

Muritai School

Eastbourne

The Researcher Robin Carlyon went to Muritai School for all his Primary School Education 1946-1954

1897-1898

1897	8	Muratai	Dorizac	Elenor E		Female	£ 30.00	
1898	7	Muratai	Dorizac	Eleanor E		Female	£ 26.50	House

House means a dwelling was provided for by the Wellington Education Board

30th January 1896 The chairman was requested to enquire as to the qualifications of Miss Dorizac, who was recommended to be put in charge of the Pencarrow aided school.

6th February 1896 Part of an article called Tea Table Topics I am not an advocate of cycling as an exercise for women as a rule, but I must confess that graceful 'wheel-women' may be counted by the score at Eastbourne, where everyone rides on cycles. The most fastidious person could find nothing to object to in the appearance of the fair damsels as they skip airily along on their machines, while the costumes should delight the heart of Mrs Grundy. They invariably consist of well-made skirts, almost like a riding-habit, and just long enough to conceal the ankles, and either a neat blouse or a trim coat, the former being most usual on account of the hot weather. I have not seen one single knickerbocker costume even by way of exception.

22nd July 1897 Another piece from Tea Table Topics The residents of Muritai gave an extremely jolly dance at Thomas' Hall last week. Muritai—for the information of those who are ignorant of a place which is rapidly growing in popularity—is situated little more than a mile south of Day's Bay. Many new houses have been put up there this summer, and a Post Office has been arranged for the convenience of the residents at Brown's Bay, which is not far off.[The only wharf was at Days Bay]

7th March 1898 Mr Robert Lee to inspect Muritai School on the 31st March

5th April 1898 The residents of Muritai, Okiwi-Iti, and Rona propose to establish a daily ferry service. In another column will be found an advertisement calling attention to a meeting to be held on Wednesday evening, at 7.30 o'clock, at the Chamber of Commerce, to discuss the question of building a wharf.

29th July 1898 Post offices have been opened at Akatarawa, Mangatiti, and Muritai, in the Wellington province, and the office at Rona has been closed. Muritai also has a telephone bureau

21st December 1898 WANTED, Teacher for aided school at Muritai. Apply, for particulars, to S H. Savage! Postmaster, Muritai.

A Lilla Dorziac taught at Gollans Valley School, behind the Southern End of Eastbourne for 1 year in 1896. After leaving Muratai in 1898 she did not teach again for the Wellington Education Board

Elinor or Elenor or Eleanor Elvina Elizabeth Dorizac was in the Otaki Electorate in 1896, Wellington in 1900 and Newtown in 1905-1906, Married in 1904 to Leslie Smith. It does not appear they had any children.

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1899-1902

1899	9	Muratai	Strong	Florence		Female	£ 30.00	House
1900	12	Muritai	Strong	Florence		Female	£ 45.00	House
1901	12	Muritai	Strong	Florence		Female	£ 50.00	\$ 20.00
1902	13	Muritai	Strong	Florence		Female	£ 68.00	

The house being used was not available in 1901 or probably available in 1902

30th March 1899 Mr R Lee will examine Muritai School on the 13th April

17th April 1899 The need for a daily ferry service across the harbour, where the growth of residences at Rona Bay and Muritai during the last year or so has been phenomenal, and also the requirement for an accommodation house in the vicinity, has led to the formation of a company which is to be known as the Rona Bay Sanatorium and Steam Ferry Company. The scheme which the new company has in view is the erection of a first-class accommodation house in ornamental grounds at Rona Bay, the construction of a wharf in the same locality, and institution of a daily ferry service between the bay. and Wellington. The capital of the company has been fixed at £10,000, and . as a large number of shares have already been subscribed, it will shortly be registered.

19th March 1900 The children attending the Muritai Aided School came across to the city in the s.s. Duchess this morning for a day's enjoyment in town, a treat afforded them through a thoughtful act on the part of Professor McKenzie, of the Victoria College staff.

Florence M Strong had a long successful career with the Wellington Education Board

1899-1902 Muritai Sole Teacher

1903-1904 MOUNT Cook Girls Pupil Teacher

1905 Kaiwarra Pupil Teacher

1906-1912 Kaiwarra and Side School Assistant

1914 Takapu Sole Charge Substitute Teacher. Teacher was on war duty [Presumably Takapau School at Tawa Flat]

1915 Fernridge Assistant

1917 -1921 Wairongomai [South of Featherston on the Western Lake Road] Sole Teacher

1923 and Possible later as my records end at 1923 Alfredton East of Eketahuna

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31st January 1901 Wellington Education Board In a long article on changes to teacher's salaries was this: Muratai — F. Strong, current Salary £45 — Proposed increase £15.

21st March 1901 A new scheme of wages announced Muratai (A)— Attendance (13), sole teacher, Proposed Salary £65 Increase (£16 5s).

15th April 1901 The erection of the telephone line from Muritai to Pencarrow Head has been finished. It is intended to arrange to have the line made available for public use.

23rd April 1901 WANTED, Teacher for Muritai School, probable attendance 8; £30 and board; term commences 4th May next. Particulars from H. Savage, Postmaster, Muritai.[This advertisement means that the school was still an aided one]

23rd April 1901 School Committee Muritai. — A large attendance of householders elected Messrs John Coombes, John Cameron, Robert Horn, David J. Dick, and Bartolo Russo. Mr. "John Coombe was elected Chairman.

25th April 1901 Mr. Coombe waited on the Board as a deputation from the Muritai School Committee with a request that it be removed to a more central position

2nd May 1901 An application from Muritai for the removal of the school 'to a more central room was acceded to.

9th September 1901 A movement is on foot to have the district on the eastern side of Wellington harbour, between the Lower Hutt and Gollan's Valley, which is ; now a portion of the Hutt County, fortified into a Road Board District. A large' number of the ratepayers have signed a' petition to the Hutt County Council on the subject. The Council will probably discuss the matter at its meeting to-morrow. Eastbourne ' has been suggested as the title of the proposed new district.

31st October 1901 Wellington Education Board and decided on the inspection of site for schools at Muritai, Silverstream, and Akatarawa

6th November 1901 A committee was appointed to visit Muratai, and report on a school site

12th November 1901 The petition praying that Lowry Bay, Day's Bay, Rona Bay, and Muritai may be constituted a Road Board district to be known as Eastbourne came to-day before the Hutt County Council, which decided that it could not give effect to the prayer contained in it. Mr. Brandon has advised the Council that the legal number of signatures has not been obtained, and that certain other forms have not been complied with.

7th December 1901 In a long letter to the Evening Post was To show what might be expected, the residents of Day's Bay, Muritai, and Rona Bay, not satisfied with the way they are being treated, have made overtures, I understand, for the Miramar Ferry Company to extend operations their way

12th December 1901 Wellington Education Board The boundaries of the new district of Muratai were approved. On the recommendation of the committee, [This presumably meant the school was no longer an aided school]

27th March 1902 Wellington Education Board It was decided to advise the local committee that it was understood Dr Mackenzie was willing to grant a site for a school at Muratai. [The narrow road running up behind the Infant School Block on the hillside of the Main Road is called McKenzie Terrace]

29th April 1902 School Committee A large number of householders attended the meeting. ' Mr. J. Coombe was in the chair. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. 'Eight were nominated for "the new committee, and the election resulted in the appointment of the following : — Messrs .John Coombe, Bartolo Russo, J. B. Howden, D. Dick, and J. Cameron. Mr. John Coombe was elected Chairman.

21st May 1902 Last Saturday evening the residents of Muritai and the Wellington friends of Mr John Coombe, who has just been appointed a Justice of the Peace, presented him with a gold pendant and silver mounted writing case, suitably inscribed. Mr Wills made the presentation.

26th June 1902 Wellington Education Board The elections of the Rintoul-street and Muritai School Committees were declared to be valid.

31st July 1902 Wellington Education Board A deputation from Muritai (introduced by Mr. Field) asked the Board to grant £400 for the purchase of half an acre for a school site and the erection of a building. Mr. J. Coombe, Chairman of the Committee, stated that the interest on the amount -would be less than what the Board was now- paying for rent. The matter was referred to the Building Committee.

11th December 1902 The chairman reported that ho had interviewed the Minister for Lands with reference to a site for a now school at Epuni, and that the Minister had promised to reserve two acres. Ho also reported that a site had been secured for a new school at Muritai. It was decided that plans for both should be submitted to next meeting.

20th December 1902 Deputation to the Minister included Mr Wilford said that the sum of £330 would meet the cost of a suitable school house at Muritai, and the building was urgently required, as the children had nit her to cross the water to Wellington or to go round the road to the Hutt. There was no part of the district, said Mr Wilford, which had made such phenomenal progress as Muritai and Rona Bay.

1903-1906

1903	27	Muritai	Sanson	Herbert	D1	Head Master	£ 107.00	\$ 20.00
1904	45	Muritai	Sanson	Herbert	D1	Head Master	£ 156.00	
1904	45	Muritai	Feist	Hannah E	D4	Mistress	£ 80.00	\$ 20.00
1905	41	Muritai	Sanson	Herbert	D1	Head Master	£ 162.10	
1905	41	Muritai	Feist	Hannah E	D4	Mistress	£ 80.00	
1906	42	Muritai	Sanson	Herbert	D1	Head Master	£ 165.00	\$20.00
1906	42	Muritai	Feist	Hannah E	D4	Assistant Female	£ 85.00	\$30.00

In 1889 he was at Mangawhero school for the Wanganui Education Board. The Mangawhero River ran East of Whanganui

In 1890- 1891 Herbert Sanson was teaching as Headmaster of Mauriceville West school. Then from 1892-1902 He was at Tawa Flat school which in 1892 had a roll of 49 but by 1902 was down to 20

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29th January 1903 Wellington Education Board Plans were submitted and approved for the erection of new schools at Muritai and Epuni Hamlet. It was agreed that tenders for the work should be invited, and that the Muritai School should be proceeded with immediately.

13th May 1903 Mr Henry Savage, J.P., Muritai, was on Saturday evening presented by the settlers of the district with a token of their appreciation of the many services he has rendered the district during the past few years. Among other things, Mr Savage has secured for the benefit of the settlers a school and mail and telephone services. There were about fifty or sixty persons present on the occasion, arid the presentation was made on their behalf by Mr F. G. Bolton. Mr Savage received a gold chain and Maltese cross, suitably inscribed, and Mrs Savage an inscribed ring.

13th May 1903 The Day's Bay-Ratepayers' Association is closely watching the interests of that suburb. It is endeavouring now to have a wharf built at Muritai and has communicated with the Hutt County Council in regard to the site.

4th July 1903 Yesterday, Miss F. M. Strong, mistress of the Muritai school, was presented by the pupils with useful gifts on the eve of her departure to another district.

6th July 1903 Wellington Education Board Finances which were desperate. Muritai . Cost £550, payments £300, balance to pay £250

9th July 1903 At Tawa Flat last evening a number of residents paid a surprise visit to Mr. and Mrs. Sanson, for the purpose of expressing regret at their departure from the district, and also to emphasise their appreciation of Mr. Sanson's services as a master of the local school. Mr. D. Ryan, on behalf of the residents then presented Mr. Sanson with a handsome silver coffee service, as a testimony of their goodwill and esteem. A very pleasant evening was spent.

10th July 1903 The tree-planting operations along the main road at Rona Bay and Muritai, about to be undertaken by the Day's Bay District Ratepayers' Association will begin on Arbor Day (15th inst.).

24th July 1903 The new Board school at Muritai, Day's Bay, is now finished, and will be opened at half-past 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, probably by the chairman of the Education Board (Mr. F. Bradey). It is a neat-looking structure, containing accommodation for sixty scholars, and Mr. H. Sanson, formerly of Tawa Flat, has been placed in charge. The school opens with a roll of thirty-two names, which the teacher believes will be increased to about fifty by the end of the first week

24th July 1903 MURITAI STATE SCHOOL.

The Muritai School Committee invite the Residents of Rona and Muritai to be present at the official opening of the New School, which will take place ON SATURDAY NEXT, 25th INST. , At 3.30 p.m. FRANK -WILLS, Chairman.

27th July 1903 THE MURITAI SCHOOL.

The seaside suburb on the eastern shore of the harbour having grown to considerable proportions within the last year, a new school to serve the whole of the Day's Bay district, embracing Day's Bay, Rona Bay, and Muritai, was opened on Saturday afternoon by the Hon. C. H. Mills, who was accompanied by Mr. F. Bradey (Chairman of the Education Board), Mr. W. H. Field, M.H.R., Mr. W. Allan (member of the Board), and others from town.

In performing the opening ceremony the Hon. Mr. Mills apologised for the absence of the Premier, who was otherwise engaged. Personally, he was always pleased to assist in any movement for the advancement of education. He compared the time when children, himself among them, had to carry their fees to school with them, and the free system of to-day, with its many advantages. The new school reflected credit upon the Education Board and the district, and he believed that big as it was, it would have to be enlarged within half a year to meet the needs of a rapidly-growing district. He spoke of the duty of parents in attending to the education of their children, fitting them for their future life. They could do this by sending them to schools regularly. The colony was expending a large sum annually on education—something like £500,000—a lot of money for a small colony like ours, but it was worth it. Besides, the duty parents owed their children by seeing that they went to school regularly, there was also a duty owing to the teachers, who were doing a noble work. In his opinion the

teaching profession was still underpaid, although an improvement had been made in this respect within the last year or two, but he still hoped for better things. Ms. Mills complimented the Wellington Board upon its work, and especially upon having carried education, as it were, into the wilderness — for such this particular district was a few years back, and in conclusion he emphasised the sentiment that it was the duty of all to do their utmost in raising our children to the highest standard of education, so that they might do credit to themselves and to the colony they lived in.

Mr. Bradey said this was the third school opened by the Board within the last fortnight. The next thing was to pay for them, but he had hopes of getting something out of the Premier's surplus, thus enabling the Board to shake itself clear of its pressing liabilities and start a new with its important educational work.

