

Moroa

24th May 1866 The Undersigned, Owners and Occupiers of Land in the Moroa Road District," request that you will summon a Meeting of Voters for the District, under the fifth clause of the "District Highways Act, 1862," to be held «,fc the Moroa School House, on such day and hour as you may deem convenient. Rd. WAKELIN, DAVID BARRATT, THOMAS SMITH, D. CAMERON, R. A. WAKELIN. In compliance with the above request, I hereby convene a Meeting of the Voters for the Moroa Road District, to be held in the Moroa School House, on Saturday, 26th May, at noon. SAMUEL REVANS, J.P. To R. Wakelin, and others signing the Requisition.

10th September 1867 Proposed Moroa School District. Provincial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 7th August 1867. NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to His Honor the Superintendent to separate from the Grey- town School District, a district to be called the Moroa School District, the boundaries whereof are described as follows On the north side the Racecourse, on the west the Tauherenikau School boundary, on the south the southern boundary line of the purchased sections abutting on Morrison's Bush road, and on the east native land. And notice is hereby further given in compliance with the provisions of the Education Act Amendment Act, 1867" that at the expiration of six months from this date the Greytown School District will be altered accordingly, unless in the meantime sufficient cause be shown to the contrary. W. HICKSON, Provincial Secretary. Tukapu Road District
28th November 1867 A tea and dancing party was, held last week at the Moroa School, near Greytown, when the brass band was in

attendance, and the handsome sum of £14 13s 6d realised. The proceeds will be devoted towards the erection of a teacher's residence

23rd March 1869 We regret to hear of the death, at the early age of thirty-one, of Mr Dougald McLachlan, the much respected teacher of the Moroa School, near Greytown. This event occurred on Friday last, and his funeral took place on Sunday, when his remains were followed to the grave by a large number of the settlers of Greytown and its vicinity, and by numerous relatives and friends resident in all parts of the valley. The deceased has left a widow and a large family of little children to mourn their loss

11th May 1869 One of the schools at Masterton, the one at Carterton, and the Moroa School, Morrison's Bush, which have been for some time closed, owing to the withdrawal of the Government, grant, will, it is understood,, be shortly re-opened. The School Committees of this district are dissatisfied at the manner the grant for education, voted by the Council is being administered by the Provincial Executive.

8th July 1869 THE COMMON SCHOOLS

In noticing the examination of the scholars of the Kaiwairua school, which took place on Tuesday last, and which passed off in the most satisfactory manner, I Regret to have to state that owing to the withdrawal of the usual aid from the Government this and many of the other schools in this district will have to be closed. It has been suggested to me, and the suggestion is well worthy the consideration of the Executive, whether, if the funds at the disposal of the Government will not allow to each school a larger contribution than £6 5s per quarter, such a contribution should not be altogether

withheld from those schools which could be made self-supporting, in order that a larger amount might be given to those which could not be kept open without Government assistance. A meeting of the ratepayers of the Moroa school district' will be held on Friday next, when it is probable a compulsory rate will be imposed, but even with this the school cannot be kept open without assistance from the Government.

22nd July 1869 MOROA SCHOOL DISTRICT. The adjourned meeting of the ratepayers of the Moroa School District was held at the school-house on Monday last, Mr T Wakelin in the chair. It was proposed by Mr Hodge, seconded by Mr Barratt, that a rate for the support of the school of £1 per house be imposed. An amendment was moved by Mr Smith, seconded by Mr McIntyre, that the rate be 10s. The amendment was put and lost, and the original resolution was then put and carried. Mr John Hodge was chosen collector, and Mr Barratt, Treasurer. As it was not known for certain whether any assistance from the Government for the current quarter would be given, it was found that the school would have to be closed until this important point was ascertained. THE EDUCATION QUESTION. Last year there were some thirty-five schools in the province receiving grants in aid from the Provincial Treasury. Since these grants have been withheld many of those schools were temporarily closed, though some of them have since been re-opened in consequence of a circular received from the Government to the effect that a grant for June quarter, after the rate of £25 per annum, would be given to such schools as raised £50 each for educational purposes. Owing, however, to the uncertainty which exists whether the grant for the ensuing quarter will be continued, the

Tauherenikau, the Kaiwaiwai, and the Moroa schools, in this immediate district, have either been closed or about being so, and this at a season when children can be best spared from home. Doubtless there are other schools in thinly peopled places which will also have to be shut up, so that the effect will be that only schools which could do without Government aid will have any assistance under the present system. Suppose the Government finds that it has only £750 per annum at its disposal for the promotion of education, instead of equally dividing this amongst thirty schools at the rate of £6 6s per quarter each, would it not be better, as proposed by his Honor in his opening speech to the Council, to withhold altogether the grant to those schools, to which such a small assistance would be of no consequence, in order that -a larger grant might be given to such schools as could not be kept open without it? This question one well worthy the consideration of the Provincial Executive. Parents in thinly peopled districts would even under this arrangement still have to pay higher fees for their children's education than would be required in town and village schools, if the grant to such schools was entirely withdrawn, while they are prevented from sending their children to school at all under the present system

14th September 1869 EDUCATION. In the full expectation that the Provincial Government will be in a position to give at least country schools as liberal a grant as formerly, the committee of the Moroa School District have resolved on re-opening the school on the first Monday in October, and in celebrating the event by a tea and dancing party on Friday, the 1st of the month, the profits to go towards school improvements. Mr T. Wakelin has been unanimously chosen teacher. I regret to add that two other schools in

the neighborhood that at Kaiwairangi, and that at Tuherenekau—have been closed owing to the withdrawal of the Government grant. Even with that grant, parents in such districts have to pay much higher fees than would have to be paid in village schools without it

