Wellington Education Board appointments made Miss McKenzie from Mitchelltown to Hastwell and Mr Mulville taking temporary charge of Mr Mulville.

3rd April 1901 Head Master, Mitchelltown School; average attendance for past half year, 109. Salary, about .£225.

24th April 1901 School Committee: Messrs J Goer (Chairman), S Luke, J McIndoe, Pauling, D Murphy, A S C French and W J Foster (Secretary)

1st May 1901 Mr 'W. Foster, first assistant master of the Clyde quay School, has been appointed headmaster at Mitchelltown.

4th June 1901 Mr. Foster, late first assistant at Clyde quay School, who has been appointed head master at Mitchelltown, took charge of the school this morning

4th June 1901 FLOGGING A SCHOOLBOY. Neptune Mulville was charged with assaulting a child under the age of fourteen years, named James McNeill. The defendant was a schoolmaster at the Mitchelltown, school, where the child assaulted, eight years of age, was a pupil. The child had found a threepenny piece in the schoolroom, and when the master asked if anyone had found it he did not stand up. For this reason the boy was assaulted with a supplejack by defendant. Dr Martin, who attended the boy, gave evidence that the latter's hands were swollen with blood blisters under the skin, and he could not close them. The boy's legs were blue, and he appeared to have had a severe thrashing. A photograph of the boy stripped was put in. Constable Kelly and Detective Cox gave evidence as to the boy's condition on the day the assault was committed. Mr Wilford appeared for complainant, and Mr Hislop for defendant.

Evidence was given by Misses Fleming and Duff,[Relieving?] teachers at the school, ' that the boy did not appear distressed, or even cry, after the punishment was inflicted. The Magistrate stated that he considered the boy was guilty of conduct which required an exemplary punishment.

The defendant stated that he took the boy before the different classes and told them the boy had committed a grave offence, which he hoped he would not repeat. He gave him two strokes on each hand with the cane and about eight strokes on the back. Witness was nearly twenty-one years of age and had had six years' experience. He was only two months at the Mitchelltown school. '

W. T. Grundy,, headmaster of the Clyde quay school, stated that after a severe punishment it was not unusual for blood blisters to appear. He did not think the punishment was as .severe as the evidence showed. He considered that if the bruises were apparent seventeen days afterwards, it was evidence of severe punishment. He had never beaten a boy so that blood blisters were raised on his hands or wales on his back

After examining the boy, His Worship said that the case was of importance to defendant and to teachers generally. It required mature consideration, and he would reserve judgment

[No Neptune Mulville is listed as teaching for the Wellington Education Board at any school. 1895 appointed to Napier District High School: In 1898 was teaching in Canterbury and there is no record of him living in New Zealand after 1901]

8th June 1901 Mr. W. Foster, for some years first assistant at Clyde-quay School, was yesterday the central figure of the school at which he has done such excellent work. Mr. W. T. Grundy, on behalf of the children and staff, presented Mr. Foster with a handsome silver watch, and remarked upon the ability, energy, and unselfishness which had characterised Mr. Foster's work

in the school. He further stated how loyally the latter had striven to carry out his duties and referred to the extent to which those efforts had been directed to the highest welfare of the children and the good of the school. Mr. Foster, in his reply, stated that the good terms which had existed between the staff, the children, and himself would cause him to regard the years spent at Clyde quay as being the happiest in his teaching career. Air. Foster has just taken charge of the Mitchelltown school.

10th June 1901 CHARGE OF OVER-PUNISHMENT DISMISSED. Mr. W. R. Haselden, S.M., delivered judgment to-day as to the case in which John McNeill charged Neptune Melville, till lately temporary master at the Mitchelltown School, with assault on' an eight-year-old son of complainant — "This case is of some importance to the defendant, and possibly to teachers in State schools generally. The defendant was in charge of the State school at Mitchelltown.....

10th September 1901 The Mitchelltown School Committee has a resolution condemning the action of the Education Board in dismissing Inspector Lee, and characterising its conduct in so doing as harsh, cruel, and unjustifiable.

11th September 1901 The Wellington Public Schools Cadet Battalion paraded at the Nairn-street Park on Monday afternoon, under the command of Major Foster, of the Mitchelltown School, assisted by Sergeant Major Juriss, who is the drill instructor to the town schools and the teachers' Saturday class.

6th November 1901 Wellington Education Board: The resignation of C M Weston was accepted.

23rd December 1901 The annual concert and distribution of prizes and certificates at the Mitchelltown School took place on Thursday . evening, Mr. James Goer, Chairman of Committee presiding. The entertainment consisted of songs and exhibitions of Indian club, dumbbell and other exercises, and military drill and volley-firing , by the scholars. The following is the prize-list : — Special prizes — Writing progress : Boys, Charles Foster ; girls, Elizabeth Tarabocia. Most popular boy — Martin Griffin ; most popular girl, Lily Dalton. General progress— Agnes Christie, Edith Hook, Agnes Lindsay, Kate Pauling,, Kathleen Glavin, Phoebe Christie, Lily' Bayliss. Sewing prizes — Upper division,, Henrietta Nunn lower division, Mabel Davis.

31st December 1901: Wellington Education Board Mitchelltown. 'Salary £100 Mistress,

## 1902

1902	123	Mitchelltown	Foster	William H L	C1	Head Master	£245.00
1902	123	Mitchelltown	Ballingall	Mary	D2	Assistant Female	£100.00
1902	123	Mitchelltown	Cook	Ada M	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1902	123	Mitchelltown	Fleming	Elizabeth M		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00

**Mary F Ballingall** was an assistant: 1886 to 1894 at Te Aro: Sole teacher at Makara 1895 to 1901' Assistant at Mitchelltown 1902 to 1904.

**Ada M Cook** was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1891 and 1892. Te Aro 1893 to 1901 and Mitchelltown 1902 and 1903. An Assistant at Te Aro Te Aro 1904 to 1906 and Petone

DHS 1907 and 1908. Then Petone West 1910 to 1912: Brooklyn 1913 to at least 1923 when my records end

30th January 1902 Wellington Education Board: Teacher salary changes included: Mitchelltown, Mary Ballingall, present 'salary £132, colonial salary[New salary] £100.

12th February 1902 Wellington Education Board: new appointments: Miss Ballingall, Makara, mistress at Mitchelltown: Miss M. E. Holm, Mitchelltown, mistress at Kaitawa;

14th February 1902 The Mitchelltown 'School Committee has written to the City Council asking that it will allow the use of a portion of the Town Belt for playground purposes. The Committee points out that the school .site contains no ground so level as the piece of Town Belt immediately adjoining the school buildings. The Council has referred the request to the Reserves Committee with power to act.

4th March 1902 Wellington Education Board: A. M. Cook, To Aro to Mitchelltown;

21st April 1902 At a meeting of the Mitchelltown School Committee a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. G. Bay for presenting a gold and a silver medal for competition among the pupils of the school.

29th April 1902 The meeting of Mitchelltown householders last night was largely attended, Mr J. Goer presiding. The report stated that there was an increase in the attendance during the year, and that the school was making satisfactory progress. The question was raised by .some of those present us to whether the school should be let for other than strictly school purposes, the head teacher being averse to letting the school for entertainments. On a vote being taken the meeting expressed itself as being strongly in favour of giving the committee a free hand in the matter of letting the school. The following were elected a committee : — Messrs J. Goer, J. McIndoe, S. Luke, W. Pauling, J. G. Bay, D. Murphy, and A. C. French. Mr. W. J. Foster, who for three years represented the district on the Te Aro Committee and was a member of the Mitchelltown Committee for the past seven years, was again nominated, but declined to accept office. At a meeting of the committee held subsequently Mr. Goer .was elected Chairman, and Mr. D. Murphy Secretary and Treasurer.

26th June 1902 Wellington Education Board: An application from the Mitchelltown Committee to have gas or electricity installed in the schoolroom was refused.

11th August 1902 School Cadet Corps article included: The headmasters of the public school\* and officers of the various school cadet corps met in consultation with. Captain Loveday recently on the subject of the new regulations applying to the cadet corps in connection with the Board Schools. Captain Loveday explained the effect of the proposed regulations and recommendations as to the uniform\* to be worn, and they were discussed. ....Included Mitchelltown has applied to join

15th October 1902 To celebrate the Coronation, the Melrose Borough Council decided to vote £100 to the five school libraries in the Borough — Brooklyn, Mitchelltown, Island Bay, Kilbirnie, Roseneath.

## 1903

1903	129	Mitchelltown	Foster	William H L	C1	Head Master	£245.00
1903	129	Mitchelltown	Ballingall	Mary	D2	Mistress	£105.00
1903	129	Mitchelltown	Cook	Ada M	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00

1903	129	Mitchelltown	Vaughan	Frederick T		Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00
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**Frederick T Vaughan** was a pupil teacher at Clyde Quay 1899 and Rintoul Street 1900 to 1903 and Mitchelltown 1903. In 1904 and 1905 he was assistant at Mt Cook: 1906 Headmaster of Paraparaumu until 1917 Then from around 1919 to at least 1923 was headmaster of Taita School

30th January 1903 The children attending the Terrace and Mitchelltown Schools are holding a picnic, at Day's Bay to-day

2nd March 1903 Wellington Education Board: Miss Fleming has been transferred to the Rintoul-street School, her place at Mitchelltown Wing taken by Mr. Vaughan (of Rintoul-street)

28th April 1903 School Committee: Mitchelltown. — Messrs. Goer (Chairman), Murphy (Secretary and Treasurer), McIndoe, McKay, Luke (two more members to be nominated by the Board of Education).

16th June 1903 Educational Institute Wellington Branch: Mr Foster is Treasurer and Miss Ballingall was on the management committee.

25th September 1903 The Board was unable to entertain applications from Waikanae, Hukanui, and Mitchelltown for various works, having no funds,

2nd October 1903 Last night's Gazette notifies that the following school cadet battalion officers have been recognised : — Wellington Education District : No. 1 Wellington Public School Cadet Battalion, with, the following officers — William Foster (commanding the Mitchelltown Public School Cadet Detachment) to command the battalion

22nd December 1903 No fewer than seven pupils of the Mitchelltown school received first-class certificates for having attended every time the school was opened during the year.

## 1904

1904	141	Mitchelltown	Foster	William H L	C1	Head Master	£231.10
1904	141	Mitchelltown	Ballingall	Mary	D2	Mistress	£105.00
1904	141	Mitchelltown	Hitchcock	Margaret	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1904	141	Mitchelltown	Clark	Rose		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00

30th March 1904 Wellington Education Board: The Mitchelltown School Committee asked the Board to carry out alterations to the sanitary arrangements recommended by the inspectors.— It was decided that the clerk of works be asked to furnish a report as to- the best means of remedying the trouble.

26th April 1904 Terrace School Household meeting included: Reference was made to the question of boundaries, and it was stated that the Mitchelltown Committee had declined to have the boundaries altered so that the portion of Kelburne within the Mitchelltown Committee's dominion might well be transferred to the Terrace School boundaries. The opinion was expressed that the matter of the boundaries was one that might well be taken in hand by the Education Board

26th April 1904 The now Mitchelltown committee is-- Messrs. H. Warner, D. Murphy, G. Lindsay, J. G. Bay, S. Luke, A. G. Haines, and Mrs. Bengé. Mr. Warner was elected Chairman and Mr. Murphy Secretary and Treasurer.

24th May 1904 The dismal weather rendered the proper celebration of Empire Day hopeless, and such ceremonies as did take place at the public schools were for the most part held indoors. At Mitchelltown the scholars assembled, saluted the Hag, sang the National Anthem and patriotic songs, and then dispersed for the day.

13th July 1904 MITCHELLTOWN SCHOOL SOCIAL. AT the unanimous request of those present at the last Social it is decided to repeated the same on THURSDAY, 14th, at 8 p.m. Light refreshments by ladies of Mitchelltown. Admission Is. D. MURPHY, Hon. Sec.

15th July 1904 The second of the social gatherings in aid of the Mitchelltown School funds was held last night. Mr. H. Warner occupied the chair. Songs were contributed by Misses McCall, Murray, and Carmody, and Messrs. McCall and Hayes. Messrs. A. Macey and W. Watson acted as masters of ceremonies.

26th August 1904 Wellington Education Board The Wellington Corporation agreed to grant the Board the use of part of the Town Bolt adjoining the Mitchelltown School, on condition that the gorse was cleared and the fences kept in repair. Th© •letter was referred to the Mitchelltown Committee.

30th September 1904 Wellington Education Board: In respect to an offer by the Council of part of the town bolt for a playground for the Mitchelltown School children, the committee wrote stating that they had asked Mr Barber. M.H.R.. to consult with the Town Clerk as to the area of the land offered. When this is known the offer will at once be accepted.

25th November 1904 Wellington Education Board: Resignations accepted Miss Ballingall, mistress, Mitchelltown, from 31st January 1905.

26th November 1904 Wellington Education Board: Mitchelltown— Mistress, £105.