Mr. W. H. Field (who said he was there as locum tenens for the member for the district, Mr. T. M. Wilford, who took a warm interest in educational affairs), also hoped that the Government would come to the assistance of the Wellington Education Board, which was hampered for want of funds.

Mr. Allan considered that the fact of there being a school in the district would induce people to come and live in the suburb.

The Hon. Mr. Mills then declared the school duly opened and handed the key to the Chairman of the Committee (Mr. Frank Wills), who, on behalf of the committee, thanked the Minister, Mr Bradey, and others for being present. Only a few years ago the site of the school was practically part of the sea shore to-day the district owned a school, and a church and the houses could be numbered by the hundred. He believed that the district was destined to be one of the beauty spots of the suburbs of Wellington. He gave credit to a former committee for its activity in procuring the school, and finally introduced Mr. H. Sanson (who is to have charge of the school), handing him the key of the building.

Mr. Sanson made a short address, and the proceedings terminated with cheers for the Minister, the Education Board, Committee, and the master.

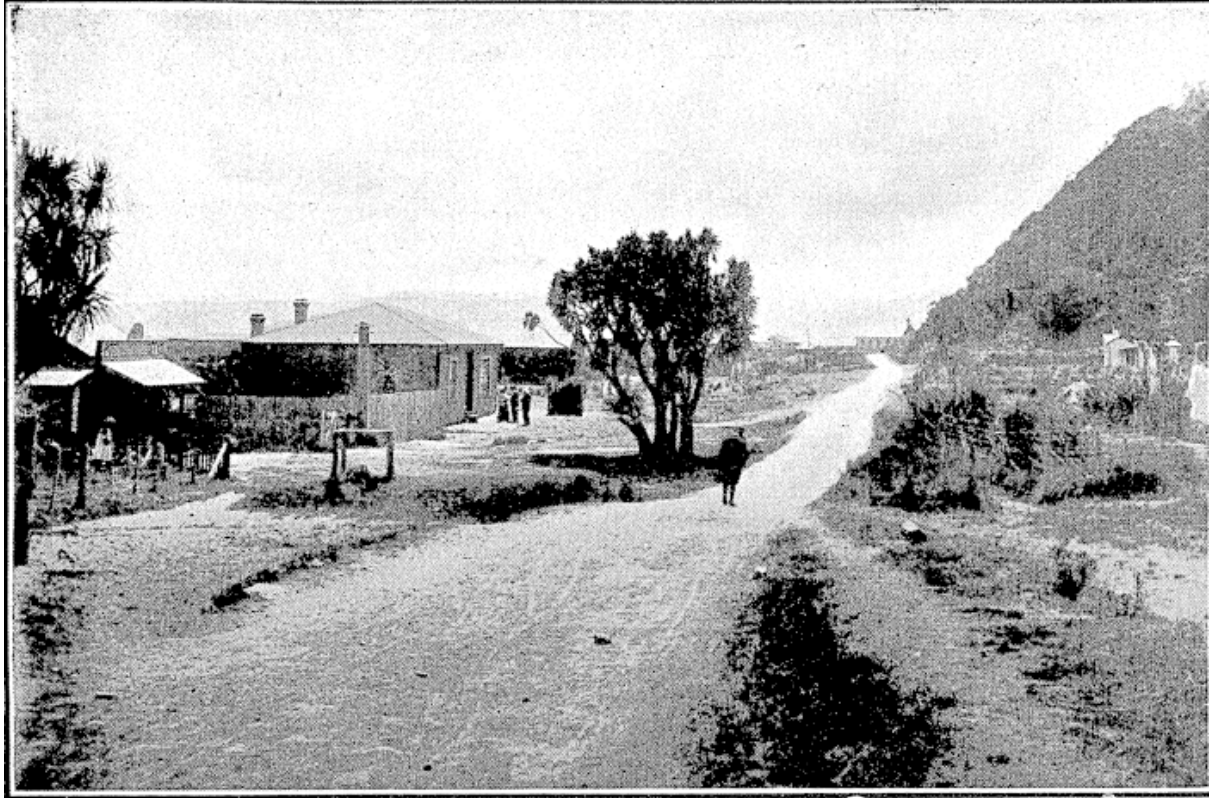
The school began work to-day, with a roll of over thirty children. It was built by Mr. R. A. Wakelin, from plans prepared by Messrs. T. Turnbull and Son, the Education Board architects, and cost about £750, including the purchase of the site.

10th August 1903 A horse tramway from Day's Bay to Rona and Muritai is mentioned as not being a far-away contingency. Such a convenience would certainly be of immense benefit to property owners and trippers to the other side of the harbour.

27th August 1903 Financial Position of Wellington Education Board included Then came the demand for a school building at "Muritai, where considerable difficulty has been experienced in securing an adequate site, the cost of which has been met by a special grant of £250 previously made. The new building just completed has cost £578, not including fencing.

11th April 1904 A bright little concert was given before a crowded audience in the Day's Bay Pavilion on Saturday night, almost wholly by the children attending the Muritai State School, who had been trained for the event by Miss Violet Wills and Mrs. Grant. The youngsters appeared in a number of character and Motion songs, sung with spirited effect, while other items were a comic song by Master A. Nelson (who gravely indicated that "his whiskers grew"), Misses Iris McKeegan, and . Nellie Holroyd, a song by Miss Hilda Andrews, a dance by Miss Nona Tabuteau, a violin solo and a smart conjuring exhibition by Master E. B. Shortt

, a sketch by Mr. D. Isaacs, and a grammaphone [Sic] selection by Mir. Herbert Wright. Miss Phoebe Parsons acted as accompanist, and sundry residents assisted in other helpful ways in making a complete success of the 'entertainment, which was in aid of the school funds. '



27th July 1904 MURATAI WELLINGTON HARBOUR

30TH September 1904 Wellington Education Board The expenditure on outbuildings in connection with the Muritai School baring been questioned as extravagant, a committee of the Education Board has made enquiries. Mr. Feist reported ' to the Board yesterday that he and Mr. Allan found that the total cost of the school and outbuildings was £577 10s, of which amount the outbuildings cost about £180. They were perhaps in excess of requirements, but were at least substantial, and necessary for the needs of a growing district. The cost did not appear to be excessive. Mr. Buchanan, however, questioned the expediency of creating a precedent for expensive outbuildings. It would become a serious matter if all suburban and country school were to be treated on a similar basis. ' Mr. Hogg pointed to the fact that the school and site had cost the Board something like £1000. They seemed to have been exploited in the first instance by land speculators in regard to a site, and then spent recklessly on the building. Mr. Field reminded Mr. Hogg that the Premier had remarked on the costly character of the latrines at the Masterton School. Mr. Allen, replying to the adverse criticism regarding Muritai, said that settlement was. increasing to such an extent that the school would have to be enlarged directly, but there would be no need to increase the outbuilding accommodation With the object of ascertaining the nature of the expenditure on

schools during the past five years, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. McDonald that a return should be prepared showing the estimated and the actual expenditure on all new schools built in the district in the period named. "We shall then be able to see," said Mr. Hogg, who is responsible for extravagant expenditure, and in what direction it has gone.

13th April 1905 Karori Mayoralty Campaign included The Eastbourne 'buses for the first year made a clear profit of 15 per cent. Personally, the writer favoured the steam 'buses. On the question of maintenance, he said most of the companies running the 'buses were not inclined to disclose their accounts, but one manager had figured it out.....

3rd May 1905 Wellington Education Board Fencing at Muritai

28th September 1905 BOROUGH OF EASTBOURNE. THE BILL PUT THROUGH COMMITTEE. The bill providing for the constitution of the borough of Eastbourne was before the Legislative Council again yesterday and was put through its committee stage. All that remains to be done now is to carry the third reading

28th September 1905 Part of a much longer article The Council [Legislation Council] was addressed three times by Mr Phillips, the interpreter attached to the Hon Mr Mahuta. It all arose over a question as to the meaning of the word "Muritai." The Hon Colonel Pitt said the word meant "sea breeze," whereupon Mr Phillips rose, and explained that the meaning of the word was "a species of rat." This raised fears in the mind of the Hon Mr Beehan, because an amendment was before the Chamber to alter the name of Eastbourne to Muritai. The evident result of calling the place Muritai, he hurriedly and indignantly explained, would be that the district would become known as "ratty town." The definition given by Mr Phillips did not satisfy the Attorney-General. He informed the Council he had named his home at Nelson "Muritai," and the Maori dictionary gave the meaning as "sea breeze."

20th November 1905 There was a large gathering at the Day's Bay pavilion on Saturday evening, when the Ratepayers' Association entertained the Hon T. Kennedy Macdonald, M.L.O., and Mr T. M. Wilford, M.H.R. for the Hutt, at a smoke concert in recognition of their services in securing the passage of the Eastbourne Borough Bill.....

25th April 1906 . School Committee Muritai. — Messrs. H. Savage (chairman), H. A. Wright (secretary), R. E. Wood, W. F. Shortt, H. B. Shortt, P. Wills, C. McKeegan.

14th May 1906 The new wharf at Rona Bay in the new borough of Eastbourne is nearing completion and will probably be ready for use in about a month's time. In connection with this matter, Mr. Wm. Cable, the chairman of Mr. Bolton's meeting on Saturday night at Muritai schoolhouse, Eastbourne, told the audience that it was understood to be the intention of the Wellington Harbour Board to have separate waiting-rooms for men and women, and also a shed for goods, etc., erected at the new wharf at Kona Bay.- This would mean Eastbourne being better equipped with wharf facilities than any other seaside resort in the harbour.

28th May 1906 The newly-formed Borough of Eastbourne contains 180 houses, and the roll for the approaching election of Mayor and councillor* consists of close on 500 names. Altogether there are some 800 sections in the borough area, and on the basis of five for each house, that will some day, it is hoped, give a population of 4000. One of the candidates for the Mayoralty, Mr. Bolton, speaking on Saturday evening, said they would always strenuously oppose the licensing of a 'hotel in the borough, they did not require a resident medical man, and they had no need for a policeman to look after them.

1907-1910

1907	53	Muritai	Sanson	Herbert	D1	Head Master	£165.00	\$25.00
1907	53	Muritai	Feist	Hannah E	D4	Assistant Female	£85.00	
1908	60	Muritai	Sanson	Herbert	D1	Head Master	£180.00	
1908	60	Muritai	Haslem	Emma J	D4	Assistant Female	£90.00	\$25.00
1909	76	Muritai	Sanson	Herbert	D1	Head Master	£185.00	
1909	76	Muritai	Haslem	Emma J	D4	Assistant Female	£95.00	\$25.00
1910	61	Muritai	Sanson	Herbert	D1	Head Master	£215.00	
1910	61	Muritai	Haslem	Emma Jessie	D3	Assistant Female	£100.00	\$25.00

Hannah Feist started as a Pupil Teacher for the Wellington Education Board at Mt Cook Infants in 1899. In 1902-93 she was a Pupil Teacher at Clyde Quay. After 4 years at Muritai She went back to Mt Cook Infants and was still there until my records end in 1923. Lived in the Palmerston North Electorate from the 1930's

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28th February 1908 Wellington School Swimming: while the Duthie Challenge Cup, - which' is set 'aside', for "competition 'amongst the primary schools of the city and suburbs, will be swum for by teams of-four, representing – the Terrace,' Muritai, Mount Cook, Clyde. Quay, Thorndon Normal, and Te Aro Schools. Muritai finished third

3rd March 1908 EASTBOURNE SCHOOL SPORTS.

At the annual picnic of the Eastbourne School a long sports programme was carried out. the various events resulting as follows:]

Swimming.—Learners' Race Colleen Routley, 1. Boys Handicap (25 yards, breast stroke)—Cuthbert Ginders, scr, 1; Norman Bennett, 25 yards, 2; John Scoringe scr. 3. Girls' Handicap (15 yards)—Irene Campbell, scr, and Lottie Martin, scr, dead heat. Boys' Handicap (50 yards) —Wilfred Ginders, scr, 1; Norman Bennett, 2 yards, 2; John Scoringe, scr, S. Twenty-five Yards Race—Irene Campbell, scr, 1; Lottie Martin, Scr, 2.

Running.—Boys' Handicap ()— Wilfred Ginders, 1; Vernon Savage, 2; John. Scoringe, 3. Girls' Handicap (75yds)—Clarise Pulsford, 1; Molly McKeegan, 2; Irene Campbell, 3. Boys' (under 12) Handicap (75yds)—Caesare Russo, 1; Wilfred Wilson, 2; Fred. Martin, 3, Girls' (under 12) Handicap (50 yards)—Olive Wilson. 1; Peggy Ginders, 2. Boys' (under 10) Handicap (50 yards)— Phil Scoringe, 1; Eric Shortt, 2; Harold Savage, 3. Girls' (under 10) Handicap (50 yards)—Olive Ross, 1; Reta Russo, 2. Boys' (under 8) Handicap (50 yards)—Harold Scoringe, 1; Bartolo Russo, 2. Girls' (under 8) Handicap (50 yards)—Rona Williams, 1; Gladys Russell, 3. Boys' Championship (100 yards)—Domenico Russo, 1; John Scoring©, 2; Vernon Savage, 3. Girls' Championship (75yds)—Molly McKeegan, I Lottie Martin, 2; Irene Campbell, 3. Boys' Three-legged C. Ginders and C. Russo, 1. Girls' Three-legged Race—C. Pulsford and E. Ross, 1, Boys Sack Race —Fred. Martin, 1. Girls' Skipping Race—Peggy Ginders, 1; Olive Wilson, 2. Boys' Potato Race. —John Scoringe, 1; C. Russo, 2. Girls' Potato Race—L. Martin, 1; C. Pulsford, 2, Wheelbarrow Race —D. Russo and J. Scoring©, 1. Tug-of-war—Married women—

Mrs O'Sullivan's team, 1; Mrs Martin's 2. Single women—Miss Hutchinson, 1; Miss Smith 2.