30th September 1869 MOROA SCHOOL, Near Greytown, Wairarapa. T. WAKELIN., Master. ADVANCED DIVISION.— In this division pupils will be educated in colonial subjects the political, social, and commercial history of New Zealand, and the other Australasian Colonies, their present condition, commercial relationships with one another and the world' and their geography. Further, in subjects 'proportionately as high, namely Algebra, geometry, advanced arithmetic, mathematical geography, book-keeping and composition. Terms (boarding and school fees) Over 14 years, £40 per annum under 14, £35 per annum. ELEMENTARY DIVISION— The pupils will be taught the subjects usually taught in the elementary public schools or> the system laid down by the Inspector of Schools, and in addition, the geography of New Zealand and the other Australasian Colonies. Terms (boarding and school fees) Over 12 years, £30 over 8 years, £25 under 8 years, £20. Schooling may be commenced from any date. Further particulars, ns to terms, accommodation, &c., to be obtained on application. Monitor or monitress wanted to teach first and second book classes. Terms on application. Good references given if required

5th October 1869 MOROA. SCHOOL MEETING, The tea and dancing meeting at the Moroa school came off on Friday last, and was well attended, the proceeds amounting to about £9 9s. Dancing was kept up till near daylight, and on the whole the mooting,

considering the times, was a success. The Moroa school re-opens on the 4th inst

4th June 1870 MOROA SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE Annual Meeting of the Ratepayers of the above district will be held at the Moroa Schoolhouse on Friday, July 1st, at 7 o'clock, to do all that is required to be done at such meeting by the Education Acts now in force. By order of the Committee. R. WAKELIN, Chairman.

23rd August 1870 I am glad to learn that this school, which was closed last year owing to the withdrawal of the Government grant, will shortly be reopened under its former teacher, Mr T Wakelin, who will resign his present office, as teacher of the Moroa school, for that purpose. There are only a small number of children in the district, but so anxious are their parents that they should be educated that they have consented to contribute a much larger amount than would be required in less sparsely populated place 3 for that object. Those settlers who have no children, to send have also voluntarily consented to contribute to the support of the school a much larger amount than the act imposes and requires. This will, I believe, be the last school that will be re-opened, after having been closed, owing to the usual grant in aid having been temporary withdrawn by the Government. THE GREYTOWN SCHOOL. In consequence of the action taken at the last annual meeting, there is some danger that this school will be closed after the expiration of the present quarter. It would have been closed since last Christmas, had not the teacher depended upon securing the rates under the -Education Amendment Act of last session. If he is deprived of some £-1-0 from no fault of his own, but from a defect in the Government act, it appears to be only fair and reasonable that the Government should pay him the

difference. MOROA SCHOOL DISTRICT. At a meeting of the Committee for this school district, held last week, Mr Hodge, the collector, announced that he had succeeded in collecting the whole of the rates due up to the 30th June last. The fact is worth noticing, as this district adjoins that of Greytown, where it has been all but unanimously resolved that no rates shall be paid for educational purposes.

18th May 1871 From: Our Own Correspondent.) EDUCATION. Two school meetings are to be held during the present month one at East Masterton on the 17th instant, and the other at Greytown on the 23rd instant, when committees will be elected and the rate imposed by the recent Act of the Provincial Council of £1 per house will be levied. Neither at East Masterton nor at Greytown has any school rate been levied for the past year, both school districts taking advantage of the then defect in the law, by refusing to put the machinery it provided into operation. The teachers at both schools have had to rely principally on school fees and the Government grant, when it has been forthcoming, for payment for their services. Under the existing law the rate of £1 per house will be levied, as the Government will appoint a committee and a collector if the ratepayers do not choose to do so. The new bill which is to be brought into the Council will not affect existing school districts, but it will bring those parts of the province not at present included in school districts under the operation of the existing law. The subject is one likely to create much discussion and ill feeling, as a uniform rate of £1 per house is felt not to be equitable, and it will not bring the means of education within the reach of those parts of the province which most require Government aid. At the Tauherenikau

school, double the sum would not pay a teacher's salary and the same remark applies with still more force to the Kaiwairua school, and also to the Moroa school. At the present, I believe, some of the settlers pay five times as much voluntarily as they will be required to pay under the proposed law, while, at the 'Moroa school, each child pays the maximum fee of one shilling per week, and each house in the district the maximum rate of £1, and yet when the Government grant is added the total fund is insufficient to pay a master's salary. It is for this reason that no school has yet been opened at Waihenga, and hence the Hon. Mr Waterhouse suggested that instead of a house rate a rate on the annual value of all property in the district should be imposed. The suggestion, I should think, is worthy the serious consideration of the Government and, coming as it does, from the largest land-owner in the valley, who is also a member of the Upper House, it does infinite credit to his head and heart, and will carry with it much more weight than if it came from a less distinguished source. I am not aware whether the Government intend to continue or increase the grant now paid to schools out of the Provincial Treasury but I trust that if they do so they will adopt the recommendations, in the apportionment of the grant, thrown out by the late Bishop Abraham, by giving one-third to town schools, one-half to village schools, and two-thirds to country district schools, either towards the amount of the teacher's salary, or in proportion to the amounts contributed by the district in school rates and fees. Unless some arrangement like this be adopted those schools which could exist without either rate or grant will get most aid from the Government, while to those requiring most aid the least assistance will be afforded

16th December 1871 Moroa School District* Provincial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 24th Nov. 1871. "NOTICE has been given to this Office that at the Annual Meeting of the ratepayers of the above District held on the 8th instant, at the School House, the following persons were elected a School Committee Mr. D. Barrett Treasurer T. Kempton W. Woods G. Wakelin W. H. P. Jones J Hodge, Chairman and that Mrs. R. Skeet, teacher, was appointed Collector of Rates. Henry Bunny, Provincial Secretary