## 1905

1905	138	Mitchelltown	Foster	William H L	C1	Head Master	£230.6
1905	138	Mitchelltown	Cederholm	Daisy J	D2	Mistress	£105.00
1905	138	Mitchelltown	Clark	Rose	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£45.00
1905	138	Mitchelltown	Hitchcock	Margaret		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00

**Daisy J Cederholm** was a pupil teacher at Thorndon Infants 1898 and 1899 and at Clyde Quay in 1900 and 1901. In 1902 was an assistant at Pahiatua. 1903 was probably at training college. 1904 assistant at Featherston and taught at Mitchelltown in 1905 and 1906

17th March 1908 Mr. Robert Irvine,- of Nelson, who won the rifle championship of New Zealand the year before last, was married at St. Thomas's Church, Wellington South, this afternoon to Miss Daisy Cederholm, eldest daughter of Mr. H. S. ' Cederholm, of Owen-street. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Walker. The bride, who was until recently, head teacher of the Tory-street Kindergarten School, was attended by her sisters —Misses Myra and Sylvia Cederholm, and Miss E. Fossette. Mr. Walter Cederholm was best man. At the conclusion of the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents

**Margaret Hitchcock** was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 1901 to 1903 and at Mitchelltown 1904 and 1905

1907/5671	Margaret Daisy	Hitchcock	Albert William Edgar
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31st January 1905 The second national scholarship goes to Lawrence D. Foster, son of Mr W. Foster, headmaster of Mitchelltown School, where the boy is a pupil.

8th February 1905 Miss Cederholm, relieving teacher at Featherston, has been appointed mistress of the Mitchelltown school,

24th February 1905 Wellington City Council Baths and Reserves Committee: That the Mitchelltown School Committee be empowered to allow the boys attending the school to excavate the portion of the Town Belt at the rear of the school for recreation purposes, in accordance with the plans and levels supplied by the City Engineer.

6th April 1905 The Fire Brigade was called out about half-past 1 o'clock this afternoon to suppress a garbage fire in the vicinity of the Mitchelltown School.

5th July 1905 . A parade of Wellington Public School Cadets, under the command of Major Poster, was held yesterday afternoon in Newtown Park, when the following were present: — Mount Cook 73, Te Aro No. 1 56, Terrace 64, Thorndon 59, Brooklyn 48, Mitchelltown 26, 12th July 1905. In a list of why areas in Wellington were named so included Mitchelltown is named after Mr Henry Mitchell, and the Mr Tait after whom Taitville is named is living there to-day.

20th October 1905 The following are the successful prize winners in the annual examination 'in naval history held in the State schools on the 16th inst. for prizes offered by the local branch of the Navy League—Subject— "The British Navy, Past and Present. Mitchelltown— Gerald Griffen 1, Ivy Heidenstrom 2, Annie Loftman 3.

11th December 1905 Wellington Education Board: TENDERS will be received .at Education Board Office until noon of Saturday, 16th December, for the following Works:— Mitchelltown— Painting, Repairs, Addition to Latrines.

14th December 1905 The pupils attending the Mitchelltown School gave a concert on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in aid of the general funds of the school. On both occasions the room was crowded, and the entertainment was greatly appreciated. Marches and drills and orchestral selections were contributed by well-trained contingents of the senior and junior pupils, and vocal and instrumental items were given by Janet Lindsay, Ettie Duncan, Leslie Foster, Eileen Griffin, Ethel McLoughlin, Laura Fuella, Doris Little, Willie Olanson, and L. Foster. Before the audience dispersed last night a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the headmaster (Mr. Foster), his head assistant (Miss Cederholm), and the other members of the teaching staff for their efforts in connection with the entertainment.

14th December 1905 Wellington Education Board: and that a subsidy of £7 10s on £15 locally contributed be made to Mitchelltown School Committee.[be paid]

23rd December 1905 TO. EXCAVATORS. TENDERS are invited to close at 4 p.m. on Friday, 29th December, 1905, for levelling a playground .for the Mitchelltown School. Drawings and specifications may be seen on application to Mr. Murphy, at corner of Willis and Wordsworth streets, during working hours. Tenders are also' to be deposited with Mr. Murphy. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. W. J. FOSTER, Chairman of Committee.



## 1906

1906	143	Mitchelltown	Foster	William H L	C1	Head Master	£235.00
1906	143	Mitchelltown	Cederholm	Daisy J	D2	Mistress	£110.00
1906	143	Mitchelltown	Clark	Rose	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£60.00
1906	143	Mitchelltown	Pattle	Kate		Female Pupil Teacher	£55.60

**Kate Alice Pattle** was a pupil teacher at Mitchelltown in 1906. An assistant at Te Horo [South of Otaki] in 1907: Sole teacher at Whiteman's Valley 1908 and 1909. Sole teacher at Tauherenikau 1910 to 1913: Assistant at Pahiatua 1914 to at least 1919. By 1921 was head teacher at Pirinoa and when my records end in 1923 was an assistant at Blenheim/Redwoodtown in Marlborough still for the Wellington Education Board, Appointed to Kio Kio for the Auckland Wellington Education Board in 1926  
28th December 1928 Pahiatua Herald: Miss K. A. Pattle. formerly of the Blenheim School staff and also of the Pahiatua School staff, and now stationed at Kopane [Palmerston North], is spending the Christmas holidays in Blenheim

1973/42807	Pattle	Kate Alice	5 February 1888
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24th April 1906 A scheme to obtain an adequate playground for the Mitchelltown School was mentioned at a meeting of the householders of the district last night. The school committee reported that the City Council generously granted a part of the reserve adjoining the school for the purpose of forming a recreation ground for the district, and also put in the necessary levels. Money was raised by "socials" during the year, and a contract was let in January for the levelling of a portion of the site granted. This contract is now nearly completed. When the whole of the work is finished, the school will have one of the finest playgrounds in the city.

23rd May 1906 MITCHELLTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE. SOCIAL AND DANCE. FRIDAY, 25th MAY, at, 8 p.m. Admission — Double, 2s 6d ; Single, 1s 6d. Refreshments. D. MURPHY. Hon Sec.

29th June 1906 Wellington City Council: That the Mitchelltown School Committee be granted a subsidy of £20 towards the completion of recreation ground on the town belt granted for the Use of residents and school children of Mitchelltown on the understanding that the school committee expend a similar sum in the same direction.

24th August 1906 Mitchelltown is not to be called Glentui. Last night, the City Council, on the motion of Councillor Hindmarsh, changed its mind, and decided not to change the name

28th September 1906 Wellington Education Board: Works and Finance approve Mitchelltown £16

26th October 1906 The Education Board has made the following appointments : — Headmaster Mount Cook Boys' School, Mr. W. Foster, at present head-teacher at Mitchelltown ;

10th November 1906 Wellington Education Board: TEACHERS will be required at the following Schools on 1st February [Included]:— Mitchelltown Carterton

14th November 1906 attendance for September quarter at Mitchelltown 142

14th December 1906 Mr. R. Darroch (first assistant at the Te Aro school) has been appointed head teacher of the Mitchelltown School in succession »to Mr. W. Foster, who was recently promoted to the Mount Cook Boys' School.

22nd December 1906 The residents of Mitchelltown school district assembled in force on Thursday night at the presentation of the prizes won by the pupils, and for the purpose of

wishing good-bye to the headmaster (Mr. Foster) and welcoming his successor (Mr. R. Darroch). A concert programme included a piano solo by Miss Ethel Foster, a Maypole dance by sixteen senior girls, a duet by Misses Foster, a flower march by senior boys and girls, and a song by Miss Foster. Mr. D. Murphy, secretary of the committee, presented the prizes, and then, on behalf of the residents, gave Mr. Foster a marble clock. He spoke in high terms of the recipient's five years' services. Mr. Foster, in reply, referred to the cordial relations that had always existed between himself, his staff, and the committee. Later in the evening the members of the committee entertained Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Mr. Darroch, and the staff of the school at a supper in the schoolroom

## 1907

1907	140	Mitchelltown	Darroch	Robert	D1	Head Master	£235.00
1907	140	Mitchelltown	Woodward	Elizabeth	D2	Assistant Female	£110.00
1907	140	Mitchelltown	Clark	Rose	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£60.00
1907	140	Mitchelltown	Hall	Lily E		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00

**Robert Darroch** was a pupil teacher at Carterton 1888 to 1891: He was an assistant at Pahiatua 1892 and 1893: and at Masterton 1895 to 1898: From 1899 to 1906 he was assistant at Te Aro Schools: From 1907 to 1909 he was headmaster of Mitchelltown. Then from 1910 to at least 1919 he was head of Roseneath. He was not teaching for the Wellington Education Board around 1921 And by 1923 he was head of Mount Cook Boys'

**Elizabeth Woodward** was a pupil teacher at Clyde Quay in 1898 and Mount Cook Girls' 1899 to 1901: In 1902 she was assistant at Pongaroa. 1904 and 1904 at Mount Cook Infants': 1905 and 1906 she sole teacher at Matahiwi in the Wairarapa. Then from 1907 to 1913 she was an assistant at Mitchelltown. 1914 to around 1919 she was at Te Aro: 1921 she was at Lyall Bay and by 1923 was at Newtown

**Lily E Hall** was a pupil teacher at Mitchelltown in 1907, Petone DHS 1908 to 1909: 1910 and 1911 assistant at Koputaroa south of Eketahuna. 1912 and 1913 at Otaki. 1914 to around 1917 at Dalefield: From 1919 to at least 1923 Assistant at Lansdowne [Northern suburb of Masterton]

7th March 1907 Wellington Education Board: Mitchelltown, Female Assistant, £110.

27th March 1907 Mr Robert Darroch, headmaster of the Mitchelltown School, whose ill-health has been causing some anxiety, has now almost recovered, and expects to resume duty shortly.

6th April Exodus of Cadets to Christchurch Exhibition included 15 boys from Mitchelltown in No 1 battalion

6th April 1907 Wellington Education Board: Miss E Woodward Matahiwi to be first assistant at Mitchelltown

24th April 1907 School Committee: Mitchelltown. —Messrs W. J. Foster (chairman), D. Murphy (secretary), G. Ridley, A. French, T. Carmody, T. D. Robertson, and J. A. Cooley.

9th May 1908 Wellington Rugby Union: Mr Darroch, headmaster at Mitchelltown, asked the union if it would donate a ball for the use of the boys.—Granted.

Granted

2nd October 1907 The results have been announced of some of the prize essay competitions arranged by the Navy League for school children. The winner at the Mitchelltown school was L. Culverwell,

15th October 1907 A very enjoyable concert was given in the Mitchelltown School, in aid of the piano fund, by Mr. Worth and friends. The following ladies and gentlemen contributed to the lengthy programme: — Misses Foster (2), Hearle, Master and Miss Carolane, and Messrs Proctor, C. Thompson, W. A. Worth, and H. Moschini. Mr. J. Lewis acted as accompanist. Mr. Foster, chairman of the school committee, was in the chair, and stated that the piano fund would be considerably augmented by the results of the entertainment

21st December 1907 The Mitchelltown school completed the school year with a two nights' entertainment, entitled the "Household of the Queen of Mitchelltown," a musical comedy, specially arranged by the school staff, which was played to large audiences. James O'Neill was dux of the School, and attendance certificates were awarded as follow :—First class: Connie Davis, Alice Luke, James Milne; second class: Gladys Biddle, Mary Loftman, Ernest Cooley, Olive Cooley, Maggie Glavin, Bertie Glavin, Bridie Glavin.

## 1908

1908	143	Mitchelltown	Darroch	Robert	D1	Head Master	£235.00
1908	143	Mitchelltown	Woodward	Elizabeth	D2	Assistant Female	£110.00
1908	143	Mitchelltown	Atkinson	Mary		Assistant Female	£80.00

**Mary E Atkinson** was pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1900 and Thorndon 1901 to 1903: Two years absent presumably at training college. Then 1906 and 1907 at Ohau as an assistant and at Mitchelltown in 1907. In 1900 she was sole teacher Makomako west of Pahiatua. 1910 to 1913 at Rangitumau sole charge east of Masterton. Then 1914 to at least 1923 assistant at the Lansdowne school northern suburb of Masterton.

18th June 1926 The assembly room of the Lansdowne School was filled to overflowing by parents, old pupils and pupils to bid farewell to Miss M. E. Atkinson who for the past eight years has been a member of the school staff and is now retiring. A splendid musical programme arranged by Miss L. E. Hall was given.....

20th January 1938 Miss M. E. Atkinson, sole teacher at Taratahi West, Masterton, Will retire from the teaching profession on 31st January. Miss Atkinson began her teaching career with the Wellington Education Board in 1902. She was appointed to Taratahi West on 1st July, 1931, and before that she was on the relieving staff. She has also taught at Lansdowne School, Masterton.