14th August 1908 Wellington Education Board Miss H. Feist, assistant mistress at Muritai, to be assistant at . Mount Cook Infants' School;

Muritai — Assistant Mistress, £90.

7th September 1908 Miss H. E. Feist, who has been for the past four years teaching at the Eastbourne School, has been appointed to the Mount Cook Infants' School. On Friday afternoon Messrs.' J. Coombe and Barr, members of the School Committee, visited the school to bid her farewell, and, on behalf of the children and the headmaster, presented her with a dressing-case and peggy-bag, at the same time expressing their appreciation of the work she had done while teaching at the school.

10th September 1908 Miss J Haslam appointed

Emma Jessie Haslem taught at Newtown in 1907 and 1908 as Pupil Teacher Then taught at Muritai until 1912

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25th September 1908 Wellington Education Board hat applications for grants be approved for addition of one room at Muritai

26th February 1909 Wellington Education Board that additional accommodation for 40 pupils be- provided at Muritai

26th March 1909 Wellington Education Board: With regard to additions at Muritai, and the application for temporary accommodation, the clerk of works was requested to furnish a report to be submitted to the Education Department.

28th May 1909 Wellington Education Board The most urgent building requirements of the district at present are mew schools at Eastern Hutt, and additions at Brooklyn, Muritai, and Wadestown together with residences, in districts which can . support a married teacher, and where settlers have no room beyond the bare requirements of their, families.'

16th June 1909 Political Points included Mr Wilford asks the Minister of Education to allocate a sum of money in the coming session for the enlargement of the Muritai sohoolhouse, in the Eastbourne borough. [the school house is the actual school and not the teacher's residence of which there was not one for Muritai School]

30th September 1909 The attendance at the Eastbourne School has increased to such an extent that it has been found necessary to accommodate some of the children in an adjoining building belonging to Mr. McGuire, coal dealer

18th December 1909 Scholars attending Eastbourne School, headed by Master L. Kelly, made a presentation of a gold-mounted fountainpen to the headmaster (Mr. Sanson) at the school prize-giving distribution. The assistant teacher (Miss Haslam) was also presented with a peggy-bag and other- articles by Masters Marchetti and Tesoriore.

30th December 1909 EASTBOURNE SCHOOL. There was a large attendance at the "breaking-up" of the Eastbourne School on Thursday. Prizes were donated by Mr. S. G. Ross (three gold medals and a gold brooch), Mesdames Zohrab, Wise, and Sanson for Competitions in recitation, singing, drawing, writing and nature studies. The judges were :— Recitation, Mrs. Fleming; singing, Mrs. Keenan ; writing, Mrs. Zohrab ; drawing, Mrs. Lee ; nature study ,__ Mr. Coombe.

The following awards " were made: — Writing and ornamental lettering . (gold medal — Leslie Kelly, 1st ; Charles Dixon, 2nd. Highly commended, T. Dixon, E. Ross, J. Marchetti, Elsie Vickers and Colleen Routley. Drawing (gold medal) — Leslie Kelly, 1st; highly commended, J. Marchetti, Chas. Dixon, Elsie Ross, Elliot Wills and Ruth Hobbs. Recitation (gold brooch) — Greta Ross, 1st; Elsie Ross, 2nd. Nature Study (gold medal) — J. Marchetti, 1st; L. Kelly, 2nd. Singing — Girls : Greta Ross, 1st ; Elsie Ross, 2nd ; Boys : Domenico Tesoriore, 1st. The children gave an exhibition of physical drill, after which the chairman of the School Committee thanked donors of prizes, making special mention of Mr. Ross, who conceived the idea of the competitions. He complimented the teaching staff, whose good work was reflected in the excellent results of the children in their competitions, and in the inspector's reports.

24th January 1910 the Wellington Education Board has been advised by the Education Department that the sum of £350 has been authorised for additional buildings at Muritai

23rd March 1910 Wellington Education Board let the tender for the Muritai School to Brown and Johnston

9th May 1910 Miss M. Martin, pupil-teacher at Newtown, has been transferred to Muritai, [A Muriel Martin was at Petone by the end of 1910 I have no record of her being at Muritai]

1st June 1910 The Wellington Education Board does not view with favour the suggestion that the name of the Muritai Public School should be altered to Eastbourne, to conform with the official nomenclature of the borough and the Post Office, The proposal was discussed at yesterday's meeting of the board, and there was a general feeling expressed that if any change had to be made, the name of "Eastbourne" should be replaced by "Muritai"—"the moon of the sea." Mr. Buchanan dissented. The practical objection he saw to the board's policy was that Eastbourne" was the borough, and it might conceivably happen that the borough would develop to a place of considerable size and importance. The school, he considered, should be identified with the borough.

1st June 1910 Muritai—"Moon of the Sea" (or the sea breeze) —is a name which does not satisfy the school committee of that district. It requested the Wellington Education Board yesterday to change the school's name to "Eastbourne," but the I board was unanimously it. Several members described "Muritai as a very pretty name, and they resolved that it should stand.

1st June 1910 A change of name from Muritai to Eastbourne is wanted by the committee of the school across the harbour. The Wellington Education Board was yesterday, afternoon asked to sanction the suggested change. "Why?" asked Mt. A. W. Hogg, M.P. "Why? I think Muritai is a very nice name " "I agree," added Mr. W. Allan, "a Maori name." Mr. W. C. Buchanan, M.P. : "Who knows to what size Eastbourne may grow?" Mr. A. Vile asked the meaning of the word. Muritai. "'Moan of the sea,' I think," said the chairman. The board refused to sanction any alteration.

27th September 1910 A MURITAI REQUEST. From Muritai school committee came an application to the Wellington Education Board this afternoon for a change of name. Much as they preferred the name of Muritai they felt that the beautiful Maori title applied to only a part of a district, in which there was only one school. They, therefore, asked the board to dignify the school with the name of the borough. The board considered the matter. "We don't call the Khandallah School by the name of Onslow because it is in that borough," said the

chairman. "And Eastbourne may grow so that there may be many schools there and each will require a distinctive name," said another member. The letter was received.\

25th September 1918 TO THE EDITOR. Sir, — With reference to the report in your last evening's issue, allow me to state that the Education Board has not yet perceived the bearing of the Eastbourne (it would be a misstatement to Bay Muritai) committee's request for alteration of the name of the local school from "Muritai" to "Eastbourne." Such request is not due to a desire for change or for pseudo-importance, but for the removal of an inconvenient misnomer. One member of the board is reported to have compared the position with the Khandallah school and the Onslow borough. .That is not the position.; but it would be analogous . if the Khandallah School were closed and a new one opened in its stead, at, say, Ngaio. Would it not be incongruous and misleading to call the new school at Ngaio the Khandallah School? That is what has happened at Eastbourne. The school is not now in Muritai, and yet the board will insist on retention of the name, though incorrect. The public will, however, continue to call it the Eastbourne school. — I am, etc., J Avery

16th December 1910 FOR VALOUR.

DOMENICO TESORIERO HONoured,, The State school at Eastbourne was packed to its fullest capacity last evening on the occasion of the breaking up : , concert in connection with the school; Singing, reading, and drawing competitions were held in full view' of the parents, sisters, cousins and aunts of the competitors, and much pleasure was derived from this feature, as well as from the presentation of the prizes for the competitions and for the year.-' The piece de resistance of the evening was, however, the presentation -made-to young Domenico Tesoriero, of Rona Bay, for the valour he displayed in rescuing from drowning his schoolfellow,. Ivan Durlloo, , son of the captain of the Cobar. The Mayor(Mr. B. W. Shortt) referred in fitting terms to the fine display of bravery and the cool judgment the boy had shown in doing the right thing at the right time in rescuing his schoolmate.' It was a : noble act and set an example- that . the other boys could well lay to heart-were.-they, ever placed in similar circumstances. He concluded his remarks by handing to. young Tesoriero a handsome 18-carat gold hunting lever watch, suitably inscribed, the cost of which had been' subscribed by the. residents,- of the district. The local patrol of Boy Scouts, of which the brave lad was a member, also took the opportunity to present him with a silver medal to mark their, appreciation .of his gallant action. '. At -the conclusion of the function the Headmaster (Mr H Sanson) and the head assistant (Miss Haslam) received presentations from the schoolchildren.

16th December 1910 There was a very large attendance at the Eastbourne school last night for the breaking-up ceremony and presentation of prizes. During the evening competitions in singing and reading were decided. Mr J. P. Kelly, who presented the prizes, announced that the honour of being dux of the school for ten years was divided, as Elsie Roff and Leslie Kelly gained equal marks. On behalf of the scholars Mr Sanson, the headmaster, was presented with a silver shaving mug, and Miss Haslam, the assistant, with a silver-mounted brush and comb.

20th December 1910 The annual concert, of the Eastbourne Public School, held on Saturday evening,, proved a success. In their action songs and other items. the pupils captured the appreciation of their audience, Miss Haslam, assistant mistress, being responsible for ,what must have-been a -very fine training. An effective item, in which' nearly all the pupils"

engaged, was an action song based on nursery rhymes of old standing. A boy or- girl placed an illustrative part in- each- rhyme as it was reached in the song,- ; and all the parts .were capitally borne. . Another good item : was an exhibition of dumb-bell drill given by the senior boys and girls. It. was done in almost perfect, unison. Graceful additions to the programme were contributed by the pupils of Miss Tabuteau , who appeared in "The Ribbon Dance", and "The Cachuca." Assistance was lent the children, by Messrs. E. W. Grant, R. ' E Keenan and E. B.' Short., Mr. 'Grant is a clever amateur comedian and Mr. Keenan proved himself an. elocutionist of parts .A series of excellent' selections was played by the Eastbourne Orchestra under the leadership of Mr. J. Morris.

Mr Sanson was on the Eastbourne Borough Council and a strong member of the Eastbourne Bowling club

1885/1189	Mary Eliza	Wrigley	Herbert	Sanson
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1887/15185	Sanson	Vivian Henry	Mary Eliza	Herbert
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1941/17131	Sanson	Herbert	79Y
1925/7688	Sanson	Mary Eliza	63Y

1911-1915

1911	60	Murитай	Sanson	Herbert	D1	Head Master	£215.00	
1911	60	Murитай	Haslem	Emma Jessie	D3	Assistant Female	£105.00	\$25.00
1912	61	Murитай	Sanson	Herbert	D1	Head Master	£210.00	
1912	61	Murитай	Haslem	Emma Jessie	D3	Assistant Female	£110.00	\$25.00
1913	69	Murитай	Sanson	Herbert	D1	Head Master	£210.00	
1913	69	Murитай	Magill	Maggie E	D3	Assistant Female	£110.00	
1914	92	Murитай	Sanson	Herbert	D1	Head Master	£210.00	\$30.00
1914	92	Murитай	Magill	Maggie E	D3	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1914	92	Murитай	Steele	Jessie M	D4	Assistant Female	£100.00	
1915	98	Murитай	Sanson	Herbert	D1	Head Master	£220.00	
1915	98	Murитай	Prendeville	Phoebe	D2	Assistant Female	£140.00	
1915	98	Murитай	Steele	Jessie M	D4	Assistant Female	£110.00	

25th February 1911 The annual picnic of the Murитай School, Eastbourne, was held at Day's Bay grounds yesterday. The weather was fine, and there was a. very large attendance of children and parents. Owing to the general response to its appeal for funds, the School Committee- was enabled to carry out the picnic on an elaborate scale, and to provide very handsome presents for the various sports events, as well as giving every child who attended a gift. The members of the committee, with the assistance of several residents, both ladies and gentlemen, were most assiduous in attending to the wants of the children. Before distributing the prizes, the chairman (Mr. J. P. Kelly) thanked all those who by their generosity had assisted in making the gathering such a, great success. A long programme of sports was carried out and keenly contested, the championship of the school (boys) being won by Percy

Bennett, and (girls) by Lily Bennett. Greta Ross won the girls' swimming championship, with Olive Ross second, while Percy Bennett won the boys' swimming championship, with Frank Wise second. Very great interest centred in the baby show, for which there was a large entry. After a very difficult task in deciding, the judges placed Mrs. Philip Palmer's thirteen-months-old baby first, and Mrs. E. Cr. F. Zohrab's fifteen-months-old baby second. Before breaking up three hearty cheers were given for the- Wellington Ferry Company for the use of the Day's Bay pavilion and grounds.

25th April 1911 Miss Haslam, , mistress of Muritai School, was specially mentioned at the householders' meeting last evening, and on the proposal of Mr. S. G. Ross it was decided to make her a presentation at an early date

26th April 1911 The annual meeting of householders took place in the schoolroom, Muritai, on Monday night. There was a very large attendance, the schoolroom being filled to overflowing. Mr. J. P. Kelly presided. The outgoing committee's report showed that during the year the school had been enlarged by an additional class-room, excellently furnished and fitted with school requisites, while the original portion of the building had been thoroughly renovated and brought up-to-date. A special vote of thanks was accorded to the Education Board for the interest taken in the school, and for the satisfactory state in which the property had been placed. The credit balance, which stood at £10 10s. 11d. when the committee took office, had increased to £35 11s. 8d., while out of special revenue received the committee had equipped the school with a treadle sewing-machine, a water-filter, several books for the school library, and one dozen framed pictures of historical subjects. Special thanks were due to the Wellington Ferry Company for the use of Day's Bay grounds for the school picnic, and to Mr. E. G. F. Zohrab for the gift of a valuable flag-pole. Mention was also made of the excellent work done by the headmaster, Mr. H. Sanson, and the assistant, Miss Haslam.

After the report had been read and discussed it was moved by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. H. A. Wright, that, as a mark of appreciation of the excellent work done during the year, the out-going committee, viz., Messrs. Avery, Button. Chitty, Hobbs, Kelly. Ross, and Wills, should be re-elected unopposed. This finding favour with the meeting, and all the retiring members having signified their willingness to again accept office, the motion was carried with acclamation. At a subsequent meeting, Mr. J. P. Kelly was unanimously re-elected chairman, and Mr. F. G. Chitty was elected secretary, in place of Mr. J. Avery, who, through pressure of business, was unable to again accept the office

26th April 1911 Census Result Eastbourne 559 in 1906 358

19th February 1912 The teachers and children of the Eastbourne public school are holding their annual picnic at Day's Bay to-day.

28th February 1912 Library subsidies were granted to the schools at,[Including] Muritai {£2 0s. 6d.)

23rd March 1912 Report on Only son of Herbert Sanson: V. H. Sanson, an old Muritai boy, is making rapid strides in Blenheim and has launched out on his own in the practice of the accountancy profession. News of this description is always welcome and as "Viv" possesses the attributes of a good business man who is bound 'o have a successful career.

23rd April 1912 The meeting at the Muritai School was well attended. Mr. J. P Kelly presided. The report showed a very healthy and satisfactory condition of affairs at the school and referred at length to improvements in the school grounds ; the addition of books to the library ; the establishment of a School Cricket Club, and the high tone of the school generally. The chairman voiced the appreciation of the committee at the work of the headmaster (Mr. H. Sanson) and the assistant mistress (Miss

Haslam). Mr. Sanson expressed satisfaction at the great interest taken by the retiring committee in the welfare of the school. Eleven were nominated for the new committee, and the whole of the old committee, with the exception of one member, who had removed from the district, was returned to office, and Mr. E. G. F. Zohrab was returned for this vacancy. The committee is now as follows: — Messrs. F. J. Chitney, J. P. Kelly, J. D. Avery, S. Ross, F Wills E. G. F. Zohrab, and R. L. Button.

24th May 1912 The Muritai School children on Wednesday enjoyed a happy diversion from the routine of ordinary school life. By the courtesy of the committee of the Academy of Fine Arts, the pupils were invited to see the Baillie collection. Immediately this invitation was received Mr. E. G. F. Zohrab kindly promised to convey the children to town free of charge by the ferry steamer. This kindness was acknowledged by the children giving three hearty cheers for Mr. Zohrab on the arrival of the steamed The Mayor of Eastbourne (Mr. H. W. Shortt) on hearing that the children were having "a day off" gave them an invitation to Shortt's Pictures. This, with the Baillie collection and a trip to the Zoo at New town Park, completed a thoroughly enjoyable and instructive outing, which was brought to & close by ' the return to Eastbourne in the afternoon steamer. .

11th December 1912 Wellington Education Board Miss E T Haslam resigns

18th December 1912 An excellent entertainment was given in the Eastbourne Hall, on Saturday night by the Eastbourne School (headmaster, Mr. H. Sanson), the occasion being the annual prize-giving. The entertainment took the form of competitions by the children in reading, recitation, and spelling. , Songs were rendered by the school children during the evening. Mr. J. P. Kelly was judge for the recitation and spelling, and Rev. E. I. Sola for the reading. The children took an evident pleasure and interest in the competitions. Exhibitions of writing and drawing were displayed round the hall, and these were marked for prizes. Some unusually smart drawing in black and white was shown by Spencer Dixon, and there was considerable talent exhibited in the various competitions. Deserving of special mention were the recitations by Dudley Shortt and Annie Phelps. and the reading by Elsie Vickers and Phyllis Avery .

There was a big list of prizes well competed for ; these were awarded at the end of the evening, by the chairman of the School Committee, Mr. F. J. Chitney.

At the conclusion of . the competitions the chairman announced that Miss Haslam, who had rendered excellent service as assistant teacher for many years, was leaving the school and was to be married at Christmas. He referred in happy terms to the devotion Miss Haslam had always shown in her work of training the children, and as a slight recognition of the esteem in which she was held by residents of the district, he presented her with a handsome tea service suitably inscribed. Mr Sanson briefly replied on behalf of Miss Haslam. The evening's entertainment was concluded with a dance.

1912/7099	Emma Jessie	Haslam	Rudolph Arthur Richard	Enting
1914/21915	Enting	Laurenz Montague	Emma Jessie	Rudolph Arthur Richard
1919/20008	Enting	Graham Ross	Emma Jessie	Rudolph Arthur Richard

1969/41042	Enting	Emma Jessie	82Y
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The Enting's were living in Auckland electorates all their married life.

14th January 1913 Muritai— Assistant Mistress. £90 to- £120.

11th February 1913 Muritai (assistant mistress). Miss M; E; Magill.[The researcher had some contacts with Maggie Magill in Eastbourne. She lived just around the corner from his parents. When he was delivering mail. Holiday Job, she would often be at the gate waiting for

a talk. She signed as a JP his application for training college in 1959. She was a number of committee's with his mother]

15th March 1913 BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

MEETING AT EASTBOURNE. There Was a well-attended public meeting at the Eastbourne Hall on Thursday on behalf of the Bible in schools. Mr. J. G. W. Aitken was in the chair. On the platform with him were Rev. Dr. Gibb, Rev. E. I. Sola, Rev. W. Finlayson, Mr. Thos. Ballinger, and Mr. R. L. Button. Each of these gentlemen spoke on behalf of the league. The Rev. E. I. Sola read a chapter from the Queensland Bible Lessons Text Book, and the Chairman briefly stressed the importance of the Bible-in-schools movement to the nation of New Zealand. He then called on Rev. Dr. Gibb t as first speaker, who compassed the main points dealing with both sides of the question. Dr. Gibb was most emphatic that the only way to maintain the present national system of education was to allow the Bible to be read in the schools. The people were determined that the secular system should be ended, and unless the Bible was allowed the churches would each see to it that they built their own schools, where the faith could be maintained, as was being done in the Roman Catholic schools. 'Nothing less than this would suit the people of New Zealand unless the Bible were allowed in the schools.

Rev. E. I. Sola followed and dealt with various,! aspects of the question in a clear and masterly way, urging the importance of religion as a basis of the national character. He considered the Bible-in-schools movement most important for the future of the country and called on the people to do their utmost for it. Rev. W. Finlayson also expressed the hope that the people would embrace the opportunity now before them to introduce the Bible into the schools.

Mr. Thos. Ballinger read an extract from a speech by Admiral Sir Harry Rawson on the subject and moved the following motion : "That this meeting approves of Bible reading in primary schools and pledges itself to do all in its power to assist the Bible-in-Schools League to bring about the introduction of the Australian system into New Zealand schools."

Mr. R. L. Button seconded this and expressed the opinion that the objections to the Bible in the schools were for the most part theories which were not borne out by the overwhelming facts or the personal experience of those who had a knowledge of those countries where the Bible and religion was allowed in the schools.

Mr. Venables briefly supported the motion, which was carried unanimously.

16th April 1913 Visit to the Battleship H MS New Zealand included 10. 30 Muritai

10th May 1913 At the first meeting of the Muritai School Committee, held last evening, Mr. J. P. Kelly was elected chairman, and Mr. F. J. Chitney hon. secretary.

4th July 1913 A prompt response has been made by the pupils of the Eastbourne School to the idea laid before the Beautifying Society on Tuesday evening by the school master Mr. Sanson, Already the juvenile branch of the society consists of twenty eight members, ana it is expected that before long the number will be increased to, fifty. A deputation from the Beautifying Society waited upon the School Committee last evening to enlist the aid of the children oh Arbor Day, and to arrange a plan of work. The School Committee was wholly favourable towards the society, and it was decided to allot one street (Makaro-road) to the industry of the children. About ten trees (pohutukawas) will be planted in this street, and the children will be divided into sections each of which will have a tree under its care, both for

the present and, the future. Following upon a suggestion by Mr. J. P. Kelly (chairman of the School Committee), it is probable that the School Committee, with Mr. Sanson, will present a cup to be awarded to the section which it is considered has bestowed most care upon its tree. The cup will remain the property of the school, and will be competed for each year

29th July 1913 An important part of the work done on Arbor Day under the auspices of the Eastbourne Beautifying Society was the planting of Makaro-road by the school children, who were to have sole charge of the trees in this street. It has now been found that one of these trees has been rooted up and stolen by some unknown person. The executive of the Beautifying Society is naturally incensed at this act of vandalism, and every endeavour will be made to discover and punish the perpetrator. The society is offering a reward of #5 to anyone who will give information, leading to the conviction of the offender.

27th August 1913 Wellington Education Board Muritai: Half cost of grading.

12th December 1913 Wellington Education Board Calling tenders for concreting sheds at Muratai

20th December 1913 The annual breaking-up and distribution of prizes of the Muritai School took place in the Eastbourne Hall in the presence of the parents of the children and many visitors. Instead of adopting the customary idea of arranging a full programme of vocal and musical selections for the evening, the headmaster, Mr. Sanson, introduced several interesting competitions amongst the various standards in spelling, reading, and recitation. Though the result was amusing in some instances, the idea is highly instructive and creates confidence in the child. It also is the means of adding considerable interest to the work of the children, causing keen competition as well as being responsible for a marked improvement all round. Considerable pleasure was afforded the grown-ups by listening to the charming attempts of tiny tots to spell out words almost as big as themselves, and the excellent results attained were in a great measure remarkable. The chairman of the School Committee (Mr. J. V. Kelly) took occasion to thank all those who generously donated prizes for the children, practically every prize being presented from residents or visitors to Eastbourne. The Beautifying Society awarded a special prize for the pupil who gave the best rendition of a poem, "How to Plant a Tree." This was won by Miss Tui Dixon, Master Dudley Shortt, being second. Mr. Keenan (judge) said that both children gave very excellent renditions of the piece.

The prizes were presented by the chairman and consisted of the following:

Dux of the school —Phyllis Avery. Marked progress during the year:—Standard V: John Zohrab. Standard IV : Dorothy Avery Standard III: Edward Zohrab. Standard II: Thomas Jackson. Standard I: Constance Godber and Amyas Zohrab. Primer Harold Keenan. Popularity and good behaviour (by vote of school mates) —Girl: Phyllis Avery. Boy: John Zohrab. For this his Worship the Mayor awarded special prizes. Nature study—Marion Findlay and John Zohrab, 1; Fay Nicol, 2. Good attendance- -Boys: Ivan Duurloo and Edward Zohrab. "Girls: Fay Nicol. Diligence Isabel Chitney. Lewis Russell, Y. Move, Gladys Russell. Edna Haines, Stanley Palmer, Grace Jackson, Nora Nicol, Robert Chitney, Salvatore Della Barca, and Bartolo Tesoriero Competitions Writing: Judge, Mr. J. P. Kelly. Standards V and VI: Elsie Hoggard, 1; Flora Dixon, 2. Standards III and IV : Fred Abraham, 1; Maud Wise, 2. Standard II: Laurence Duurloo, 1; Marjorie Prendergast, 2. Standard I: Constance Godber, 1; Ida Haines, 2. Class Primer: Charles Hoggard, 1; Mario Mazzola, 2.

Drawing—Judge, Mr. A. D. Riley. Standards V and VI: Phyllis Avery, 1; Ian Carlyle, 2, Standards II and IV: Violet Ross, 1; Fred Abraham, 2. Standard II: Laurence Duurloo, 1; Violet Kingam, 2. Standard I: Herbert Russell, 1; Constance Godber, 2. Class P: Marie Mazzola.

Arithmetic —Judge, E. G. F. Zohrab. Standard VI: Phyllis Avery, 1; Dudley Shortt, 2; Standard V: Eric Avery, 1; John Zohrab, 2. Standard IV: Dorothy Avery, 1; Marian Findlay, 2. Standard III: Sidney Nicol, 1; Stuart McInnes, 2. Standard II: Arthur Hoggard, 1; Louise Jourdain, 2. Standard I: Amyas Zohrab, 1; Bertie Russell and Clifford Dodd, 2. Class P: Reginald Keenan, 1; Gladys Morris, 2.

Recitation —Judge, Mr R. A. Keenan. Standards V and VI: Tui Dixon, 1; Dudley Shortt, 2. Standards III and IV: Marian Findlay, 1; Isabel Chitney, 2. Standards II: Vera Shortt and Amyas Zohrab, 1; Nora Nicol, 2; Stanley Palmer, 3.

Reading—Judge, Rev. E. Isola. Standards V and VI: Ian Carlyle, 1; Phyllis Avery, 2. Standards III and IV: Marian Findlay, 1; Maud Wise, 2. Standards I and II: Louise Jourdain, 1; Sybil Fache, 2.

Spelling—Judge, Mr. J. P. Kelly. Standards VI: Phyllis Avery. Standard V: John Zohrab. Standard IV: Dorothy Avery. Standard III: Edward Zohrab. Standard II: Marjorie Prendergast. Standard I: Amyas Zohrab. Class P: Edna Patterson.

The evening concluded with a dance. The music was supplied by Mr. Cliff. Baker.

8th May 1914 The report of the Muritai School for the past year states that the conduct of the school by the teaching staff has been satisfactory and 'very gratifying'. The number of children on the roll on the 30th April, 1914, was 91, and the average attendance during the year has been 90. Referring to the annual picnic held on 19th February, the report states that the purchase of better and more suitable articles for prizes than have been obtained in the past has given general satisfaction. The thanks of the committee were tendered to all those who donated prizes and who helped in the success of the picnic and the breaking-up function. Augmented by a credit balance of £1, the total receipts for the year amounted to £38 2s 4d. Main items of expenditure were: Cleaning £12 6s 6d, levelling boys' playground, etc., £13 6s 6d, repairs and improvements £2 13s. sundries £4 5s 6d, leaving a balance of £5 10s 10d. In view of the fact that the number of scholars is increasing, the committee recommended the incoming committee to give the matter of enlarging the school and grounds early attention. The following committee were reelected:— Messrs. H. Wright, E. G. F. Zohrab, H. W. Shortt, J. P. Kelly, F. J. Chitney, R. A. Keenan, and C. Russell.