26th March 1908 Mr. James Mitchell, one of the oldest settlers in Wellington- after whom Mitchelltown, at the head of Polhill Gully, is named, died between 8 and 9 o'clock yesterday morning. Mr; Mitchell arrived in Wellington with his parents in the ship Gertrude in 1841, and he and his two brothers, Mr. Henry Mitchell, still a resident of Wellington, and Mr. William Mitchell, who died six years ago, fettled in the wilds of Polhill Gully, where they carried on the business of brick making, and it was from their bricks that of the earliest buildings ,in Wellington were constructed.

11th April 1908 The playground attached to the Mitchelltown School is little bigger than the average backyard, of. a dwelling house, and the School Committee has for some time had in

hand the question of providing a larger, and more suitable area of recreation ground for the children. A section of the Town' Belt, 'about one and a half acres, has been, under, permission from the City Council, excavated, and levelled for this purpose, and up to the present something like £60 has been,'-expended ' on the work by the committee.. To further this work, a bazaar is to be Held next Tuesday afternoon and evening' when is expected that about £10 will be realised

27th April 1908 TO-NIGHT! THE CITIZENS' BIBLE IN STATE SCHOOLS' LEAGUE urgently request Householders 'and their Wives to cast their vote in favour of the following Candidates, who have expressed themselves in favour of the Reading of the Bible in Schools.....FOR MITCHELLTOWN' COMMITTEE: Messrs. H. Bennett, G. W. Davies, A. J. Geary, N. J. Gooder, H. Hicks, J. , H. Kraft, T. Milligan, H. Mainland, J. Williams

28th April 1908 An innovation in displaying the progress of a school was tried at the meeting of householders at the Mitchelltown school last night. On a blackboard conspicuous before the meeting was written : "The Householders of Mitchelltown. Average attendance 1st quarter this year, 141 ; 2nd quarter, so far, 146. A year's average ' attendance of 151 would give us an assistant master, yet for years now the average attendance has been about 143. The teaching staff evidently believes in the adage, "Heaven helps those who help themselves.

28th April 1908 LIVELY MITCHELLTOWN. Evening Post

The Bible-in-schools movement came to the front at the Mitchelltown meeting very quickly. Even before the nominations for the new committee were complete the feelings of the assembly on the question were expressed with vehemence. One gentleman got up and proposed six persons as candidates en bloc as a new committee in spite of the expostulations of several members that it was contrary to the Act. Another member, after 14 nominations had been received, rose to his feet and delivered a stirring ovation advocating the return of the old committee unchanged. They had done work and most of them had helped to build up the school, whereas the strangers nominated had done nothing. It was most unfair to them to have the Bible-in-schools question sprung on them without sufficient previous ,warning.

The storm had been brewing in the meanwhile' and when another gentleman, representing the other side,' got up, he was greeted with loud outcry. . The first speaker mentioned an able teacher who had left the school through the decline in attendance. "If you introduce the Bible into the school, the rest will go and the headmaster will leave. We have built up the school, now you come in to break it down."

A voice: I will break you up. The Chairman :

I must ask the speaker to address the chair. A voice, to the first speaker:

I will dress you down.

The champion of the Bible in schools rose in the lull that followed, and recited figures to show that the taxpayers of New Zealand were paying £2289 towards Catholic schools, while no other voluntary church schools got a penny. The speaker then referred to what he considered was history. "Historical books tell us that the Pope —

"LEAVE THE POPE ALONE!"

This was followed by cries of "Leave the Pope alone! "Leave the Pope alone!"

"This is what the Bible in schools will bring to Mitchelltown," continued the speaker.

Violent threats were uttered, and fists shaken.

"Don't come here to teach us Christianity," cried one infuriated Irishman; and the meeting looked like an overture to Donnybrook Fair.

The chairman then interposed quietly, but firmly, "I have allowed both sides to have their say, but I must tell you we are not here to listen to the pros and cons of the Bible in schools question. The business before the meeting is the election of a new committee. ' After a burst of hearty applause, the chairman secured order once more ; the uproar subsiding into a suppressed "murmur.

A tactful member proposed that the gentleman whose attitude had been so bellicose should give a song. That individual was mollified, and peace restored. The election showed that every Bible-in-schools candidate was rejected.....

29th April 1908 The proceedings at the annual election of the--Mitchelltown School District Committee which were presided over by Mr. W. J. Foster, were of a lively character, and at times bordered on the farcical. Needless to say, the burning topic was the Bible-in-schools question. . The annual report stated that the grant from the Education Board, was £31 7s; 3d., and a special grant of £5 was made for gas installation. The total from all sources was £94 - 11s. 8d., and after the expenses for the year there was a credit balance of £3 7s. 3d. The outgoing committee was re-elected as follows:—Messrs. V. Ridley, A. Cooley, W J Foster, V. Carmody, A. C. S. French s D. Murphy, and C. D. Robertson. Mr. J. Foster was elected chairman, and Mr. D. Murphy secretary and treasure

1st May 1908 Wellington Education Board referred to clerk of work re shed

19th June 1908 The' sum of £50 was granted by the City Council I last night to the Mitchelltown School Committee for the purpose of laying out and improving the school recreation ground.

27th July 1908 MITCHELLTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE. TENDERS are invited to close at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 4th August, 1908, for Excavating and Levelling portion of the Playground for the Mitchelltown School. Drawings and Specifications may be seen on application to Mr. D. Murphy, at corner of Willis and Wordsworth streets, during working hours. Tenders are also to be deposited with Mr. Murphy. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. W. J. FOSTER, Chairman of Committee. Wellington, 27th July, 1908.

30th October 1908. Wellington Education Board: Work was approved at Mitchelltown

13th November 1908 Wellington Education Board: Mitchelltown— Assistant Mistress ; £90.

11th December 1908: Wellington Education Board: Miss H A Taylor appointed

16th December 1908 The prizes awarded to children attending Wellington schools by the Chamber of Commerce for efficiency in writing, arithmetic, and composition, were distributed this afternoon. The prize list is as follows included Mitchelltown. — Alice Luke, Mary Warner, Gladys Biddle, and Jessie Andrew

18th December 1908 The annual concert and distribution, of prizes in connection with Mitchelltown School took place in the schoolroom last evening. Choruses, dialogues, and drill items were contributed by the children, and a boxing bout by the champions of the school — Johnson and Burns. Miss Luke and Mr. Darroch gave vocal items, and the chairman of committee, Mr. Foster, presented the prizes, as follow : —

Dux of school, Alice Luke; attendance, Joseph Hancock, George Ridley, Bertram Glavin, Vera Bleeze, Gordon Standen, Olive Cooley, Charles Bleeze, Ernest Cooley, Lionel Rhodes, Edward Sefton, Hone Ridley, William Standen, Martin Tarabochia, William Ridley, Marjorie

-McGilvray, Bridie Glavin, Maggie Glavin, Agnes Nelson, Gladys Biddle, Mary Breeze, Alice Biddle, Alice Luke, May Warner, Mary Loftman, Ellen Luke, Kate Tarabochia ; homework, Gladys Biddle, Alice Biddle ; best kept school vegetable garden (cash prize presented by Mr. Rhodes), May Warner, Alice Luke, Mary Bleeze ; progress (prizes presented by Mr. C. D. Robertson), Maisie Robertson, Rita Goetzlof, Albert Stead, John Burch, Herbert Bringezu, Arthur Gordon, Winnie Mumford, May Warner ; special prize, May Barcham ; sewing prize, Miriam Bowden Today every child in the school received a bag of lollies (given by Mr. | Mitchell, father of Mitchelltown).

## 1909

1909	168	Mitchelltown	Darroch	Robert	D1	Head Master	£245.00
1909	168	Mitchelltown	Woodward	Elizabeth	D2	Assistant Female	£125.00
1909	168	Mitchelltown	Taylor	Helen Anne	D4	Assistant Female	£90.00
1909	168	Mitchelltown	Coady	Eileen		Assistant Female	£90.00
1909	168	Mitchelltown	D'Emden	Amy I		Female Probationer	£25.00

**Helen Anne Taylor** taught for the Wellington Education Board as an assistant at Mitchelltown 1909 to 1911. February 1909 a Helen Anne Taylor gained her Teachers' Certificate from Napier.

1912/1685	Helen Anne Taylor	Christopher Edwin Femmel
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FEMMEL.-on: January 19, 1919, at Wellington, Helen .Anne, . dearly-beloved wife of C. F. Femmel, Khandallah. and beloved daughter of Jas.' Taylor; 2 Lucy Road, Napier.; aged 35 years

**Eileen Coady** was an assistant at Mitchelltown in 1909: Mrs Ellen Coady taught at the Terrace school from 1910 to at least 1921

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**Amy I D'Emden** was a pupil teacher at Mitchelltown in 1909 and Newtown DHS in 1910. She didn't teach for the Wellington Education Board again until 1914 and 1915 at Carterton as an assistant. From around 1917 to at least 1923 she was an assistant at Petone West

20th February 1909 The annual picnic in connection with Mitchelltown School took place at Newtown Park yesterday in glorious weather. The children, nearly 200 in number, were given provisions, fruit, and lollies throughout the day, and dozens of races for toys, expensive and otherwise, were run off during the morning. At 3 o'clock the camel was put into commission, and the children kept him fully occupied for two hours. The sea lions formed a great attraction, and indeed, the varied forms of amusement convinced those present that Wellingtonians do not realise the very valuable asset which they now possess in Newtown Park. Some people present yesterday had not visited the park for 20 years/ although residents of Wellington for the whole of the time. The success of the picnic was in a great measure due to the generosity of Mr. Mitchell, who has always taken a great interest in Mitchelltown, and especially in its school. He has always contributed handsomely to the school funds, and last Christmas presented every child with a bag of lollies. The committee, of which body Mr. Mitchell was the first chairman, is desirous of hanging his portrait in the school.

3rd March 1909 A number of probationers have been appointed by the Wellington Education Board, their names and the school to which they are allocated being as follow: included Miss A d'Emden (Mitchelltown)

5th March 1909 MITCHELLTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE TENDERS are invited, to close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th March, 1909, for the Construction of a Tennis Court and a Cricket Pitch for the Mitchelltown School. Specification may be seen on application to Mr. D. Murphy, at comer of Willis and Wordsworth streets, during working hours. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. W. J. FOSTER, Chairman of Committee. Wellington, 5th March, 1909.

27th April 1909 MITCHELLTOWN. Things were very quiet at Mitchelltown last night — "the quietest for twenty-three years," an old firebrand said. About twenty householders were present. The election resulted as follows : — Messrs. P. Carmody (chairman), r . Ridley (secretary), A. French, T. Darrell, J. E. Cooley, and G. Handcock. 'Mr. D. Murphy, for many years secretary and treasurer, decided not to stand again. The annual report and balance sheet receipts, amounting to £117 10s 4d, including a credit balance of £3 7s 3d from the previous year, capitation £32 5s, contributions £81 18s 1d (including £50 from the City Council, and £30 from a sale of work and concerts). Among the items of expenditure were — £15 16s 10d for cleaning, £2 4s for fuel, repairs £8 7s 6d, books, maps, etc., £6 17s 1d, levelling and fencing £48 14s 4d A balance of £35 2s 6d remains and is ear-marked for the tennis court and for levelling. The school now possesses about an acre of level playground, which compares favourably with the one-twenty-fourth part which did service for so many years. The inspectors' reports were highly satisfactory, and the health and conduct of the children had been excellent. The average attendance for the quarter ending 31st March was 152, a record for the school. To the incoming committee is recommended the fencing of the new playground and the systematic planting of the banks and slopes surrounding the school.

24th June 1909 Wellington Education Board: Mitchelltown : That the secretary make enquiry re lease of additional ground

10th July 1909 Wellington Education Board: Mitchelltown-Assistant mistress £90 to £105

13th July 1909 WANTED, Tenders for Excavating; Mitchelltown School Committee. Apply Carmody's Store, Mitchelltown.

20th July 1909 Wellington City Council: The. secretary stated that he had received a communication from the headmaster of the Mitchelltown School asking if the committee could spend £150 in putting the unemployed on to. excavate the school playground. The Mayor admitted that the Mitchelltown School had a very uneven playground, and the council was-planting a few trees there. He thought there was plenty of work on offer at present, and this application might be considered later

30th July 1909 Wellington Education Board: and that the school committee at Mitchelltown be informed that they have been secured in possession of the piece of land adjoining the Mitchelltown School.

10th August 1909 At the meeting of the Benevolent Institution to-day, a letter was received from Mr. R. Darroch, headmaster of Mitchelltown School, stating that a Mrs. Melville, who had £37 subscribed for her, and which sum was in the hands of the trustees, had only received £1. It was pointed out that the letter was written under misapprehension. The trustees had placed the money referred to out at interest, and it was yielding a return equal to that .of the

rate of interest of the Post Office Savings Bank. In the interim, Mrs. Melville had received the interest on the money, and also help in the way of food and clothes. The position was clearly stated to Mrs. Melville at the time, and she understood it.