9th May 1914 Last year, when, the Eastbourne Beautifying Society was giving practical demonstration of the good work it was intended for, in the planting of trees along the main roads of the borough, a street was allotted to the care of the children of the Muritai School. For various reasons little has of late been seen or heard of the parent body, but the children have been doing good and continuous work. Keen interest is taken by the children in the tending of the school grounds, which were put down in grass and flower beds two years ago, and they are now showing excellent results, while the trees in Maka-ro-Toad have also been well looked to. To inculcate in the children a love of trees and natural beauty, the school committee decided in July last to institute a competition amongst scholars, and donated a cup, which is to be held for a year by that group of children whose tree shows the most progress.

and has the best attention during the year. The cup will be presented for the first time next Arbor Day.'

29th June 1914 Eastbourne Beautifying Association included creased interest is being shown this year in _ the work of the Eastbourne Beautifying Society, and executive and committee meetings have been very well attended. The resignation of Mr. Sanson, headmaster of Muritai School, from the Executive Committee, has been accepted with regret,.....

14th July 1914 Tree Planting The school . of Eastbourne will plant trees in Makara Road, and the Mayor and councillors of Eastbourne will meet on the County Road (opposite Mr. Cameron's),there to divide .up into suitable working parties

16th July 1914 Great Day at Eastbourne. If ever Eastbourne presented an animated , appearance, it was yesterday. For weeks past the children have been zealously looking forward to Arbor Day as the day of their existence when judgment. would be announced of the results of the planting of the various sections who competed for the shield presented by the School Committee. The idea of forming-a Juvenile Beautifying Society composed of the children of the local school .was happily thought of Mid introduced by Mr. Sanson, the local headmaster of the school, who has fathered the movement with care and enthusiasm* Marks were periodically awarded. •-, ' At 10 o'clock Mr. Sanson, with his large family, of enthusiastic youngsters, «»j early on the scene. The Mayor and .-councillors, the chairman of the School' Committee (Mr. Chitney), and the members of the School Committee were present, together with a large number' of residents. The winning group was captained by Miss Norma Cook, assisted by G. Russell, J. Durloo, E. Haines, J. Jackson, G. Morris, and Jeffrey Keenan. The second group were: .Isabella Chitney (captain), D. Shortt, D. Avery, R. Chitney, G. Godber, R. Durloo, P. Ross. Highly commended group: I. Carlyle (captain), S. Nicol, V. Ross, T. Jackson, E. Jackson, L. Jones, R. Krebs. Commended: T.. Dixon (captain), M. Wise, L. Durloo,-N. Nicol, H. Gurr, J. Butler, and E. Ross

The chairman-'said that the whole of the trees showed evidence of .assiduous care and attention and reflected great credit on each group; So close was the ' condition of the trees that the judge had great difficulty in deciding the actual winner. This spoke volumes for the work and industry of the children. - After the presentation of the shield, donated by the School Committee, the ' children proceeded to the scene or operations for the forthcoming year, arid; Makaro Street handed over to them by the Borough. Council for tree planting. There they selected their trees, and the. captains, with their band of assistants, commenced the work of planting. The Eastbourne Beautifying Society, in other places' of the district, were busily engaged all day with an army of helpers* planting and performed great work.

11th August 1914 Miss J Steel appointed [Jessie M Steele]

25th November 1914 Wellington Education Board It was decided to have an estimate furnished for the extra accommodation required at the school at Muritai

16th December 1914 ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION. The annual concert and distribution of prizes to the children' of the Muritai School took place on Saturday before a large audience of parents and visitors to the suburb. The children, on their own initiative, decided to devote the proceeds of the school prize fund towards the Belgian relief fund, and in lieu of prizes to accept certificates. The idea met with a hearty response from parents of .'the district, and the entertainment was well patronised. It is hoped that the sum of £25 will be realised. ' The chairman of the committee (Mr F. J. Chitney), in awarding the certificates, called for three

cheers for the children, which were heartily given. The entertainment provided by the children was more than usually enjoyable and showed evidence of careful training. The chorus work was really excellent, and a dialogue, entitled "The Expected Visitors," was capitally sustained throughout. The assistant teachers (Misses McGill and Steel) were responsible for the excellence of this work and deserve high praise for its success. During the evening a Christmas tree, presented by Mr F Wise, was auctioned by Mr Shortt, .senr., who succeeded in obtaining the handsome sum of £12 for it, the tree being finally secured by little Miss Nora Nicol. A special prize was awarded to J. Zohrab, dux of the school for the year, it being a very handsome bound volume. The following is the list of certificates awarded by the chairman (Mr Chitney) to the successful scholars: —

Arithmetic —VI.: Eric Avery 1, Jack Zohrab 2. V.: Rose Jackson 1, Dorothy Avery 2. IV.: Sidney Nicol 1. Stuart McInnes 2. III.: Tom Jackson and Amyas' Zohrab (equal) 1, Lawrence Duurloo 2. II.: Jack Jackson 1, William Haines and Bert Russell (equal) 2. I.: Reginald Keenan and William McInnes (equal) 1, Lorna Dodd 2. Infant Reader: Laurie Jones and Phyllis Gray (equal) 1, Ivor Sammonds 2.

Reading—VI.: John Zohrab 1, Ian Carlyle and Norma Cook (equal) 2. V.: Eileen McGinnity 1, Frederick Abraham 2. IV.: Edward Zohrab 1, Clive Mayer 2. III.: Doris McGinnity 1, Louise Jourdain and Marjorie Prendergast (equal) 2. II.: Effie Shaw and Joyce Aekins (equal) 1. I.: Florence Butler and Peggy Aekins (equal) 1, Frank Newson 2. Infant Reader—Phyllis Gray. 1, Edna Ross 2. Class P : Rupert Keenan 1, Cedric Sammonds 2.

Spelling—VI.: John Zohrab 1, Ian Carlyle 2. V.: Fred Abraham 1, Maud Wise 2. IV. : Clive Mayer 1, Stuart McInnes 2. III.: Douglas Keenan 1, Tom Jackson 2. II.: Nora Nicol 1, Will Haines 2. I.: Peggy Aekins 1, Reginald Keenan 2. Infant Reader : Phyllis Gray 1, Edna Ross 2. Class P: Cedric Sammonds 1, Thomas Adams 2.

Recitation —VI.: Ian Carlyle 1, Jack Zohrab 2. V.; Violet Ross 1, Eileen McGinnity 2.1 V.,; Stuart McInnes 1 Edward Zohrab 2. III.: Amyas Zohrab 1, Sybil Fache and Hector Dixon (equal) 2. II.: Joyce Aekins 1, Will Haines 2. I.: Florence Butler 1. Peggy Aekins 2. 1 Drawing—VI.: Ian Carlyle 1, Eric Avery 2. V.; Fred Abraham 1, Violet Ross 2. IV.: Stuart McInnes 1, Ben Wilson and Sydney Nicol (equal) 2. III.; Lawrence Duurloo and Hector Dixon (equal) 1, Tom Jackson and Sybil Fache (equal) 2. II. Joyce Aekins 1, Bertie Bussell 2. 1. Mary Mazzola 1, Frank Butler 2. Infant Reader: Ivor Sammonds 1, Rosina Meo 2. Class P: Joe Della Barca 1, Fred. Harris 2.

Writing—VI.: Norma Cook 1, Jack Zohrab and Nelly Adams (equal) 2. V.: Fred. Abraham 1, Ivor Duurloo 2. IV.: Edward Zohrab 1, Sidney Nicol 2. III.; Lawrence Duurloo 1, Thomas Jackson 2. II.: Vera Holdsworth 1, Bartolo Tesoriore and Robert Chitney (equal) 2. , I.: Frank Newson 1, Frank Butler 2. Infant Reader —Edna Ross 1, Laurie Jones and Salvatore Della Barca (equal) 2. Class P: Sybil Robinson 1, Marcus Wilson and Nelly Jones (equal) 2.

7th January 1915 The final results in connection with the Eastbourne school children's commendable effort on behalf of the Belgians are to hand. It will be remembered that these children unanimously decided amongst-themselves to devote the whole of the proceeds of their prize fund to aid the Belgian children. The movement was taken up with great enthusiasm in conjunction with the school committee, Messrs F. J. Chitney (chairman), J. P. Kelly, E. Zohrab, C. Russell, Wright, B. Shortt and R. A. Keenan (secretary), The sum realised is over £26, and will probably be increased to £30. Considering the limitation of the

district and the small number of permanent residents in comparison with other school districts, the Eastbourne children deserve warm congratulation for the zeal and energy displayed. The certificates awarded to them in lieu of prizes record their action. The sum of £25 has been handed over to the Mayor of Wellington (Mr J. P. Luke), and the secretary (Mr Keenan) hopes to augment this amount in a few days.

15th May 1915 The annual meeting of the Muritai School was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening and was attended by about 100 residents. The report and balance-sheet were present and adopted. The following were elected members of the committee for the ensuing year: Messrs. Chitney, Kelly, Zohrab, Wright, and Avery. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the outgoing committee. A special vote of thanks was accorded to the secretary, Mr. R. A. Keenan, who is leaving the district, and therefore did not seek re-election. At a meeting of the new committee, Mr. E. G. F. Zohrab was elected chairman, and Mr. J. D. Avery was elected hon. secretary.

10th June 1915 Muritai, Assistant, £120 to £140

30th June 1915 Wellington Education Board grants of £375 for additions to the Muritai School and of the same amount for additions to Te Horo School were authorised.

13th July 1915 Wellington Education Board Miss P. Prendeville, of Te Horo, to be assistant at Muritai

17th July 1915 St John's ambulance appeal Muritai School Children 2 balaclavas, 2 face-cloths, 54 eye-bandages

28th July 1915 The tender of Messrs Forsyth and Stickells, builders, of Petone, has been accepted by the Wellington Education Board for additions to the Muritai school. £382 10s

12th January 1916 Muritai —Assistant, £110 to £120.

18th April 1916 Boisterous weather accounted for a comparatively small meeting at Muritai, some thirty householders being present. The report, which showed the school to be progressive, was adopted. There is a credit balance of £10 16s 11d. Five were required for the committee and eight were nominated. The voters selected the following:—Messrs. J. P. Kelly (19 votes), E. G. F. Zohrab (19), H. L. Wright (17), G. Russell (16), and T. Pilcher (11). Others nominated were Messrs. J. D. Avery, C. Marquis, and Aekins. The new committee chose Mr. Zohrab as chairman and Mr. Pilcher as secretary.

Since last April Muritai School has been enlarged and renovated, and now contains three large, up-to-date classrooms, which should meet requirements for some time to come. The grounds are rather inadequate for playing purposes, and the recent committee had hopes of making provision for the future. It is expected that the new body will try to obtain an improvement.

Ten pupils of the school secured proficiency certificates during the last year, and the committee stated that the progress of the children under Mr. Sanson and his two assistants had been satisfactorily reported on by the inspector. It should be mentioned that, in connection with scholarship and proficiency certificate winners, the Eastbourne Borough Council, of its own volition, grants the successful pupils free passages to and from the secondary schools. As the result of a children's fancy dress party a sum of £20 was handed over to the Patriotic War Fund. A surplus from the school concert of £4 2s 3d was given to the Wounded Soldiers and Sailors Fund. The latter sum was made available by the children foregoing prizes.

19th April 1916 School children of Muritai are taught that a tree has much more value than that it should be planted and then cut down. There is a branch of the Beautifying

Society for juveniles, and it has under us special care Makaro-road and Rata-street. Members are grouped in sections of ten, , and there is keen rivalry for the com- ! petition shield which last Arbor Day was presented by the Mayor of Eastbourne (Mr. J. P. Kelly) to Master Edward Zohrab's squad.

15th June 1916 Miss A B Cooke appointed. [Why would you name your child ABC]

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5th October 1916 A similar concert in aid of, a. prize fund for the Eastbourne school is being held in the Eastbourne Hall on Saturday night

19th December 1916 The annual breaking-up function in connection with the Muritai School was held on Friday evening, when a concert in aid of the patriotic funds was given by the children, mid the prizes, obtained through the efforts of Messrs.

McKenzie and-concert party, wore presented. Rev. E. Sola acted as judge in rending and elocution competitions. The presentation of the prizes was made by Mr.

McKenzie. The awards were as follow:—

Dux of School.—Girls: Isabel Chitney. Boys: Sidney Nichol.

Writing.—Standards V 'and VI: Violet Ross, Maurice Stevenson! Standards 111 and IV: Robert Chitney, Victor Marquis Standards 1 and II: Edna Ross, Rosie Shaw.

Infants: Cissie Meo, Noni Smith.

Drawing.—Standards V and VI: Violet Ross, Leonard Parrant. Standards III and IV: William Edwards, Laurie Jones. Standards I and II: Mary Mazola, Camille Mazzola.

Infants 1: Jock McDonald, Robert Morris. Infants II: Humphrey Sola, Muriauno Dela Barca.

Arithmetic—Standard VI: Isabel Chitney, Sidney Nichol. Special: Ben Wilson.

Standard V: Doris McGinnity, Winifred Hall. Standard IV: Herbert Russell, William Haines, Effie Shaw. Standard III: Marjorie- Stewart, Consuelo Pilcher. Standard II: Hunter Stevenson, Laurie Jones. Standard I: Leonard Russell, Marcus Wilson.

Infants: Joan Manning, Florrie Edwards.

Reading—Standards V and VI: Maurice Stevenson, Amelia Blake. Standards 111 and IV: Nellie Starr, Althea Stevenson. Standards I and II: Mary Ewart, Flossie Butler. Infants: Helen Newson, Wayne Richards.

Recitation—Standards V and VI: Doris McGinnity, Isabel Chitney. Standards III and IV: Irene Mays, Vera Holdsworth,- Joan Manning, Geo. Munro.