18th August 1909 Wellington Education Board: An application for the expenditure of money on the Mitchelltown School ground was deferred until next meeting.

10th November 1909 Wellington Education Board: Mitchelltown-Assistant mistress £90 to £105

12th November 1909 . Last evening Mr. George Frost opened a bazaar at Mitchelltown School in aid of the playground fund. He referred in eulogistic terms to the efforts" made by the residents of the district to provide a recreation ground for the children and wished the bazaar a profitable season. The stalls were in charge of the wives of the committeemen and did excellent business. To-night a concert and dance will be held when another large attendance is expected.

13th November 1909 At the Mitchelltown School last evening a very successful concert was given before a good attendance of parents and friends of the pupils The concert was the culminating event to a successful two days' bazaar which has been held at the school The overtures for each part of the programme were played by the Working Men's Club Orchestra Attractive drill displays given by the infant classes, while the pupils of the senior classes : sang very pleasingly, the chorus songs, "Climb, Boys, Climb, "Bayou," "When the Sunset Turns," and Mr Nelson Dyson's song, "What ~We have We'll Hold' , Items were also contributed by Misses Ballantyne, Sewell, and Messrs Just and Sewell, and by pupils of the school—B Wenncott, E Loughlm, C Wright, Lily McLoughlin, and Mary Loftman.

6th December 1909 Wellington Education Board: Miss Bissett, daughter of Mr. G. Bissett, editor of Government publications, has been appointed assistant mistress, Mitchelltown School. Miss Bissett was formerly teaching in the Canterbury district.

16th December 1909 Mitchelltown. — Boys : N. Herdenstrom. Girls: J. Andrews, G. Biddle. For Postal Department: J. Benson, O. Cook, A. Furness, V. Greatbatch, H. Hargood, H. Wimsett.

16th December 1909 MITCHELLTOWN. A concert by the scholars of the above school was held yesterday, and the attendance certificates were issued. The school closed this afternoon, and as the children departed they were each handed a bag of sweets, an annual gift of Mr. Mitchell.

22nd December 1909 The, following attendance, prizes and 'certificates have been awarded, First Class.-B. Macklin, S;: Pritchard, K. Sefton, V. O'Connor, V. Bleceze, C. ,'B. Wouncott, ,H. Ridley, .0: Cosley McGilivray , J. Hancock, H.. Robertson,'• E. Cooley,, L. Rhodes, E Sefton, G Biddle, M. Bleeze, D.. Rhodes,; V: Rhodes,-: L. Mcloughlin, A. Biddle,, and M. Loftman.

Second Class.—G. Wouncott, T Issac , E. Isaac, G. Cooley, B. Griffin, D. Macklin, J. O'Shea, R. O'Connor, B.: Glavin, C. Smith, A. McGilivray,. N. Kirk, A. Stead,' C- Peterson, G. Ridley, Birdie Glavin, E. Glavin .'W. Glavin, T. Swensson, L. Jones, I. Blair, .3. 'Andrew, A. Bringezu, M. Isaac, and A. Nelson.

Special for Attendance—N. Heidenstrom



Home-work. ^M Roberts; A; Pritchard, H. Robertson, J. Andrew, A. Biddle, and A. Nelson Punctuality C Bleeze, and G. .Robertson. Chamber of -Commerce.—C.' Haughey, D. Rhodes, and G. Biddle!

Nav)y League.—M Bleeze.- . . . - '

Proficiency Certificates—N Heidenstrom W. .Chapman, G. Biddle, and Jessie Andrew

Competency Certificates.—L. ' McLoughlis', D. Rhodes, and V., Rhodes.

22nd December 1909 Mr. Robert Darroch, who has for some years past been headmaster of the Mitchelltown School, » has been appointed to succeed Mr. C. Bary as headmaster of Roseneath School. Mr. Bary, as we announced last week, has been appointed to the charge of the Mount Cook Boys' School, vice Mr. W. Foster, who is to succeed Mr. James Home as headmaster at Petone.

## 1910

1910	180	Mitchelltown	Malcolm	John H	D1	Head Master	£240.00
1910	180	Mitchelltown	Woodward	Elizabeth	D2	Assistant Female	£130.00
1910	180	Mitchelltown	Taylor	Helen Anne	D3	Assistant Female	£120.00
1910	180	Mitchelltown	Bisset	Caroline A B	D4	Assistant Female	£90.00
1910	180	Mitchelltown	Mackersey	Errol M		Probationer	£50.00

**John H Malcolm** started his career for the Wellington Education Board at Featherston 1899 to 1901 as an assistant. From 1902 he was head of Scarborough School [Later Mangamutu near the Pahiatua Railway Station. ]Then headmaster of Mitchelltown 1910 to 1913. From 1914 to at least 1917 was head of Te Aro

**Caroline A B Bisset** was an assistant at Mitchelltown from 1910 to 1913. Then 1914 and 1915 at Te Aro.

1915/5050	Caroline Annie Beatrice	Bisset	James Russell
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Carolyn A Russell taught at Te Aro around 1917

**Errol M Mackersey** was a pupil teacher at Mitchelltown 1910 and 1911. By 1915 was working for a Lawyer in Wellington

7th January 1910 Mr Malcolm, who has been headmaster of the Scarborough school for about eight years, has been appointed headmaster of the Mitchelltown (Wellington) school

2nd April 1910 The Mitchelltown State School registered a record in the matter of attendance for the first quarter of the present year. A few months back the number of pupils on the roll was just on 100, whilst the average attendance {now exceeds 175, the highest attained since the opening of the school. An additional average attendance of 26 pupils will raise the school grade and entitle it to an extra assistant master. The committee deserves credit for its efforts in furthering the well-being of this school.

30th June 1910 WANTED, Price for post, rail, and netting fence at Mitchelltown School Specifications at Mr. Carmodys' Store. Mitchelltown.

1st September 1910 Wellington Education Board: That the following be deferred: : Newman: New "latrines. Mitchelltown':. .Subsidy, further particulars to be obtained

25th October 1910 Wellington Education Board Approved: Improvements Mitchelltown

19th December 1910 Mention was made at a recent social function at Mitchelltown, that Mr. Henry Mitchell—the original settler in the district, and after whom' the settlement is named—

had presented the school with two beautifully-framed photographs of himself and his two brothers. One picture is to be hung in the school for all time, and the other will be held in trust for the Mitchelltown Library. Mr. Mitchell, it was remarked, had also presented the town with a site for a public library, which institution, when established, should prove a great boon to Mitchelltown

## 1911

1911	207	Mitchelltown	Malcolm	John H	D1	Head Master	£245.00
1911	207	Mitchelltown	Woodward	Elizabeth	D2	Assistant Female	£135.00
1911	207	Mitchelltown	Taylor	Helen Anne	D2	Assistant Female	£125.00
1911	207	Mitchelltown	Bisset	Caroline A B	C4	Assistant Female	£95.00
1911	207	Mitchelltown	Mackersey	Errol M		Probationer	£55.00

No new teachers for 1911

23rd February 1911 Miss Maud E, Malcolm, daughter of Mr Malcolm, headmaster of the Mitchelltown school, has won the Victor Harris memorial medal for 1910 for proficiency in music. This medal was founded by Madam Harris, of Palmerston North, in memory of her son, who in the' midst of a young, promising musical career, died in London. The medal is open for competition throughout New Zealand, the winner each year being the best violin performer, as decided by the Royal Academy of Music. In forwarding the medal, Madam Harris expressed her pleasure and congratulations to Miss Malcolm on her success.

25th April 1911 INADEQUATE SHELTER-SHEDS. The annual report of Mitchelltown School Committee, presented to the meeting of householders last evening, stated that the year had been a very satisfactory one, both as regards the increase of school attendance and the special works carried out by the committee, the works undertaken being greatly in excess of that of the previous year. The balance-sheet showed that a large sum, £63 18s. 6d., had been spent on improving the playground: "In connection with the committee's finances it| is interesting to note," states the report, "that during the establishment of the school the sum of £424 11s. 6d. had been received by committees as the ordinary capitation grant from the Education Board, and £43 10s. special grants, whereas the voluntary donations received from the householder's, etc., reached the sum of £703 11s. 7d. The committee will therefore be unable to make ends meet on the subsidy received from the board. The programme of works submitted to the board was estimated to cost £100 when complete. The board, after inspection and consideration, finally forwarded their cheque for ten guineas towards the work." The committee's programme will be recommended to the incoming committee to further carry out completion of fencing, asphaltting, etc. The principal works carried out during the year, included the gutter levelling, asphaltting, and fencing of playground which the committee are sure will greatly increase the comfort of the children during the winter weather. The Education Board is to be asked to at once make further provision for increased shelter-sheds the present ones being "grossly inadequate" for the greatly increased attendance. Regret was expressed at the inactivity of the School Committees' Association. "This association, more enthusiastically managed, would be a great deal of assistance to committees in their duties," stated the report. The headmaster and staff were highly complimented upon the' general progress and condition of the school.

25th April 1911 MITCHELLTOWN. Mr. C. D. Robertson presided. The past year -at this school had been a satisfactory one, both as regards attendance and the work carried out by the committee. The sum of £68 '18s 6d had been spent on improving the playground. The committee pointed out that it would be unable to make ends meet on the subsidy received from the board. The programme of works submitted to the board was estimated to cost £100, and the board, after consideration, forwarded £10 10s. The board is to be asked to make provision for increased shelter sheds. The new committee consists of Messrs. A. C. S. French, C. D. Robertson, H. D. McCarthy, D. M. Andrews (re-elected), W. H. Hampton, and W. Warner. Mr. Robertson was elected chairman and Mr. Andrews secretary

26th April 1911 Wellington Education Board: Approved work Mitchelltown (new cisterns and new outhouses)..... The clerk of works was instructed to report re channels of right of way, Mitchelltown,

27th June 1911 Wellington Education Board The question of shelter sheds at Mitchelltown and South Wellington was referred to the Clerk of Works and Inspector for report.

2nd September 1911 Two successful concerts were given by the pupils of Mitchelltown State School on Thursday and last evening, there being large audiences on each occasion. The programme consisted of dialogues, choruses, songs, recitations, cadet drill, and dances, the pupils contributing being Rita Goetzlof, George Ridley, George Wonnocott, Harold Sarlit, Fred. Biel, James McArthur, C. Edwards, H. Burch, Isa Clarke, Gladys Turpin, Elsie Rhodes, R Hampton, W. Edwards, S. Petersen, H. Midley, E. Luke, L. Rhodes, A. Edwards, A. O'Neill, M. Olausen, C Hook, E. Monkhouse, F. Luke, I. Bowden, J. Hampton C, Petersen, D Stevens, S Biel, and L. Bowden. The Mission Band also played selections. The school has been presented by Mr. H. Mitchell with photographs of the late King Edward and the present King. Mr. Mitchell has also given a substantial sum towards the school funds

8th September 1911 The City Council has granted a subsidy of £25 to the Mitchelltown school committee towards the improvement of their school recreation ground on the town belt, the work to be supervised by the city engineer.

29th November 1911 Wellington Education Board: Plans for alterations and additions to the Mitchelltown school were referred to the works committee.

14th December 1911 On Monday night the committee of the Mitchelltown School entertained the staff and several of the parent committeemen. The gathering was larger than usual on account of the retirement of Miss Helen Taylor on the eve of her marriage. The following night Tuesday, the annual prize-giving took place. During the evening the chairman (Mr. C. D. Robertson) presented Miss Taylor with a tray containing beautiful table silver and cutlery on behalf of the staff and householders of Mitchelltown. The scholars presented Miss Taylor with an address, read by Eva Kirk, and a pair of solid silver table rings by little Hazel Robertson. The following visitors rendered an enjoyable programme: — Miss Evans and Mr. Lankshear duet, Miss Malcolm violin solo, Mr. Churchill song, Mr. Bareham song, Miss Evans and party quartettes, Mr. Ormerod song, Mr. H. McCarthy song. Master W. Ridley sang "The Soldiers in the Park." Special prizes were presented by "Mr. D. Murphy, and Mr. P. Carmody, and Mr. W. Hampton. Five proficiency and four competency certificates were received. The following is the list of attendance prize-winners : —

Full attendances. — Dux, Roy Hampton. Good Conduct. — Eva Kirk.

Standard VI. — Roy Hampton, Lionel Rhodes, Ellen, Luke, Stella Biel. Standard V. — Burt Flynn, Douglas Hampton, Charles Smith, Ernest Cooley, Stanley Burch, Doris Biel, Bert Wonnocott. Alfred Edwards. Standard IV. — Edward Dowling, Hector Robertson, John Vidulich, Olive Cooley. Standard III.—Gilbert Cooley, Joseph Hancock, Horace Hansen, Percy Hansen, William Mahony, Gourlay Robertson, Joyce Hampton. Standard II.— Ernest Hancock, Vera Bleeze, Eileen Hampton. Standard I.— James Vidulich. Primer IV.— Jack Dwyer, Leslie Tiller, Doreen Hampton, James McCarthy. Primer III.— Eric McCarthy, Donald McGillivray, Jack Olsen, Louie Cooley.

than six times absent : — Standard VI.— Jack Burch, Carrie Vidulich. Standard V.— Cecil Wright, Marjory McGillivray, Alice O'Neill, Nellie Kirk, May Olausen. Standard IV.— William Hart," Antonio Vidulich. Standard III — Joyce O'Shea. Standard II— Maisie Robertson, Albert Hart, William Nicoll, Rita Goetzlof, Gladstone O'Shea, Arthur Oliff, Grace Nicoll, Eileen McCarthy. Primer III.— George Vidulich, Willie Dwyer, Jessie McGillivray. The whole proceedings concluded with a concert rendered Wednesday night by Mr. Boyd and a company of artists.

## 1912

1912	213	Mitchelltown	Malcolm	John H	D1	Head Master	£270.00
1912	213	Mitchelltown	Woodward	Elizabeth	D2	Assistant Female	£180.00
1912	213	Mitchelltown	Melody	William J		Assistant Male	£121.10
1912	213	Mitchelltown	Bisset	Caroline A B	C3	Assistant Female	£106.00
1912	213	Mitchelltown	Hunt	Ellen J	B4	Assistant Female	£90.00
1912	213	Mitchelltown	Hall	Vincent J P		Probationer	£50.00

**William J Melody** was a pupil teacher at Te Aro 1907 and 1908. Then still at Te Aro he was an assistant from 1909 to 1911. He was at Mitchelltown 1912 and 1913 and Te Aro in 1914. He then was at Hutt DHS until at least 1923 still an assistant. In 1945 was headmaster of the Thorndon School

**Ellen Jane Hunt** was a pupil teacher at Newtown DHs in 1907 and 1908: 1909 and 1910 Didn't teach presumably at Training College: 1911 Back at Newtown as an assistant: 1912 and 1913 at Mitchelltown. And by 1914 with a BA was at Te Aro as an assistant

1915/799	Ellen Jane	Hunt	Horace Edward	Brooker
1916/26504	Brooker	Lilian Joan	Ellen Jane	Horace Edward
1918/968	Brooker	Frederick John	Ellen Jane	Horace Edward

**Vincent J P Hall** only taught for the Wellington Education Board in 1912 at Mitchelltown 6th February 1912 Wellington Education Board :To avoid 'confusion the' salary of the position must be definitely stated on the form of application, especially Where more .than one vacancy exists in the same school, viz., Mitchelltown, Maranui, Epuni, and Johnsonville .....Mitchelltown— Assistant. £180 to £210. Mitchelltown— Assistant. £90 to £105.

23rd February 1912 Wellington City Council That the application of the Mitchelltown School Committee for some additional land at the Town Belt adjoining the school be considered when the present lease of the section expires, on 1st January, 1913.

11th March 1912 Wellington Education Board: Appointment assistant mistress Miss E J Hunt

12th March 1912 Wellington Education Board: assistant master Mitchelltown— £135 to £150

13th April 1912 Wellington Education Board: appointment assistant master Mr W J Melody

22nd April 1912 The annual report of the Mitchelltown School Committee, to be presented at the annual meeting of householders on April 24, states that the income for the past year amounted to .£172 10s. 6d., easily constituting a record and exceeding the income' of the previous year by £64 This position, it is stated, is largely due to the efforts of the committee to complete the playground on the portion of the Town Belt granted for the purpose by the City Council. Two additional tennis courts were laid down, and the first one top-dressed at a cost of £67, which, with fencing and tennis gear, meant an outlay of over .£86. Four tennis courts were let at rents aggregating .£32, of which amount £27 has been received. The City Council made a grant of £25 towards the cost of the work.

The committee endeavoured vainly, during the year to get the Education Board to supplement the inadequate existing shelter sheds and school accommodation. The board was induced, however, to drain the playground, channel a right-of-way, and provide new latrines. The committee recommends its successor to proceed with further playground improvements. The outgoing committee has arranged with the City Council for a supply of shrubs for planting outside the fences and around the tennis courts. The report states that when this work is completed Mitchelltown will have a school playground second to none in the Wellington district. '

The committee expresses its fullest confidence in the school staff, as constituted during the past year, and commends the enthusiasm and keen interest in the wellbeing of the school and children, displayed by Mr. Malcolm and his assistants.

Contributions are acknowledged as follow :-Mr. H Mitchell, £9 11s: Mr. Aitken, £1; Messrs. Benge and Son, W. Haines, Isaac and Son, V. Ridley, donations of provisions and prizes for the school picnic; Messrs. D. Murphy and P. Carmody, gifts to the school prize fund.

The headmaster (Mr. J. H. Malcolm) states in his report that on March 31, 1911. there were 215 children on the rolls of the school, while for the corresponding date of this year there were 217. During the twelve months 104 children were admitted and 102 withdrawn. The average attendance for the year was 92 per cent During May, June, and July of last year there was a rather serious epidemic of measles, and during March of this year there was one of mumps. Had it not been for these, troubles, the average attendance would have stood at about 95 per cent. Such a percentage, Mr. Malcolm remarks, speaks volumes for the children and their parents.

23rd April 1912 About fifty householders attended the annual meeting of the Mitchelltown School. Mr. P. Carmody presided. Reports for the year by. the; retiring committee and headmaster (already summarised in The Dominion), were adopted.

The following resolution was passed : "That it be an instruction to the incoming committee to take into consideration the question of increased accommodation at the school, and to bring pressure to bear on the Education Board and Department re the same." The following

committee was appointed—Messrs. AV. H. Hampton (chairman), D. Murphy (secretary), P. Carmody, A. C. S. French, V. Ridley, I. E. Cooley, J. McIndoe, H. McCarthy, and J. Dwyer. 23rd April 1912 A practice which other school committees might do well to imitate has been instituted by the Mitchelltown School Committee, whereby the school is disinfected daily by the sprinkling of the floors each afternoon with sawdust saturated with lysol or Jeyes' fluid. "To this," states the annual report submitted to the meeting of householders last evening, "the committee believes that the school's freedom from epidemics or serious sickness is due. The total cost of this work, including sawdust, disinfectant, and wages to boys for spreading same, only amounted to £1 2s for the eight months it has been in. vogue."

30th April 1912 Wellington Education Board: SITES. The committee recommended that a year-to-year lease be approved of area of Town Belt adjoining Mitchelltown School;

1st May 1912 Wellington Education Board: Recommendations in regard to sites were adopted as follow: Mitchelltown, that year to year lease he approved of area of Town Bolt adjoining Mitchelltown School; .....With regard to special grants recommendations were made' as follow in terms of replies from the Education Department:— Mitchelltown, that their letter be received;

29th May 1912 Wellington Education Board: Work accepted: Mitchelltown, improvements, excavation, asphaltting, shelter sheds, fencing, etc;

18th June 1912 WANTED, Tenders for Excavating and Levelling, at Mitchelltown School Playground, Particulars from Headmaster'.

28th June 1912 Wellington City Council Arbor Day approved Planting at Mitchelltown School

3rd July 1912 With reference to the Education Commission which commences its sittings next Monday Mr W. H. Hampton, chairman of the Mitchelltown school committee, points out that no. provision has been made for taking the evidence of representatives of school committees. And evidence of representatives, of school committees' associations is invited, but 'as "there is no body of that description in Wellington much information of a valuable nature may be lost to the commission. As school committees come into very close touch with the routine work of schools, it is considered by Mr Hampton that an injustice is being done to a very useful body of citizens, and one that should be rectified before the commission sits.

13th July 1912 Wellington Mayor [Mr McLaren] reports He had also promised to attend the Mitchelltown school committee's celebration at '2 p.m., and one or two other parties later in the afternoon,

28th August 1912 Wellington Education Board: Mitchelltown, water service

29th August 1912 The annual entertainment by the scholars of the Mitchelltown School was held last evening in the schoolroom, in the presence of a record attendance. The following programme, which maintained a very high standard throughout, was submitted to an appreciative audience : Part I.— Overture the Misses Malcolm and Walters, and Mr. Walters); song, "Children's. Toys," Infant Boys; trio "Angel's Whisper, ' Masters W., H., and G. Ridley ; Japanese Song (in character), Standards I. and II. Girls (admirably trained by Miss B. Bisset) ; Song (in character), "John Bull. Junior," Master Hone Ridley; part song, "Good Night; 1 Standards 111. and IV.

The second part consisted of the operetta "A Norse Legend," performed by the upper boys and girls. The chief characters were admirably sustained by Ruth Ahlers (Fire), May Olausen (Fire), Eva Kirk (Freda, Queen of Beauty), May Bareham (Thoka, a witch), Arthur Lee (Chief Imp

Cheekis, the success of the evening), Alf Edwards (First Imp), Fred Bill (Second Imp), Percy Hansen (Third Imp), William Ridley (Loki, the Wizard), and Leonard Lye (Baldur, Prince of the Sun), whilst the girls (Elements) and boys (Imps) supplied the choruses throughout. The whole reflected the greatest credit upon Miss Woodward, who was chiefly responsible for the organisation.' The incidental music and accompaniments were supplied by Miss Hunt. After a haka, and cadet drill by the members of the football team and cadets, the Mayor, Mr. McLaren, addressed the children in a few well-chosen remarks. On account of the number of people who were unable to gain admission, the programme will be repeated.

17th October 1912 At St.- Peter's Schoolroom last evening the pupils of the Mitchelltown School gave a concert in aid of the Church of England homes for poor children, there being a good audience present. Archdeacon Harper, who presided, thanked those who were instrumental in promoting the concert, particularly Mr. J. H. Malcolm, headmaster of the school. The excellent programme presented included an interesting operetta entitled "A Norse Legend.

4th November 1912 An enjoyable time was spent in the schoolroom, Mitchelltown, on Friday evening, when the school committee gave a fancy dress ball to conclude a series of dances which have been held during the winter months. About 50 couples were present, and the fancy costumes lent an air of gaiety to the scene. The following are a few of those present : —Mrs. T. Smith (Night), Mrs. Dixon (Spanish Peasant), Mrs. McLachlan (Pillar Box), Mrs. Beils (Maori Chieftainess), Miss A. Loftman (Royal Widow), "Miss M. Loftman (Drummer Boy), Miss M. Culverwill (Roses), Miss M. Warner (Portuguese), Miss E. ( Warner (Indian Ayah), Miss Dodds (Schoolgirl), Miss E. Barcham ; (Nurse), ' Miss -P. Ferris (Cowgirl), Miss E. Smith (Fishwife), Miss Olliver (Spanish Dancer), Miss Fry (Gretchen), Mrs. Rabbit (Central Brewery), Miss Boxhill (Italian Peasant), Miss -R.- Petersen (Slave), Miss McIndoe (Annie Laurie), Mr. Gregory (Dick Turpin), Mr. Nicholson (Harry Lauder), Mr. P. Barcham (American Indian), Mr., L. Free (Clown), Mr. H. Marshall (Cowboy), Mr. W. Glavin (Mummy). The Mayor (Mr. McLaren) was present. Mr. H. D. McCanty fulfilled the combined offices of secretary and M.C. and was assisted by Messrs. Dwyer and McIndoe. The success of the function was greatly added to by their efforts. Miss E. Dodds acted as pianist. The committee intend holding a progressive euchre series during the Summer months.

11th December 1912 Wellington Education Board: Mitchelltown —That the clerk of works prepare specifications on the lines of the plans already drawn

18th December 1912 A generous response has been made by the parents and friends of the children in the Mitchelltown State School to an appeal made by the committee and teachers, and every child is to be presented this evening with a book. In addition a tennis racket given by Mr. McCarthy for improvement in tennis, and four handsome gold and silver medals will be presented. Two of the medals have been donated by Mr. D. Murphy, secretary of the committee, and will be given to the best conducted boy and girl in the school during the year. Another medal (given by Mr., Hall, one of the teachers) will be handed to the best shot in the school, and best tennis player will receive a medal presented by Mr. Melody, another member of the teaching staff.

20th December 1912 The annual prize-giving ceremony in connection with the Mitchelltown Public School was held last evening. The large room of the school was taxed to its utmost capacity. Mr. W.,S. Hampton, chairman of the School Committee, presided. Addresses were

given by the headmaster (Mr. Malcolm) and the chairman, after which the prize distribution took place. In this connection the event was undoubtedly the most notable in the history of the school, this being due to the fact that every scholar received a prize. It was stated that the year's work had exceeded all previous results, due to the untiring efforts of the staff.' In the sixth standard (12 scholars.) all were successful in passing, eighty per cent, of whom secured proficiency certificates. There were 238 names on the roll and the average attendance of scholars was particularly high.