Spelling.—Standards V and VI: Violet Ross, Doris McGinnity. Standards 111 and [V: Herbert Russell, Peggy Aekins. Standards I and II:- Edna Ross, Harry Skinner.

Infants: Helen Newson, Geo. Munro,

1917-1923

1917	151	Muritai	Sanson	Herbert	D-56	Head	£240.00	
1917	151	Muritai	Cooke	Alice B	D-73	Assistant	£130.00	

1917	151	Muritai	Roughton	Edna G V	D-105	Assistant	£120.00	
1917	151	Muritai	Owen	Christina O		PT2	£60.00	
1919	202	Muritai	Sanson	Herbert	D-53	Head	£325.00	
1919	202	Muritai	Cooke	Alice B	D-72	Assistant	£220.00	
1919	202	Muritai	Rose	Florence	D-93	Assistant	£195.00	
1919	202	Muritai	Roughton	Edna G V	D-97	Assistant	£170.00	
1919	202	Muritai	Blake	Marjorie H		PT2	£100.00	
1921	236	Muritai	King MA BSC	Eustace	B	Head	£410.00	
1921	236	Muritai	Cooke	Alice B	D	Infant Mistress	£290.00	
1921	236	Muritai	Rose	Florence	D	Assistant	£245.00	
1921	236	Muritai	Roughton	Edna G V	D	Assistant	£240.00	
1921	236	Muritai	McKay	Doris j	C	Assistant	£210.00	
1921	236	Muritai	Wallace	Fairy K C F		Probationer 2	£90.00	
1921	236	Muritai	Chitney	Isabel E		PT2	£90.00	
1923	309	Muritai	King	Eustace	B-71	Head	£405.00	
1923	309	Muritai	Rendle	Charles A	B-123	Assistant	£355.00	
1923	309	Muritai	Cooke	Alice B	D-135	Infant Mistress	£293.00	
1923	309	Muritai	Rose	Florence	D-173	Assistant	£253.00	
1923	309	Muritai	Priestly	Marie L	C-196	Assistant	£205.00	
1923	309	Muritai	McKay	Doris j	C-201	Assistant	£205.00	\$ 15.00
1923	309	Muritai	King	Kathleen	C-205	Assistant	£113.00	\$ 15.00
1923	309	Muritai	Noble	Eileen M		Probationer 1	£113.00	\$ 15.00

1921 I have checked the original document and Fairy K C F Wallace is as recorded in the original published document

1st January 1917 The children of the Eastbourne district .School were provided the other day with funds for their annual prizes. On the suggestion of the children it was decided to have no prizes this year but to hand over the money to the Returned Soldiers' Club, and the secretary of the School Committee, Mr. T. W. Pilcher, accordingly, handed over on Saturday the sum of £10 18s.

28th March 1917 Wellington Education Board The provision of further- accommodation at Muritai and Ohau-was held over for "further enquiry.

30th April 1917 The committee of the Muritai School in its annual report states that since the addition to the school building the average attendance at. the school has increased from 111 to 142. Owing to the continuance of the war, nothing has been done during the year to obtain additional playground accommodation, but the matter has not been lost sight of. The committee again records its appreciation of the work done by the headmaster and his assistants. The report from the inspectors show that the school is still maintaining the- high standard of previous years Owing to the increasing permanent population the committee, has approached the board for more accommodation, am an assistant teacher. This matter is urgent, owing to the crowded state of the present class-rooms, and it is hoped that another room will be added in the near future. Six scholars obtained proficiency. certificates, enabling them to secure free higher education. The finance of the school are in a very satisfactory position. The audited annual account show that the total receipts, including . a balance of £10

16s 11d from last year amounted to £87 8s 11d, and the disbursements £77 5s 11d, leaving a credit balance of £10 3s at the end of the year. An honour board is to be erected in the school.

1st May 1917 There was a large attendance of householders at Muritai. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. P. Kelly (chairman), Mr. C. Russell was voted to, the chair. The report, a precis of which has been published, was read and adopted. Thirteen nominations were received for the committee of seven members, and the following were elected:—Messrs. G. Russell, E. W. P. Pearce, T. W. Pilcher, P. Atkinson, W. P. Newson, H. M. Evans, H. L. Wright. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. J. P. Kelly, retiring chairman, to the retiring committee for the good work they had done during the past year, and to the head teacher (Mr. H. Sanson) and his assistants. Mr. Sanson thanked the householders for the generous way they had met the various calls upon them for patriotic and other purposes. After the meeting the committee met, when Mr. C. Russell was elected chairman and Mr. P. Atkinson secretary.

4th August 1917 The children of the Muritai School have always been in the forefront in anything appertaining to the welfare of our soldiers. The chairman of the School Committee (Mr. Charles Russell), when the school closed yesterday, briefly addressed the children, and, after apologising for the unavoidable absence of the Mayor (Mr. P. Levi), introduced the Rev. T. Gardner, who gave a most interesting address on the three flags—St. George, St. Andrew, and St. Patrick. After singing the first two verses of the National Anthem, the school flag was hoisted mast high by the senior girl scholars and was saluted in due form. Cheers for the King and the chairman of the committee (Mr. Russell) brought a most interesting function to a close.

29th September 1917 At the Eastbourne Hall last evening, His Worship the Mayor (Mr. P. Levi) performed the unveiling ceremony of the Honours Board, erected by the Muritai School Committee, in memory of past pupils of the school who have answered the Empire's call. Capt. F. M. Renner delivered an address, illustrated by maps, on "The Glorious August Battles of the Anzacs," which was listened to by a very appreciative audience. During the evening Messrs. Probert and Cimino and the scholars contributed musical items.

2nd October 1917 A large audience assembled in the Public Hall, Eastbourne, on Friday evening, to witness the unveiling of the war honours board in connection with the local school. The chairman of the School Committee (Mr. Charles Russell) presided, and after a few introductory remarks called upon the Mayor (Mr. P. Levi) to perform the unveiling ceremony. The removal of the Union Jack from the board was greeted with the greatest enthusiasm, the audience standing. The interest in the occasion was greatly enhanced by a very fine lecture by Captain P. M. Renner on "The Glorious Battles of Anzac." The captain's effort was punctuated with frequent and hearty applause from the large audience. The singing of the National Anthem brought a most successful gathering to a close.

12th December 1917 Wellington Education Board It was resolved to apply for an extension of the site and building at Muritai.

5th April 1918 Assistantships—£120 to £140, Cross Creek, Muritai.

22nd April 1918 The report to be presented to the meeting of Muritai householders tonight is of an interesting character, showing as it does the steady advancement of the eastern bays. Last year the average attendance was 142; it is now 183. The report emphasises the urgent necessity of increased accommodation in the school, and also of the playing area. The Board

of Education have already done something in the matter by providing an additional teacher and purchasing an adjoining section to provide more space. Including the Board's subsidy, the committee have raised during the year the sum of £116 9s 8d. for school purposes. The various functions held during the year, including: the annual picnic, have been most successful. The report thanks the residents of the district for the very handsome manner in which they have backed up the efforts of the committee. The inspector's report speaks highly of the work of the teachers and the administration of the school generally.

24th April 1914 The meeting at Muritai was the largest and most enthusiastic meeting ever held in the district. About 300 persons were present, and there not being sufficient accommodation in the School an adjournment had to be made to the Eastbourne Hall. There were sixteen nominations for the committee, and the Ratepayers' Association ticket of seven members was, elected by an overwhelming majority. The names are as follow :-Messrs. H. L. Wright (chairman), H. G. Mayer, S. L. Partridge, H. Ahearn, C. G. W- Richards, R. E. Manley, and S. H. Jenkinson

15th May 1918 Wellington Education Board The Chairman reported that the Government had authorised a grant of £464. for an addition to the Muritai School.

17th July 1918 Wellington Education Board It was resolved that the- executive visit Muritai to inspect proposed school sites.

26th July 1918 In Wellington and district (as far out as Lower Hutt and Paraparaumu) there were 104 cases of infectious disease (diphtheria 81, scarlet fever 11, tuberculosis 12) reported to the District Health Office during June. There were 146 disinfections, 136 sanitary inspections/and 86 revisits." Special disinfections were done in the Ohariu and Eastbourne ' schools. Wellington City had 46 cases of diphtheria.

26th July 1918

EASTBOURNE HALL, RONA BAY.

CONCERT AND DANCE,

In Aid of

MURITAI SCHOOL,

SATURDAY, 27th JULY, 8 p.m.

The Finest Programme yet Presented in ' the Bay.

Bus leaves Day's Bay at 7.30 p.m. 'Admission, 1s 6d. Dance, 1s extra.

29th July 1918 A concert, in aid of the Muritai School Library Fund, was given at Eastbourne on Saturday evening by the Wellington Savage Club. The Club's orchestra played two selections, and items were given by Misses A. Sullivan, Teresa McEnroe, and Segrief, and Messrs. Hugh Wright, Albert Russell, W. Crawford, and P. Minifie. The programme concert was followed by a- dance.

17th September 1918 WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD. TENDERS for Purchase and Removal of Whare on Muritai School Site, Eastbourne, will be received at the Education Board Office up to Noon of Friday, 27th September

26th February 1919 Eastbourne Borough Council . An application from- the Eastbourne School Committee for the remission of the sanitary fee was granted.

12th April 1919 The committee' of the Muritai State School note with satisfaction of in the average attendance from 151 in 1917 to 170 in 1918, and a further rise to 203 for the first quarter, of, this year. Parents are urged to send their children regularly to the school in order

to keep the attendance above 200, and so bring about the appointment of another assistant. A new room was added to the school during the year and brought into occupation on September 11. All the buildings are in good repair. The project for acquiring the large section opposite the school is being carried by the Education Board to a successful conclusion. The land will eventually be the site of a new infant school and should settle for some-years the problem of a playing area. A concert held for the library fund produced £22 17s. 6d., which carried a subsidy of £22. The committee proposes that the subsidy be devoted to the improvement of the school grounds, and particularly to the improvement of the new section mentioned above. The finances of the school are sound. The Eastbourne Borough Council is thanked for remission of the usual sanitary rate, and the staff is congratulated upon its good work.

15th April 1915 The householders' meeting at Muritai last night developed into what the treasurer of the School Committee gloatingly described as the most successful annual meeting ever held. The incoming committee were faced with the hurdle of raising £200 in order to induce the Education Board to help those who help themselves and purchase an extra site for the rapidly-expanding school of Eastbourne Borough. The committee felt that this meeting was hardly the occasion to do more than familiarise the people with the proposed schemes for raising the money within the next year, but the meeting thought otherwise. A local resident rose and offered to lead off a spontaneous subscription list with £10, and the enthusiasm started. In a very few minutes over £105 was on the list, practically every family present being represented, and the gratified committee walked home recalling to all who cared to listen the palmiest days of the patriotic meetings. As the school has just 200 pupils, and only 120 people were present at the meeting, their pride was justifiable.

15th April 1919 About 120 people attended the annual meeting at Muritai, Mr. H. Mayer being voted to the chair. The annual report emphasised the crowded condition of the infant room and the unfair treatment that was accorded both teacher and class, when one certificated teacher was put in charge of 80 children below the first standard, with the assistance of a young pupil teacher only. It went on to inform the householders that the Education Board had acquired an option over a large section opposite the school for site extension. This action was largely due to the fact that the outgoing committee had pledged itself to endeavour to raise £200 locally within the next year to assist the board in acquiring the new site. This promise the meeting proceeded enthusiastically to redeem, with the result that a list opened in the room was filled in to the extent of £105 within a few minutes. The members of the retiring committee, who sought re-election, were all returned, and the new committee is as follows:—Messrs. H. Mayer (chairman), S. H. Jenkinson (secretary), H. Ahearn (who headed the poll with 81 votes), R. E. Manley, E. T. Wise, S. L. Partridge, E. T. Pearce. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Sanson and his staff, and to the committee closed the meeting.

18th June 1919 Wellington Education Board the secretary reported that the following grants had been authorised by the Government:—Kelburn, addition to site, £650; Poroporo, new school, £466; Berhampore, addition to infant department, £1397; Solway, new school, additional grant, £525; Muritai, sites, £800 and £210.

18th October 1919 A twelve-year-old boy was brought before Mr. E. Page, S.M., at the Juvenile Court this morning, on a charge of having stolen sums of money totalling over £3 from the Muritai School. The boy admitted having stolen part of the money—about 5s, he

thought—but Constable Thompson said he had reason to believe that the boy had spent more than that amount. The boy was placed on probation for six months, and an order was made that his father should refund 10s, and pay costs

2nd December 1919 Life Saving Society report included Application for an instructor to attend the Eastbourne public school for the purpose of instructing school children was granted, Mr. Bird (hon. instructor) undertaking to do the work

4th February 1920 The school year of 1919 at Muritai School was closed on December, 15 by a very prettily-arranged and well-acted operetta, staged by the senior children, under the direction of Miss V. Roughton. After the performance the chairman (Mr. H. G. -Mayer) thanked Mr. Sanson and his staff for the successful results of the years' work and instanced the fact that eleven proficiency and two competency certificates had been gained by the thirteen scholars in Standard VI. He mentioned that the dux of Wellington Boys' College for the year was an old pupil and recent dux of Muritai School and the son of a former chairman (Mr. E. G. F. Zohrab). He announced that Mr. Mather, Mayor of Eastbourne, had promised two scholarships of £5 per year each for two years to the girl and boy at the head of the school to help defray their expenses at the secondary school, and these were won by Ngarita Partridge and Edward Wright respectively. On behalf of the committee he eulogised the work done for the school by Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Partridge, who are leaving to reside in Christchurch, and presented them with a silver hot-water jug, amidst the enthusiastic applause of the parents and children present. The prizes were then presented as follows.—
Dux—Ngarita Partridge and Edward Wright.

Standard VI—Marjorie Stewart, Ernest Tilbury, Isabel Dabinett, Frank Newson.