After Mr. Hampton had presented each scholar with a book, five special prizes were awarded. Two medals presented by Mr. D. Murphy for good conduct to the most popular, boy and girl, to be decided on the vote of the scholars, were won by Dora Stevens and Arthur Lee. Mr. Hall's medal for the best shot in the school corps was won by Leonard Lyne. Another medal, presented by Mr. Melody for the best sport, was won by William Hart. A tennis racquet presented by Mr. Hugh McCarthy for the most improved tennis player, was won by Joe Hancock.

Certificates were won as follow : —Proficiency—Eva Kirk, Dora Stevens, Agnes Nelson, Nellie Kirk, Alice O'Neill, May Olausen, Arthur Lee, Douglas Hampton, and Charles Smith. Competency — Birdie Glavin, Willie Ridley, and Stanley Burch.

A short entertainment was then gone through, items being contributed as follow:—Violin solo, Miss Malcolm; Japanese dance, by the junior girls ; song, by the junior boys ; dumbbell drill, by the senior girls; rifle drill, by the senior boys. By no means the least pleasing item was a dialogue by Misses Dora. Stevens, Eva Kirk, Agnes Nelson, May Olausen, Mary Cooley, Alice Gregory, Irene Burns, and Connie Dowling. A Maori haka by the senior boys concluded an excellent evening's enjoyment.

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1913	241	Mitchelltown	Malcolm	John H	D1	Head Master	£275.00
1913	241	Mitchelltown	Woodward	Elizabeth	D2	Assistant Female	£185.00
1913	241	Mitchelltown	Melody	William J	C4	Assistant Male	£140.00
1913	241	Mitchelltown	Bissett	Caroline A B	C3	Assistant Female	£110.00
1913	241	Mitchelltown	Hunt	Ellen J	B4	Assistant Female	£95.00
1913	241	Mitchelltown	Bissett	Dorothy V		Probationer	£50.00
1913	241	Mitchelltown	Rogers	Lancelot		Probationer	£50.00

**Dorothy V Bisset** was a probationer at Mitchelltown in 1913 and Te Aro in 1915: was probably at Training College around 1917 ; and was at South Wellington in 1919 and 1921

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**Vincent J P Hall** only taught for the Wellington Education Board in 1912 as a pupil teacher. 29th January 1913 Wellington Education Board: Appointments probationers{ Lancelot A Rogers and Dorothy V Bisset

18th February 1913 Mr. Henry Mitchell, who arrived in Wellington seventy-two years ago, died shortly after 7 o'clock last night at the residence- of his nephew (Mr. Frederick Mitchell) in Abel Smith-street, aged eighty.....With the Mitchelltown school children he was exceedingly popular, and 'through his generosity they benefited in many ways.

22nd February 1913 The remains of the late Mr. Henry Mitchell were interred in the Karori Cemetery yesterday afternoon, when out of respect to his memory the Mitchelltown



School was closed, and the scholars and teachers followed the cortege en masse. \_ The Rev. W. S. Potter conducted the burial service, and at its close delivered a special address to the children, in which he set out the many estimable and humanitarian acts which the deceased had practised during his lifetime and urged them to adopt the example set by him in doing all the good they could for the benefit of the community in which their lot fell. A large number of floral tributes testified to the high esteem the deceased gentleman was generally held

24th February 1913 In response to a previous letter to the editor which was not copied:

TO THE EDITOR. Sir, — We must express surprise at the letter of "Onlooker" in reference to the above subject and can only surmise that it was sent in ignorance of the position, and the help the tennis clubs have been in enabling the committee to complete in A satisfactory manner the work commenced over six years ago, and now, as "On-looker" says, "the committee has one of the best grounds about the city for the school children." "Onlooker" makes a mistake when he states that the children are not allowed to use it ; on the contrary, the ground is free to the children 'of .the district from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and in order that they might enjoy to the fullest the benefits of, the tennis courts, the committee has this year expended the sum of £14 in the purchase of rackets, balls, and cricketing gear for their use. Between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. the members of two tennis clubs (who do not belong to the "rich" class as mentioned by "Onlooker") have the right to play on four courts. We challenge "Onlooker" to instance any case where the right of the children to play on the ground has been checked by the committee or staff of the school. We have taken steps to prevent larrikinism and the misuse of the ground by some of the "older" children that "Onlooker" is so solicitous for — the "older" children (as he says) who have been using the Town Belt for the last thirty years, and who, so far as the committee is concerned, may continue to use it until they are grey-headed, provided they are prepared to respect the rights of others to the same use. If "Onlooker" is a householder at Mitchelltown he must know that the policy of the committee was questioned at the meeting last April, and, after explanation, it was unanimously approved by one of the largest meetings held in the district for years. We desire "Onlooker" to know that the policy of the committee is not the policy of a "proprietary bowling or tennis club," formed for the benefit and profit of its members, but of a public body publicly elected in April each year; and if "Onlooker" desires to change the policy of the committee, we advise him to be in attendance when the new committee is elected two months hence. In order that the citizens residing in other parts of the city may realise that they are not being exploited in the interests of Mitchelltown, it would be as well for them to understand that the portion of Town Belt leased was one of the wildest and most precipitous parts surrounding the city. When granted in 1906, the engineer's estimate for levelling a portion . of it was £600, without asphaltting, fencing, or tree-planting. Up to the present just over £400 has been spent on .the Work, of -which amount the City Council has provided £100, Board of Education £50 10s, and the tennis clubs, by way of rent, £64, the balance being raised by varied methods by the school committee. How much has "Onlooker" done towards it? The work done is far in excess of what was originally intended, and the asphaltting and formation of the tennis courts was only made possible by our ability to let them and derive revenue in order to pay for their formation and upkeep. .

During the coming year the whole of the ground will require to be topdressed not so much for the tennis players, but in order to keep it in a proper state of repair for use by the children as a playground. Apart from rents, the income of the committee is £44 per year. Surely " Onlooker

" can see we must derive further revenue of some sort if wo are to maintain the playground in anything like decent order. In reference to the City ' Council cancelling the- lease on the 1st April, as hinted at by " Onlooker," wo trust he recognises that it would be a fitting date for such an act on their part; but so far as the School Committee is concerned, we would welcome the change, provided the City Council would make it as free to the children of the district as it now is, and would undertake to maintain and further improve it from year to year, as has been demo by past and present school committees. We would point out that "while the Basin Reserve, Kelburn Park, Anderson's Park, Newtown Park, and Duppa-street Park are free to the children, the playing areas are denied them when cricket and other games are in progress, and wo submit that were it not for the revenue derived from sports bodies, by way of rent for these reserves, they could not be maintained by the council in the manner in which they are In conclusion, we desire to say that should the "older" children of the district referred to by "Onlooker" desire tennis courts, they have only to form a club and make application to the committee, and ways and means will be devised whereby they will be enabled to have tennis courts On the same terms as the other clubs, but we cannot undertake to provide courts and gear free of charge, and maintain the same out of a capitation of £44 per annum. — We are, etc.. W. H. Hampton (chairman), D. Murphy (secretary), A. C. S. French, William Vincent Ridley, T. E. Cooley, P. Carmody, A. D. McCarthy, T. Dwyer (members Mitchelltown School Committee), J. H. Malcolm (head master;

26th February 1913 Wellington Education Board: Mitchelltown relaying of trains £10

14th March 1913 A resolution protesting against the Education Department stopping the grant for free school books was passed by the Mitchelltown School Committee at its last meeting. It appears, from enquiries made on the subject, that the grants for free class books have been abolished, and grants for continuous readers, and school and class libraries of suitable books for home and school reading of pupils have been substituted. Parents who move from one-district to another are not, however, required to buy books in the new district in which the children may be attending school. Provision is made for the free supply of books in such cases.

17th April 1913 Mitchelltown to visit HMS New Zealand today

22nd April 1913 The committee of the Mitchelltown school, in the course of its eighteenth annual report, states that the receipts £204. 75, as against £172 15s 66. for the previous year. After particularising some of the improvements effected the committee .goes on to . say 'that they could be best appreciated by the residents of the district were they to pay a visit to the school and playground and note for themselves the changes which have taken place. The .committee is in negotiation with the City Council for an additional four acres of Town Belt, and if successful it believes that during the next few years great improvements can be effected, .which will eclipse anything that has been done by present or past committees, and which will make Mitchelltown School ground an attraction to citizens and the .visitors to Wellington, as well as » being a source of pleasure to local residents. The committee recommends that during the ensuing year the whole of the tennis courts and playgrounds should be topdressed (tar and sand), the rents from the tennis courts being sufficient for this purpose. The committee also expresses appreciation of the school staff and the manner in which it has carried out its duties during the year, and states that the excellence of the inspector's reports throughout that period are due to the enthusiasm and keen interest in the wellbeing of the school and children displayed by Mr. Malcolm and those under him. '

The headmaster (Mr. J. S. Malcolm) states in his report that on 31st March, 1912, there were 217 children on the rolls, and for the corresponding period of this year there were 268. The average attendance for the year was 94 per cent, of the roll number. The conduct of the children has been excellent. In a great measure this, he says, is due from the he has received from the committee and the parents of the "children in maintaining discipline. There was again a record report from the school inspector In standard 6 all candidates obtained certificates.

3rd May 1913 Southerly Gale: At Mitchelltown a slip on the clay bank adjoining the school brought undue pressure to bear on the wall of the building, which at one part showed signs of bulging under the strain. Much clay covered the tennis courts

16th May 1913 A well-worn subject was brought before the City Council by a deputation from the Mitchelltown School Committee last night. Mr. W. H. Hampton, who acted as spokesman, said that the committee had effected considerable improvements in the area which it already held ; but in order to proceed with the work it was necessary that a further area of the Town Belt, preferably the four acres at the back of the shelter sheds, should be acquired. The Reserves Committee recommended that the area be leased at a nominal rental from year to year on condition that the school committee kept in order a right-of-way over the land. The committee did not feel disposed to undertake the work, and it was then proposed that the land should be offered for lease by public tender. It was Stated than an oner had been made to lease the land for grazing purposes at £11 a year for 14 years. The school committee was not disposed to enter into competition with private persons seeking to make profit. It was for the council to choose between the monetary gain and the beautification and improvement which would Result from the lease to the school committee. The Mayor said that the school committee's representations would receive serious consideration. The mind of the council, he felt sure, was there in the direction of assisting the young people and school children than of letting the land for grazing purposes. "I might add," said Mr. Hampton, "that while other districts have been asking the council to make recreation grounds, Mitchelltown has been busy making its own and is prepared to continue to do so." The matter was referred to the Reserves Committee

30th May 1913 It was decided to grant the Mitchelltown School Committee a lease, from year to year, terminable by six months' notice at the end of the second or any subsequent year, of part of Lot G. of Town Belt, subject to the following conditions:—(1) The gorse to be cleared off the section at the rate of two acres per annum; (2) the rent to be £1 per annum; (3) city rates to be paid; (4) the public to have full right of entry on. the land

10th July 1913 Wellington City Council trees for Arbor Day planting Mitchelltown School : 60 brown wattle.

14th July 1913 Mitchelltown, who are at present leading in the above championship, have played and won five matches, having scored 107 points, without having had a point scored against them. They have defeated Brooklyn (14 to nil), Maranui (3 to nil), Worser Bay (36 to nil), Island Bay (17 to nil), and Kilbirnie (37 to nil). Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of the School Committee, the whole team has been fully equipped with jerseys, shorts and hose, with the school colours.

21st July 1913 School Football (Rugby) Mitchelltown and Terrace, met on Kelburne Park, where, after a hard struggle) Mitchelltown won by 11 points to nil. Tries were scored by Peterson (2) and Perrett. Curtice converted one of them. The winners have now scored 144 points without having had a point scored against them.

9th August 1913 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP. Roseneath having defaulted, Mitchelltown have now won the Public Schools Junior Rugby championship, with a record of ten matches played, all of which were won, and a score of 189 points (57 tries) against 5 points, their lines having been crossed once only (by South Wellington, last year's champions).

30th August 1913 Advantage was taken of the concert held in the Mitchelltown School on Thursday to present the banner won by the team of boys from the school which competed in the junior schools Rugby championship. The presentation was made by Mr. Hampton, chairman of the committee, and Mr. Malcolm (head master) made a suitable reply to the congratulatory speech. The concert was a great success. The operettas were produced by the children. In the one by the juniors, which was entitled "The Enchanted Palace," the principal characters were taken by Thornton Stevens, Elsie Elm, Stanley Ridley, Eileen McCarthy, and Lily Smith. The elder scholars performed the operetta, "The Snow Queen," a new version of the legend of "The Sleeping Beauty." The leading parts were taken by John Vidulich, Doris Bell, William Ridley, William Perrett, Hone Ridley, Percy Hansen, Ruth Ahlers, Elsie Jepson, and Olive Cooley. Both pieces were creditably performed. Songs were given by Ivy Bowden, May Barcham, Elsie Jepson, and Olive Cooley.

6th September 1913 A "social" was held last evening in the Mitchelltown School, under the auspices of the School Committee, and the function was a success, both socially and financially. There were about fifty couples present. The hall was tastefully decorated with v bunting and green foliage, and was illuminated with strings of Chinese lanterns, which lent colour to the scene. Mr. H. D. McCarthy was master of ceremonies, and the music was supplied by Miss Dodds. The committee has decided to finish up the series of dances which have been held through the winter months with a fancy dress masquerade "social," which will take place in about six weeks' time.

12th September 1913 At a meeting of the Mitchelltown School Committee, held on Tuesday evening, it was resolved to take steps to form a school sports association and union. The enthusiasm displayed during the closing football season has, it is urged, shown ' the need of such an innovation. Assistance from other bodies will be requested in the launching of the scheme. Meanwhile inquiries will be made in other centres, and the various school committees and teachers will be consulted and their co-operation invited.

19th September 1913 An enjoyable evening was spent in. the schoolroom, Mitchelltown, last night, when the girls of the cookery class gave an exhibition of the work done during- the past year. The gathering was presided over by Mr. W. Hampton, the Chairman of the School Committee. Amongst the guests were a. number of the parents, the members of the staff, and the committee. The early part of the evening was devoted to games and music, songs being contributed by Messrs. Barchan and McCarthy, and recitations by Mr. Madger and Isa Clark. An excellent supper, as varied as it was dainty, was laid for seventy in one of the classrooms, the tables being tastefully decorated with pale blue irises, with Chinese lanterns hanging overhead. A special feature of .the supper was the fact that it was wholly\_ provided by the girls themselves, at their weekly cooking class, under the supervision of Miss Maskell, the cooking instructress. A small dance concluded a successful gathering.

10th November 1913 Mrs. HEIDENSTBOM wishes to Thank the Doctors. Matron, and Nurses of the Children's Hospital, Wellington, for the care and attention bestowed upon her grandson

(Arthur Andrews) in his late illness; also Mr. Malcolm and the children of the Mitchelltown School.

29th November 1913 Lawn Tennis Notes included: For the annual tournament commencing at the Brougham Hill and Wellington courts this morning a record of entries (342) has been received, consisting of 265 (primary) and 76 (secondary). This is an advance on those of the previous year of almost 100. The following schools are taking part: — J Primary Schools. — Mitchelltown, 57; Terrace, 52; Clyde quay, 86; Lower Hutt, 30; Kilbirnie, 21; Mount Cook Girls', 17; Te Aro, 12;.....

23rd December 1913 MOVE TO COPE WITH CONGESTION. Offing to the present uncomfortable) congestion at the Mitchelltown School the education authorities have been faced with the necessity of moving to cope with the matter. The lines upon which the authorities propose to move are either to reduce the number of scholars attending the school to the number it can conveniently hold, or to amalgamate the school with the Te Aro School district. The first of these proposals would, bring the school under the heading of a second-rate school for the roll, which at present averages 241 scholars, would be reduced to 160 The amalgamation scheme would mean that the scholars from the senior standards would have to attend Te Aro School.

Neither of these proposals meet with the approval of the Mitchelltown School Committee, and last evening the chairman, Mr. W. H. Hampton, with the committee presided over a meeting of residents to discuss the matter. The chairman said that in the event of amalgamation taking place, the two districts would elect a joint school committee and would practicably become one School district. A rearrangement; of the staffs would also be required, and a headmaster would have to be appointed for the combined schools.

Various speakers pointed out that the requirements of the senior scholars in the way of tennis courts, playground, etc., -had been generously provided for at Mitchelltown at considerable expense to the committee, and that this had been appreciated was shown by the high average attendances. An objection to the Willis Street School was the distance it was away from Mitchelltown, and in rainy weather there was practically no shelter to be had on the journey down. If amalgamation did take place, 'it was suggested that tramway concession should be made to the children.

Two resolutions were carried. One protested against the reduction in status of the Mitchelltown School and called upon the Education Board to rebuild at Mitchelltown, and make it, a first grade school, The other resolution instructed the school committee to prepare a petition for presentation to the Education Board on those lines.

30th December 1913 HOUSEHOLDERS DEMAND A NEW SCHOOL. For months past the Mitchelltown School, has been seriously overcrowded, and there has been agitation on behalf of local householders for additions to the school building or a new building. But there will be no additions to the Mitchelltown School building. The Education Board has arranged thing differently. In fact, it has so arranged that Mitchelltown will be considered a "side-school" to the Willis-street (Te Aro) institution. While Mitchelltown has lacked seating space, the Te Aro School has had some four rooms which were not in use. The- board's plan is on these- lines That the Mitchelltown School shall be used for all children up to the second standard, and all those above that standard on the rolls of that school will be transferred to Willis street. It is expected that the influx from Mitchelltown will bring ' the roll number at the Te Aro School

up to 800. Mr. J. Malcolm will be transferred to Willis-street as in charge of that institution and the "side-school." Mr. Clement Watson, it will be remembered, retired at the end of the December school term. It is clear that the proposal will not meet with favour in Mitchelltown. On Sunday afternoon an open : air meeting of residents decided to protest against any alteration in -the statue of the school, and against any proposal for amalgamation with the Te Aro district. The Mitchelltown householders urge that a new building should be provided by the board.

31st December 1913 WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD. ALTERATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES. THE Terrace School District is hereby Altered by the' exclusion from it of the following Sections forming the Normal School and Training College Site, Kelburne: — Lots, 37. 38, 39, 1 2, 16. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 7, 8, 9, 10. being part of Section 28. Block XIV ., Karori District. The Te Aro and Mitchelltown School Districts are formed into one district, with the boundaries the same as the external boundaries of the districts which are hereby combined. G. L. STEWART, Secretary.

### 1914 Onwards

From 1914 the Mitchelltown School was united by the Wellington Education Board with Te Aro by having one School Committee representing both schools. Mitchelltown went back to being a junior school : I have only recorded here articles which referred to Mitchelltown School:

21st January 1914 TENDERS are invited for REMOVING SLIP at Mitchelltown School. For particulars, etc., apply W. H. HAMPTON, Chairman School Committee

22nd January 1914 One of the subjects to be discussed at next Tuesday's meeting of the Education Board will probably be the reported proposal of the board to amalgamate Te Aro school and the Mitchelltown school, and to confer the headmastership upon the present headmaster of the Mitchelltown school. The headmastership of the former school has been vacant since the retirement of Mr. C. Watson. It is understood that the proposed' appointment has caused considerable dissatisfaction among members of the teaching profession, not on personal grounds, but on the ground that if the master of a school with the status of Mitchelltown is promoted to such an important position without competition a grave injustice Would be done to teachers whose claims for appointment might be greater than those of the gentleman to whom it is rumoured the appointment is to be given. It has 'also been stated that the residents of Mitchelltown are opposed to the proposed amalgamation, but have decided that, should it take place, the headmaster at present at Mitchelltown should be appointed to the headmastership of the combined schools. ....

28th January 1914 TE ARO AND MITCHELLTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICTS. Consequent upon lengthy negotiation, the Te Aro and Mitchelltown School Districts are to be amalgamated, and the Mitchelltown School will be a side school to Te Aro. Some time ago the Education Board set up a committee to go into this matter, and the decision arrived at is in accordance with that committee's recommendation. Conferences have been held with the respective school committees, and both were favourable to the amalgamation scheme, which will take effect on the 1st of February. Until their time expires the two committees will act in conjunction, but at the next election only one committee will be appointed. Mr. Malcolm, now headmaster of the Mitchelltown School, is to have enlarge of the combined schools. Mr C.

Watson, who had charge of the Te Aro School, has since retired. The chairman of the Board (Mr. Lee) said he was very pleased that the amalgamation has been brought about. The thing had been done quietly, and now that it was completed he fully expected to see a number of "indignation" meetings. (Laughter.) Some people—were indignant — or professed to be indignant—at almost anything these times, The amalgamation was going to save the State £1600, which would have been spent on additional buildings, while the board would be saved £300 a. year on the staffing account. The question of renaming the school was suggested, the name "Wellington West" being suggested. In the meantime, however, the original names will be adhered to.

29th January 1914 That the decision of the . Education Board that the To Aro - 'and Mitchelltown School Districts are 'to be amalgamated is resented by the committee representing the latter school, was evident from remarks made by the chairman of the Mitchelltown School Committee (Mr. W. H. Hampton) during an interval at a concert given in the school last evening. "We have done our utmost, to oppose this scheme," said Mr. Hampton. "The board makes much of the position that it will . save the State £1900. The board, however, says nothing of the additional cost which the new arrangement is going to entail to Mitchelltown residents who have to send their children from one to one and a half miles extra distance to the other school." The speaker then criticised the board for spending money on a new school at Kelburn, which would be practically empty for another ten years .""The reason is," stated Mr. Hampton, "that one is a working man's locality, and the other is not." ' The speaker gave an emphatic denial to the statement of the chairman of the board that- the amalgamation scheme had been agreed to at a conference with the respective school committees.

It has been ,stated that until the time expires the two committees will act in conjunction, but this is discountenanced by a letter from Te Aro School Committee definitely refusing to meet the Mitchelltown School Committee in conference.

A petition signed by 12 Mitchelltown householders, etc.,' was sent to the Education Board, objecting to the amalgamation." This petition (its promoters state) was hurriedly drawn up and forwarded before half the district had been canvassed. The reply received by the petitioners from the board was to the effect that the matter had received careful consideration, and it was with extreme regret that the board was unable to accede to the request. The letter continued:—"The board is unable to obtain a grant of so large a sum as would be necessary for the erection of the additional rooms which -are required, while on the one hand there are sufficient rooms available within a mile [1.60934 Kilometres] of the Mitchelltown School, and on the other, many educational works of first urgency must be deferred in the absence of sufficient moneys for the erection of new buildings. Apart from the mere question of cost, however, the Mitchelltown site is quite unsuited for' a very large school, such as your petitioners contemplate. . . . The proposed change involves no loss of efficiency, but rather a gain. The younger children left at Mitchelltown will enjoy a greater degree of comfort in the increased room to which, for two years at least, they have been strangers, while- the older ones will, in addition, have the advantage of services of an individual teacher to each class; and the board feels sure that on actual trial the change will be generally approved."

The matter will come up at next meeting of the Mitchelltown School Committee, when it is understood the opposition will take more definite form.

29th January 1914 An enjoyable concert- was given in the Mitchelltown School last evening in aid of the school picnic funds. The programme was a varied and interesting one, and included

instrumental,' vocal, and elocutionary items, interspersed with comic numbers. During an interval the chairman of the Mitchelltown School Committee (Mr. W. H. Hampton) addressed the audience on matters relating to the school. His .remarks are reported under another heading. Those who contributed to the programme were as follow:—Mrs. Archer, Misses Lenzjni, Easson, and Lindsay, and Messrs. P. D. Barcham, Richards, Culverwell, H. D McCarthy, Robins, Peek, and Richards, vocal items-(comic and serious); Mrs. Barcham, pianoforte solo; Mr. H. G. Shakes, humorous sketches; Mr. Jones, 'cello solo; Mr. O'Donnell!, recitation ; and Mr. F.. Major, conjuring.. The accompanists were Mrs. Barcham arid Miss Easson.

2nd February 1914 . The schools of the district will open to-morrow (Tuesday). The arrangements for the reorganisation of the Te Aro Mitchelltown combined school will proceed from the day of opening, but the children of the Mitchelltown School will first assemble at the Mitchelltown School, and, after enrolment, the older ones, who will in future be instructed at Te Aro School, will be entered there under direction of the headmaster (Mr. J. H. Malcolm).

20th March 1914 Wellington City Council: With respect to the deputation from the Mitchelltown School Committee which waited on the Reserves Committee in regard to the termination of the lease of section lot G, Town Belt, the council decided, on the recommendation of the committee, not to terminate the lease, the School Committee having agreed that stock should not be grazed on the section.

8th May 1914 St. Peter's Schoolroom was crowded, and great interest was taken in the election of Te Aro-Mitchelltown' committee, the first held since the amalgamation of the schools. The Mitchelltown householders were strongly represented, as also were the opponents to Bible-reading in schools, with the result that the whole , "ticket" was returned. Mr. W. Allan, a member of the Education Board, presided, Mr. W. H. Hampton (chairman of the Mitchelltown committee) read a lengthy report, which dealt mostly with the subject of the recent' amalgamation, and in , which it was urged that all in the .district should strenuously and consistently work for the return of Mitchelltown School to its proper status, with adequate accommodation for all classes, and a replacement of the whole school property that has been removed since' amalgamation. "-

There was a long discussion on the subject of holding a school picnic, during which some - personalities were indulged in. It was decided that it be a recommendation to the^ incoming committee to hold an annual picnic. \_ The counting of the votes took a considerable time. The following is the result:— Messrs. W. H. Hampton 192, H. D. McCarthy 172, J. Flynn 171, P. D. Barcham 165, J. Dwyer 161, R. Cook 132, D. R. Lawlor 129, B. Doherty 127, J. Hyland 125 (elected); H. R. Power 124, G. Petherick 123, J. A. Elm 123, P. Haines 93, W. J. Lankshear 90, W. J. Thompson 85, I. E J Cooley 82, C. J. Hill 81, Milligan 78, C. W. Constable 69, J. Flyger 60, R. Logan 60, J. H. Fuller 50, G. Hunter 13, Mrs. Probyn 13. Some complaints were made as to the seating accommodation in Te Aro School, speakers declaring " that the cramped position some children were forced to adopt to adapt themselves to the desks was injurious to health. One lady quoted instances of children,, having to undergo, medical attention s owing to illness brought about by the use of the desks. The chairman said that the matter was one for the committee to represent to the Education Board. Mr. Hampton was elected chairman, and Mr. Lawlor secretary.