Standard V—Jean -Wright, Dorothy McDowall, Ralph Poole, Lorna- Dodd, Edna Ross, Edward Reynolds.

Standard IV Carol Evans, Markham McMillan, Harry Skinner, Jack Partridge, Margaret Black, Mollie Gillespie.

Standard III—Wayne Richards, Francis Mather, Alan Stevenson, Charles Garrood, Noni Smith, Theo Gundersen.

Standard II- Dorothy McColl, Gertrude Tidman, Kie Mazolla, Dulcie Orme, Esrne Nicol, Katherine Russo.

Standard I—Nancy Green, Rowland Lawes, Mary Meo, Colin Naismith, Joan Jenkinson, Edith Evans,

Primer classes—Violet Rom, Thelma Hudson, Betty Peters, Archer Lambeth, Vivian Cooper, Mavis Cullen, Peggy Baker, Mona. Fisher.

19th February 1920 Muritai Miss D J McKay

27th April 1920 A feature of the annual report of the Muritai School Committee is the amount that has been raised by householders during the year towards the purchase of a new site for the school and the improvement of the school grounds. The committee states that the promise given by the 1918 committee to raise £200 to assist the Education Board in the purchase of a new site has been generously redeemed, and the whole sum has now been handed over. Over £100 was subscribed in the room at the last annual meeting, and the net receipts of the garden fete held in December also ran into three figures. With three entertainments and further subscriptions, close on £300 was raised during the year, and as about £100 of this carries an equal subsidy, the committee leaves the finances of the school in

a better position than any yet recorded. The credit balances to the various funds on 29th February totalled £223 .Us 9d. Since then a contract has been let for asphaltting a large portion of the school grounds at a cost of £140, £15 11s 6d has been expended on buying kindergarten material, and arrangements are in hand to buy £20 worth of books for the school library

17th March 1921 Wellington Education Board The board resolved to rent the Town Hall at Eastbourne in order to provide 'additional accommodation for the pupils of the Muritai School.

12th April 1921 School Committee William Hugh Dick, Oliver Noel Gillespie, Hugh' McGill, Elizabeth Jane Mather, John Thomas, L. H. Parry, Thomas Wai. Pilcher, C. G. W. Richards, Fanny E. Russell, Herbert Lansbury Wright, Samuel' Fortesque Wright.

18th April 1921 In its annual report the committee of the Muritai School, compliments the teaching staff on the progress made during the year, but points out that the work of the school has been carried out under difficult conditions, this, more particularly in respect of the accommodation for infant classes, which is totally inadequate. "The committee, however, is pleased to be able to inform you that the Council Chambers have now been secured, and when the equipment arrives will be occupied by the upper infant classes until the new schoolrooms are available. The children and teachers will, no doubt, appreciate the additional accommodation.

In connection with the new infant school, the committee has been notified by the board of the acceptance of a tender" for its erection, and parents are assured that the juveniles will shortly be Comfortably and adequately housed, and that the children in Standards I. to VI. will benefit by the additional space available in the main school.

The finances of the school are in a most satisfactory state. - The credit balance, at the beginning was £152 13s 11d. The receipts during the year were £448 13s 4d, and the disbursements £258 3s 1d, leaving a credit balance of £343 4s 2d.

The committee records its indebtedness to Mr. F. H. Mather for again generously providing a scholarship fund for the duxes of Muritai School for the year 1921. It is mentioned that Jean. Wright, and Salvatore Dellabarca were the winners of the Mather Scholarships for last year. In conclusion, the committee, on behalf of householders, expresses its thanks to Mr. Sanson and his staff for their unfailing good work during the year, and expresses appreciation of the manner in which the parents and residents of Muritai have assisted the committee to achieve such a splendid record.

19th April 1921 The meeting at Eastbourne,, where is situated the Muritai State School, was no mere formality. It was a very large one, which followed the many items in the annual report with the closest attention. Mr. T. W. Pilcher, chairman of last year's committee presided. A credit balance of £343 4s 2d was reported. The hope was expressed that, as indicated by the preparations of the committee, the school would take an active part in athletic sports, and it was stated that if the school decided to go in for football Captain Hardham, V.C, was willing to coach the team.

There were ten nominations for nine seats on the committee, and the following were elected: Mesdames Elizabeth J. Mather and Fanny E. Russell, and -Messrs. W. H. Dick, O. N. Gillespie, H. McGill, J. T. L. H. Parry, T. W. Pilcher, H. L. Wright, and S. F. Wright. The unsuccessful candidate was Mr. C. G. W. Richards, who congratulated the old committee on

being reelected. At a subsequent meeting of the new committee Mr. Pilcher was re-elected chairman and Mr. McGill secretary.

19th April 1921 Reference to the unfailing good work of Mr. H. Sanson, the headmaster of the Muritai School, who is shortly to retire after 16 years in his present position, was made at last night's meeting of householders. The meeting expressed its appreciation of his big services, and wished Mr. Sanson every happiness in his retirement.

15th June 1921 Wellington Education Board Mr Sanson resignation accepted

I presume Eustace King was transferred to Muritai School as I cannot find his appointment in the Evening Post He taught at Hutt School 1901-1903. Terrace School in Wellington 1906-1908. The two year gap would have been spent at Wellington Teachers Training College. He then Taught at Petone DHS until his appointment at Muritai School. He had an MA and a Bachelor of Science degree.

11th July 1923 A contract has been signed by Mr. F. Stacey for the erection of a new technical school in brick at Lower Hutt. Mr. Stacey is also building a new school at Muritai, which will be completed in about a month's time. Both buildings are being erected to the order of the Wellington Education Board.

18th July 1921 At a well-represented public meeting, held in the Muritai School, Eastbourne, it was unanimously decided to tender Mr. H. Sanson, headmaster of the Muritai School, a public farewell and presentation on the 19th proximo. Mr. Sanson retires on superannuation at the end of next month. Eulogistic references in respect of the services rendered the community on the eastern side of the harbour by Mr. Sanson were made by the Mayor of Eastbourne, the chairman of the Muritai School Committee, and other speakers. Mr. Sanson has held the position of headmaster of the Muritai School for the past eighteen years, during which period some hundreds of scholars have passed through the school. A strong committee has been formed to carry out the details.

19th August 1921 Mr. Sanson, who has occupied the position of headmaster at the Eastbourne School for many years, relinquishes his position to-day, and is being entertained by the children of the school this afternoon and by parents this evening. A special programme, including a cantata, has been prepared for the occasion. Several presentations are to be made to the departing schoolmaster.

20th August 1920 "Some school committees seem to think that they were put into office to curb the autocratic behaviour of the despot who occupies the position of headmaster," declared one speaker at the farewell function to Mr. Sanson at Eastbourne last night.

20th August 1921 Years of service, earnestly and faithfully spent on behalf of the children of Muritai, has entitled him to a period of leisure," were the words expressed by the Mayor of Eastbourne (Mr. H. E. Mather) at the valedictory function tendered last night to Mr. H. Sanson, who has relinquished the headmastership of the Muritai School after eighteen years' continuous service in that position. The Muritai Hall was filled, standing room only being available. The evening's entertainment, though provided mainly by the children, was to give parents and friends an opportunity to say "au revoir" to Mr. Sanson, the children having tendered their farewell during the afternoon. In addition to several musical and elocutionary items by Miss Norma Cooke, Miss Skiller, Messrs. Meed, Marquis, and Thompson, the children of the school gave a short pantomime-cantata, "Cinderella."

Supper was provided by lady residents. The Chairman thanked Miss Rowton for the able way in which she had trained the children, and also thanked all those who had contributed both to programme and supper.

The Mayor of Eastbourne (Mr. Mather), who occupied the chair, briefly stated that the large gathering of Bay residents itself showed the great appreciation in which Mr. Sanson was held by all the people—old and young. He read apologies for absence from the Minister of Education, (the Hon. C. J. Parr), Mr. T. M. Wilford, M.P., Mr. King (the new headmaster), and Mr. H. W. Shortt. In conclusion, he hoped that pressure would be brought to bear on the Wellington Education Board to erect a new school on the site of the existing building, to bring it into line with the new infant school which was bearing completion. Mr. Pilcher, chairman of the School Committee, in making a presentation to Mr. Sanson of an illuminated address and a cheque, said that Mr Sanson had been teaching for forty-three years, eighteen years of which had been, as headmaster of the Muritai School. When Mr. Sanson came to Muritai the school only had sixteen pupils, and the building was an old, dilapidated wooden shed. In 1893 the school had grown to fifty-three pupils, and a one-roomed school was erected. Seven years later the school had grown still larger, and more accommodation was erected. Year by year saw increases in the number of scholars attending the school, and the building was added to as the years passed. The last addition was made in 1918, when the roll numbered 204. To-day the roll number was 257, and to cope with this large attendance a new infant school was nearing completion. Mr. T. Forsyth (chairman of the Wellington Education Board) said that Mr. Sanson was regarded by the board as "one of the best." (Applause.) Mr. Sanson's services were so much appreciated by parents, who realised his magnificent capabilities, that instead of children going across in the boats to Wellington, as they might easily do, they remained at their own school. The retiring headmaster got on well with his committee, which showed tact, and he took a citizen's interest in public affairs.

Mr. F. H. Bakewell (Chief Inspector) remarked that he had a special interest in Muritai, because twenty years ago, when he was but just launching out on his career as an inspector, he was sent by the board to open the school and to select a site for a school building. At that time the board showed their disapproval of his selection, declaring that it was too far from the residential portion of the bays, and when the school was built they even went so far as to refuse to pay for it, as they considered so large a room too big for its purpose. However, that was twenty years ago, and the wisdom of his selection had been amply proved. As Chief Inspector his services had not been required at Muritai, and this fact in itself was proof that Mr. Sanson was capably carrying on his duties as head teacher. In conclusion, the speaker sought for Mr. King, the new headmaster, the loyal support and co-operation of every parent in the bay, for he had a difficult task before him.

Mr. Burns, an inspector on the staff of the board, also eulogised the character and work of Mr. Sanson. He was followed by Messrs. Wright, Mayer, and Jenson, members and ex-members of the School Committee during the past few years.

On rising to reply, Mr. Sanson was visibly affected and declared that he was absolutely overwhelmed. Referring to his years at the school, he said that the success achieved had been largely the result of the co-operation of parents and school committees with himself. Inspectors did not now come into the schools as they did in the old days, when their advent was sufficient to put "the 'wind up'" both teacher and pupil. He was convinced that Muritai

had always received a fair deal from the Education Board. He paid a tribute to the work of his staff, who had ably supported him, biter under trying conditions. He wished also to refer to the, happy associations between himself and the large settlement of Italians in the bay, which had always been most cordial. The Mayor then presented Mrs. Sanson with a piece of jewellery on behalf of the residents, and the gathering concluded with three cheers for the retiring headmaster and his wife and the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

At the children's function in the afternoon, Leonard Russell, as senior pupil at the school, presented Mr. Sanson with a framed photograph of the pupils with their teachers, the oak frame bearing a silver plate suitably inscribed. The cantata was performed in the afternoon, and several gymnastic displays were given and songs rendered by the very young children.

22nd August 1921 At the farewell function to Mr-. H. Sanson at' Eastbourne on Friday evening, the star item on the programme was a pantomime-cantata "Cinderella," in which children of the Muritai School took the following ' roles:—Cinderella, Mollie Gillespie; Patience, Thelma Shearer; Charity, Peggy Ross; Fairy Godmother, ' Margaret Black ; , Papa, Mick Russell; Prince, Joe Black; Lady Guy, Gertrude Hunt. In addition, there were a number of, dainty fairies, who sang and danced prettily, and added charm to the general ensemble

10th November 1923 Part of a long article on an Education Conference at Toronto Canada

I do not think that Canadian schools are ahead of those in New Zealand as regards efficiency," said Miss A. B. Cooke to a Post reporter. Miss Cooke was one of .the three New Zealand. delegates to the Imperial Conference on Education held at Toronto recently, and was sent as representative of the Women Teachers^ Institute. "They have, however," continued Miss Cooke, "some very beautiful buildings, especially in the larger centres." Miss Cooke, who is infant mistress at the Eastbourne school, stated that in Canada they aimed at smaller classes than was the case in New Zealand. The Canadian idea was that classes should never be larger than 40 pupils, and in such eases a teacher Would have a pupil-teacher assistant. In New Zealand as many as 83 pupils were in one class

10th November 1921 The new school at Eastbourne has now been . completed, and will be officially opened by the Minister of Education (the Hon. C. J. Parr) on Monday next Mr.. T. M. Wilford, M.P. for the district, will also be present. The school, which is constructed on the most up-to-date lines for. this class of building is erected on the main road, not very far from the Bona Bay wharf, and is to be used to relieve the existing congestion in the older school buildings by accommodating all the primer classes. At present the building- contains two large classrooms, each 26ft by 24ft, which are divided by accordion doors, thus allowing the two rooms to be made into one when such should be necessary. In addition, there is a teacher's room 14ft by 12ft, and a large cloakroom 25ft _6m by 10ft, with coat-stall and special arrangements for accommodating .the clothing of scholars. The ventilation is on the very latest-principle, and special attention has been devoted to the lighting Arrangements. In a commodious basement a Beeston type of coke fuel j heater has been installed, which during the winter will distribute! heat through the building above by means of specially- constructed radiators. The play, ground is large, and is to be partly asphalted. High-pressure water is obtained from a reservoir on the hillside, some 300 ft above the level of the school. There is. a : conveniently-constructed shelter-shed for use. in wet weather. Down the side of the is a wide corridor,' with extensive windows, which can be opened, allowing for ample air in the hot summer weather., Blackboards are built into the walls, and the classrooms have many

appliance* to facilitate instruction. The whole of the buildings are constructed of brick, which are plastered and rough-cast, the foundations being of concrete. The whole makes a valuable addition to the architecture in the borough. Desks are entirely dispensed with, each child having a lift-top table and a tiny wooden chair, solidly made. It is stated that this method prevents the child from becoming cramped during a period when growth is rapid. The new system of seating will be extended to all schools in the Dominion as soon as opportunity offers. ,

.The plans were drawn by the architect to the Wellington Education Board, Mr. McDougall, the construction being entrusted to Mr. F. Stacey, who also has the contract for the Hutt Technical School,, which is at present in course of erection,

14th November 1921 When the Minister of Education went to Muritai to-day to open the new infant school, he -was on the look-out for a red-haired boy. The story, which was unfolded in due course as the proceeding* went on, is that The Hon. C. J. Parr entered a hairdresser's shop on Saturday, bent on a quick shave... It so happened that a red-haired boy was ahead of him, but, seeing the haste of the Minister, gave way. Mr. Parr entered into conversation with the boy, who volunteered the statement that he went to School, and that there would be great doings- on Monday afternoon—the Minister of Education was coming over.