13th May 1914 VIGOROUS PROTEST. A vigorous protest was advanced by the late committee of the Mitchelltown School in their annual report to the meeting of householders on



Thursday evening, against the action of the Education Board in reducing the establishment to the status of an infant school and amalgamating it with the Te Aro School. 'The committee contend that the Mitchelltown School has been penalised, after years of steady progress, on account of the hard work and enthusiasm of the men who have constituted its several committees during past years. "In order to improve the school surroundings and give adequate playground for the children," the report proceeds, "the committee was successful in obtaining from the City Council in 1906 the lease of about one acre of Town Belt, which has been improved out of all knowledge, and five tennis courts laid down, all at a cost of over £400, and much hard labour to the district. Now, the board, supported by the Education Department, and backed up by the Government, takes up the attitude: That the school is becoming too popular and its play-ground too good for the children-of working men and women, therefore we will close it and make them send their children ' past their own school and playground, to To Aro, where they will be overcrowded and unable to have a game unless 75 per cent, of the scholars stand huddled against the fences and school buildings, in order to make room for the other 25 per cent. This will no doubt, be denied, but such is the effect of the policy adopted. For the last four years additional accommodation has been demanded at Mitchelltown in order to cope with the increased attendance, but the board has steadily refused, and stated that the Department would not agree to the expenditure, that they had not the money, etc. Your committee submit that additions to Mitchelltown were more urgent than the elaborate structure at Kelburne, and the money spent on the fence at that school would have been sufficient to have relieved the congestion at our school for some years to come."

The report goes on to suggest that instances in which money has been found for other districts are perhaps only the effect of political wire-pulling and log-rolling. It is also submitted that the benefits of physical education are nullified while the Education Board refuse or neglect to supply sanitary schools with "adequate play-grounds, It is admitted that overcrowding at Mitchelltown has been done away with by amalgamation with Te Aro, but against this' it is contended that Mitchelltown parents will incur a considerable outlay upon tram fares (in some families 2s. to 3s. per week). Another point made is that the To Aro playground is barely sufficient, as things now stand, to give each child a space of 6ft. by 5ft.. The Te Aro School, it is submitted, should on account of its age, location, and style be pulled down without further delay.

The committee, sums up its contentions in the following paragraphs:— "In connection with this question of amalgamation, your committee made strong protests to the board, and in addition a protest signed by 120 householders and parents—all without effect We trust that every, person in the district will strenuously and consistently work for the return of our school to its proper status, with adequate accommodation for all classes, and a replacement of tile whole of the school property that has been removed since amalgamation

We would, also draw your attention to the manner in which our system of primary education is" being endangered Money can be found for every other purpose, such as defence, colleges, technical and secondary education, etc., and for every additional expenditure in these directions, the primary schools are correspondingly starved. As the primary schools are the schools of the people, and primary' education the only education which the majority of our children can. have the. benefit' of, we would ask of you to join with the parents of other districts

in the demand that the best buildings, with best equipment, shall be our primary schools, and that they shall be provided ' with the most highly qualified and adequately remunerated staffs." During the year the committee lost two of its number—Mr. Chester, by resignation, and Mr. Capon, by removal from the district. The others, Messrs W. H. Hampton (chairman), M. Badger (secretary), H. McCarthy. J. Dwyer, I Barcham, J. Flynn, and F. .A.. Elm attended practically every meeting held during the terms.

## 1915

1915 A number of reports from The Mitchelltown Old Girls' Association are not copied  
12th January 1915 Wellington Education Board; To Aro (Mitchelltown)— Assistant Mistress, £110 to £120.

27th February 1915 At the school. Mitchelltown, on Friday afternoon, the- staff and scholars of the school assembled to bid farewell to Miss E. J. Hunt, who, after assisting on the teaching staff there for the past three years, is leaving on account of her approaching marriage. An admirable afternoon tea was provided by a committee of girls, under the leadership of Misses E Hampton and E. Long. Mrs. Barcham and Master Winston McCarthy gave several enjoyable musical items, after which Mr. W. Hampton, Chairman of the School Committee, in~the absence of the headmaster, presented Miss Hunt with a handsome silver cake basket and a pair of silver salt cellars, from the staff and scholars.

3rd August 1915 A surprise awaited the Te Aro Schools Committee at its monthly meeting last night, when four ex-members of the old Mitchelltown School Committee (Messrs. Hampton, McCarthy, Dwyer, and Flynn) attended and presented a board of honour for the Mitchelltown School, on which is to be inscribed quite a number of names of ex-pupils of that school, some of whom are already in the fighting line and others are in training. The Chairman (Mr. D. R. Lawlor) suitably acknowledged this patriotic memento and stressed the fact that the people of Mitchelltown were invariably much alive to the interest of their school and district. This board is artistic in design, surmounted by the British Lion, carved in kauri wood, on the base of which is also carved the Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle. It will be on view in the Willis-street School for the next few days.

28th February 1915 Wellington Education Board: New lavatory work at Mitchelltown, to cost £165, was approved.

1st December 1915 Wellington Education Board Mitchelltown School, fencing, Town Belt.

## 1916

11th February 1916 Wellington City Council: A' request by the Wellington Education Board to be allowed to surrender its lease of Town Belt section, 'Mitchelltown, is' not to be "acceded to, until' the section has been cleared of gorse and the fences put into good order. Failing compliance: with ' the '\* above conditions", the board will be advised that "the council will .have the work carried out and charge the cost to the board

8th July 1916 A good start was made at Mitchelltown School in. an 'endeavour to beautify the bare slopes of the grounds, the children seeming to take a delight in digging the holes to receive the shrubs, etc., received through the Education Board. The two principal trees (oaks) were placed in prominent positions by Miss Woodward and Mr. H. A. -McKenzie, chairman of the Te Aro School. 'Mr. J. H. Malcolm, headmaster, was also Numbers of shrubs were put in the

ground, and the balance in hand will be planted during the coming week. The chairman briefly addressed the children, requesting them to take every care of the plants, and treat each of a "cherished" growth in their own gardens, and 'they would be amply repaid by the results. - Three hearty cheers were given to the chairman by the whole school, and the children were then dismissed. Afternoon tea was enjoyed by the teachers and visitors. ....

15th December 1916 MITCHELLTOWN. Attendance Prizes: Standard III—Winnie Cooley, Elsie Elm, Myrtle Wright, William Brown, William Dwyer, James Linford, Percy Churchill. Standard II.—Arthur Olsen, William Cooley, Evelyn Brown, Evelyn McGillivray. Standard I—Dorothy Mason, Alice Dwyer. Primer, 111. —Hettie Dwyer. Prizes gained for highest marks in examination—Standard III—Boys: J. Linford; Girls: Elsie Elm., Standard II—Boys: L. Jones; Girls: Lily Hickson. Standard I—Boys: H. Anderson; Girls: Ella. Armstrong. Primer IV—Boys: F. Bitossi and G. Hemmens (equal); Girls: D. Chalk and L. Boyd (equal). Primer III—Boys: V. Kendrick; Girls: Thelma, Boyd. Primer II—Boys: J. Barcham; Girls: D. Proudfoot. Primer I—Boys: B. Reynolds; Girls: Jean Ellis

## 1917

20th July 1917 Arbor Day was celebrated by the Mitchelltown School yesterday in planting the school grounds with over one hundred and thirty trees, the chairman, head master, and teachers each planting their special trees! The children were in their element at this work, and will no doubt give special care to those trees they put in themselves. Among the young trees planted were some wellingtonia, gigantea, cabbage trees, Pohutukawa, blue and red gums, and oaks. The chairman donated fifty, karaka, which were planted last week. Most of the trees planted last year are, making good headway, and in time, with the City Council garden patch at the foot, this will form one of the beauty spots of Te Aro.

20th December 1917 The Mitchelltown prize list is as follows :—Archibald Hunter, Elsie Tennant, Clarence Ritchie, Alice Dwyer, Wallace Knowles, Denis Chalk, Mervyn Berry, Euphemia McAllum, Herbert Ellis, Claire Franklin, Stanley Hancock, Ernest Warner, Ella Knowles, Athol Jones, William Reynolds, Dan McAllum, Kathleen Grayndler.

Attendance Certificates, Standard III: Dorothy Mason, Elsie Tennant, Edmund Glavin, Archie Hunter, Leonard Jones, Evelyn McGillivray. Standard II: Clarence Ritchie, Olive Jackson, Alice Dwyer, Charles Grayndler, James Rowe, Jack Grayndler, Adrian Bradley, William Cooley. Standard I: Ken Howard, Victor Kendrick, Myrtle Dwyer, Dorothy Tennant. P- 4: Waller Pope, Stanley Hunter, Evelyn McFarlane. P J Foster Stubbs

## 1918

1st August 1918 Great interest was taken in the planting of a number of trees at the Mitchelltown School yesterday afternoon. The day was perfect for the work, and a large variety of trees was put in. Miss Woodward and her assistants, with the children, had previously prepared the ground. The headmaster (Mr. J. H. Malcolm) and the Chairman of Committee (Mr. H. A. W. McKenzie) were present, and these two gentlemen specially planted eight trees in honour of the following Mitchelltown boys who had "gone West" in the service of their country:—Messrs. H. Warner, H. Nelson, W. Bowden, F. Newman, W. Oliff, J. Borthwick, F. Nelson, and S. Smith. The children, after a brief address by the Chairman, promised to look after the trees. The first Mitchelltown boy to lose his life at the front was Mr. McCarthy, for

whom a tree was planted two seasons ago. Though the situation and soil are not all that could be desired for a shrubbery, many of the trees previously put in are making good growth, and later on will greatly improve the school surroundings.

## 1919

29th April 1919 Mitchelltown School only had 57 books in their school library

2nd December 1919 St. Peter's Hall, in Ghuznee-street, was crowded last night on the occasion of a combined concert by the To Aro Schools. Items were given by the little folks of Ghuznee-street Infants' by the children of Mitchelltown Side School, and by those of the main school. Owing to the length of the programme, encores were not permitted. From 8 o'clock till 10.15 not a dull moment was experienced by the large audience. During the evening, Mr. Hennessey, chairman of the committee, thanked the parents for the interest and enthusiasm shown in connection with the school generally, and announced a holiday for to-day.

18th December 1919 A most enjoyable day was spent by the combined Mitchelltown, Te Aro, and Ghuznee street schools on Monday, when they journeyed to Day's Bay for the purpose of holding their annual picnic. Ideal weather conditions prevailed. The sports programme was arranged and superintended by the teachers of the various classes, and a generous number of prizes was, donated for the various events. An abundance of confectionery, fruit, and cordials was distributed, and each of the thousand odd children was presented with toys at the conclusion of the day's programme

## 1920

17th December 1920 The To Aro School, with which is incorporated the Mitchelltown School, and the Ghuznee street Infants', School, held its "breaking-up" function on Tuesday, and on Wednesday the children to the number of about 1000 about 300 parents were entertained at a monster picnic at Bay's Bay. A comprehensive sports programme was indulged in, and toys were presented to all the children.

## 1921

17th March 1921 Wellington Education Board: It, was decided to endorse the recommendation of the Te Aro School Committee that Mitchelltown should be separated from the main school.

18th March 1921 Wellington Education Board: The Department wrote stating that the request for the separation of the Mitchelltown' and To Aro Schools could not be approved at present.

## 1922

MITCHELLTOWN BRANCH. Standard 2: Keith Ashworth, Bertie Hancock, Laurence Hennessey, James Winnard, Nora Lynch, Kathleen Roberts. Norah Stuart. Standard 1: Leslie Humpherson, Clifford Haining, Louis Levy, Ian McGillivray, Georgina 'Coulter, Ellen Leach, Jean Marshall, Florrie Mason, Dorothy Roberts, Ruth Tennant, Elsie Winhard. Primers Joyce Hubbers, Peggy Anderson Mavis Stead, May Tennant. Infants:- Garth' Button, John Hardy, David Thompson, Reginald Baxter, Alan Woodward, Charlotte Bryne, Valda King, Ada Logan, Edith Morgan, Blanche McIvor, Emily Pooley, Reginald Harrington, Patrick Cubbler, Joe Wah Lee, Maurice Lark, Gwen Flyger, Beatrice Crighton.