It was not until this Afternoon, when Mr. Parr said he wanted to see the red-haired' boy who "gave place to an elderly gentleman in a barber's shop on Saturday," that the boy learnt who the elderly gentleman was. Virtue may be its own reward, but in this case it was backed up by a gift, in the form of a book full from cover to border with Red Indians, from the Minister, who felt that this chance of recognising good 'manners should not be missed. Incidentally, Mr. Parr took the opportunity of impressing on the children as a whole the need for courtesy to their elders, the opposite sex, and their parents. Respect for one's parents said the Minister, seemed almost dying out. Such an incident as had occurred to him, however, could be regarded with the utmost satisfaction.

12th December 1921 Every means possible of teaching children along practical lines is now being adopted,- On Friday an innovation in this direction was carried out by Mr. Eustace King, headmaster of the Eastbourne School —An organised tour of the City of Wellington by' pupils of the school. Nearly forty boys and girls of Standard V, and VI. took part in the tour. The children were brought to town on the Cobar at 9 o'clock in the morning, and their first visit was to the Turnbull Library, where they were shown the great collection of valuable books and curios. The party then went to the Dominion Museum, where a useful hour was spent amongst the national collection of Maori curios,' Mr. King explaining in the manner of a lesson the many native and other articles on view. Leaving the Museum, the party visited Parliament buildings, and were taken into both legislative chambers, each child in turn sitting in the Speaker's chair and occupying the Premier's seat, whilst Mr. King explained Parliamentary procedure. The children then visited various parts 'of the buildings. The next item in the day's plan was a tram ride to the Zoo, and here the visitors were acquainted with many facts which will, no doubt, be retained long after lessons learned in the schoolroom are forgotten. Lions, bears, deer, birds, fish, and monkeys were all studied as valuable object lessons for the children. -The party had lunch in picnic fashion in the Zoo grounds, after which they journeyed through the rose garden and over the' hill to Lyall Bay. During a pause at the top of the Hill, a short lesson in geography was given by Mr. King, a general view of

Miramar facilitating his' explanation of a peninsula whilst Lyall Bay at the foot, of the hill provided a further' portion of the lesson. Different parts of the city's surroundings were pointed out, after which the party started down the hill. At Lyall Bay a halt was called, to allow some of the children to bathe, after which a tram brought the party to the Newtown Museum. Here the' stuffed animals and birds provided excellent material for further instruction. The tuatara Lizards, the only live things in the collection; proved an endless source of interest to the children, who were also much attracted by the stuffed remains of "King. Dick," the lion which founded the family at the Zoo. From the Museum, the visitors returned to the Ferry 'Wharf, tired out, but thoroughly happy and satisfied with, the day's outing and each a well of newly-acquired knowledge.

22nd December 1921 The Crown Theatre, at Eastbourne last evening was-crowded' with parents and children on the occasion of the annual distribution of prizes. Mr. T. W. Filcher, chairman of the school committee, made the presentations. Following is the prize-list ;—

Dux of school (Mr. Mather's £5 scholarship, Mr. Mayer's silver medal, and headmaster's prize): Lilian Mary Gillespie.

Dux of boys (Mr. Mather's £5 scholarship', Mr. Mayer's silver medal, and headmaster's prize): Lawrence R. Jones Proficiency:- J. Black, - Winifred Braund, Molly L. Jenkinson, Margaret Black, E. Turner, J. Stevenson, N. Frances Wallace, L. R. Jones, Lilian M. Gillespie

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Endorsed Competency: L. Russell, Lilias Goss, Elsie Barnes, Carol Evans, Jean Baker.

Standard VI.: Boys, L. R. Jones 1, J. Black 2; girls, Lilian M. Gillespie 1, Winifred Braund 2, Molly L. Jenkinson 3; sewing, Margaret Black 1, Winifred Braund 2; neatness, Gertrude Hunt.

Standard V. : Wayne Richards 1, Frances Mather 2, Thelma Shearer 3, Jack Powell 4; arithmetic, R. C., Ross; spelling, Joyce Downing; sewing, 'Rosina Meo.

Standard IV.: Mavis Hulme 1, Joan Exley 2, Mary Barlowe 3, Joe Dellabarca and Ian Bennington (equal) 4; arithmetic, M. Dellabarca; sewing, Dulcie Orme 1, Myra Lawton 2; Mrs. Richards's special prize for composition, Myra Lawton; neatness, Rose Clement.

Standard III.: Kathleen Powell 1, Bernice Battersby 2, Nancy Green 3, Jack Kent 4; sewing, Thelma Hudson 1. Mabel Reddish 2.

Standard II.: Ilma Braund 1, Nancy Gillespie 2, Vincent Reynolds 3, Cyril Higgins 4; sewing, Ilma Braund 1, Doris Willoughby 2. .

Standard I. : Ethel Beu 1, Randal Heenan 2, Vera Reddish 3, Mavis Cullen 4; sewing (Mrs. Russell's special prizes), Mavis Cullen 1, Mona Fisher 2.

Primer IV.: Dorothy Baker 1, Watson Verity 2, Jean Amos 3, Violet Powell 4. Primer III.: Glen Beu 1, Perry Heenan 2, Herbert Barnes 3, Brian Jenkins 4.

Primer II.: Betty Mee 1, Joan Coard 2, Percy Shearer 3, Esther Verity 4; Primer I. : Olga Pope 1, Ian King 2, Kenneth Danks 3, A. Cheyne 4.

Mr. Mayer's medal for three years' regular attendance: Jim Dellabarca.

Attendance Certificates: J. Black, M. Black, L. Jones, F. Howcroft, T. Shearer, Joe Dellabarca, K. Shearer, R. Cruickshank, D. Black, Cliff Hunt, F. Holloway, V. Probert, O. Lambeth, M. Cullen, G. Dick, A. Walling, D. Mayas, R. Barlowe, R. Dellabarca, O. Higgins, J. Wright, J. Orme, M. Manley, and J. Coard.

Athletics: Swimming (boys), E. Turner 1, M. Wilson 2; (girls) Jean Baker 1; special for sport, M. Wilson.

The gathering concluded with cheers for the committee, the headmaster, and the proprietor of the theatre, who had granted the use of the building without cost. Noleen Cimino gave a violin solo during the evening.

7th February 1922 Petone High School report The-Education Board advised that arrangements, had been made to convey children from Lowry and York Bays to the school at Muritai. In the- circumstances, the children in question would not go to Petone in future.

23rd February 1922 Recently tentative arrangements were made by the Wellington Education Board for the conveyance pf children from Lowry Bay to Muritai School, but the latest reports indicate that support is hardly sufficient to justify a continuance of the service.

3rd March 1922 The Eastbourne School held its annual picnic yesterday at Day's Bay, under very adverse conditions,. as far: as the weather was concerned. The children turned out in largo numbers, .but there was only a very small attendance of parents. In view of the heavy rain, the committee made use of the pavilion, the day being spent in games, dancing, and music. The teaching staff, under the leadership of the headmaster, Mr Eustace King, assisted by members of the school committee, all helped to amuse the children. In the evening the juveniles were the guests of the Crown Theatres management. The racing portion of the picnic programme will be disposed of to-morrow on the Recreation Ground, should the weather prove favourable.

11th April 1922 Prizes to encourage the art of swimming in the borough of Eastbourne and Day's Bay, donated by "Mrs. P. Pearce, were presented recently by the Rev. O. Stent at the Crown Theatre. Following are the winners : —Boys : Over 12, Ronald Clunies-Ross;, under 12, John Jenkinson; under 10, Jack Kent. Girls : Over 12, Nata. Reynolds; under 12, Olive Lambeth; under 10, Joyce Wright. The headmaster, Mr. Eustace King, and Miss Roughton have carried out the duties of instructors to the children, who all attend the Muritai School.

19th April 1922 School Committee Eastbourne (Muritai). —E. H. Anderson, W. H. M. Dick, O. N. Gillespie, S H. Jenkinson, O. F. Rowe, G. P. R. Saunders, and H. R. Wright. Two further members are required

21st April 1922 The annual report of the Muritai School Committee records a marked increase in the roll number from 257 to 330, and an attendance of 236 as against 197 test year. The teaching staff has been increased to nine. The most notable event of the year was the retirement of Mr. Sanson after 18 years' service as headmaster of the Muritai School. At the committee's request Mr. Sanson planted in the infant school grounds a commemorative tree, around which a fence has been erected. A rough block of marble suitably inscribed has been placed within the enclosure. Mr. E. King, of the district High School, Petone, succeeded Mr. Sanson, and is now familiar with his new school and scholars. His swimming lessons are much appreciated by the pupils, and parents should feel grateful .and less anxious when their children have had a. few swimming lessons by Mr. King. After the classes and when circumstances permit, the headmaster has taken the pupils to visit places of interest such as the museum, Miramar gasworks, Parliamentary Buildings, the wireless station, etc.

Recently classes for cookery and woodwork for about 48 girls and boys of Standards V. and VII were commenced. These are held at the Thorndon Manual Training School on. Thursday mornings. Good progress is reported from both. _ In this connection the committee desires to

place on record the receipt of a donation of £9 2s 3d, from Mr. C. Hartridge, the hon. secretary of the late Eastbourne Epidemic Committee, to form the nucleus of a fund for establishing cookery classes. The amount will materially assist pupils receiving tuition in this subject. The thanks of the committee is also - extended to the Eastbourne Borough Council for permitting children attending these classes to travel to 'and from the city at reduced rates. Reference is also- made to the improvement of v the- school grounds and the formation of a tennis court, to the opening of the new infant school by the Hon. C. J. Parr, the encouragement of 'Rugby football among the boys of the school; the question of religious instruction; the encouragement of essay writing by the editor of the' Eastbourne Sun, and the satisfactory finance of the school. . The credit balance at. the beginning of the year was £343 4s 2d, the receipt £361 11s 6d, and the disbursements £598 0s 8d, leaving a credit .balance of £106 ,15s There is in addition a subsidy of £91 due from the Education Board. In conclusion, the committee desires to convey to the headmaster and his staff Hs appreciation of the manner in which the work of the school has been carried on, and to again express to the parents and to the residents generally its appreciation of the never-failing assistance rendered to the committee.

26th April 1922 Only about thirty householders assembled at Eastbourne for the annual meeting of householders, Mr. T. W. Pitcher occupying' the chair. In moving the adoption of the annual report (already published in The Post) the chairman stated that the school was moving rapidly up the grade, having qualified by average attendance recently for nine teachers, and it was hoped shortly to qualify for the appointment of a first assistant. He congratulated the headmaster (Mr. E. King) and the teaching staff on the result of the proficiency examinations, the average of successful scholars being excellent. The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

A lengthy discussion took place in regard to the asphalt tennis courts at the school, which were in a very unsatisfactory condition and still unfit ; to play on though having been laid ; down for nearly twelve months. It was decided to ask the Education Board to arrange with the contractor to satisfactorily complete the work. Messrs. W. H. Kent and M. King were elected to the vacancies on the committee (other names were published previously) subject to their names being approved by the Education Department

11th May 1922 SALE OF WORK

SUCCESSFUL EFFORT AT-EASTBOURNE,

The Infant School **at Eastbourne** was specially decorated yesterday afternoon, the occasion being- a concert by children in the primer classes. There -was an excellent attendance of parents and friends. The proceeds of the concert, assisted by a sale of work, held afterwards in the main school, are to be devoted to the purchase of general school supplies. The concert portion of the programme was arranged by the Misses Cooke and Mackay, the latter playing- the accompaniments. Following was the programme: Recitations, Ainslie Richards, Alexander Cheyne, Naida Coard , Noeline Battersby, Percy Forbes, Glen Beu, Malcolm Cheyne, and Dorothy Johns; songs, Nellie Ross, Annie Huntingford, Eric Higginbotham, Betty Leper, and Riro Girdlestone; "duet, Ella and Malcolm Cheyne. Two folk dances. "The Chimes of Dunkirk" and The Shoemaker." were daintily given-by boys and girls, the music being supplied by a gramophone. Other dances by the children were "I See You" and "In Summer," whilst several clever part songs, "•The Shell,.". "Songs About Good Children, and

"Fishing" were included in the programme. The stalls in the main school, which all did excellent business, were controlled as follow: —Tearoom, Miss Rose Miss Priestly, Mrs. Russell, and Mrs. Mather; fancy goods, Miss Roughton assisted by elder girls; produce, Mr. E. King, Mr. Marriott, and older boys; flowers, Miss Wallace; sweets, Miss Noble The cooking competition for pikelets was won by Ellen Jones, and a guessing competition secured by Mrs. King

11th May 1922 Amongst the visitors to Eastbourne yesterday -.who attended the concert and sale of work in the infant school were a number of lady teachers from Taranaki, who are visiting the district in connection with educational matters. The party consisted of the Misses Jameson, Chapman, Kirton, King, Finnerty,. Allen, and Andrews.

27th June 1922 TEACHING GEOGRAPHY NEW METHODS AT EASTBOURNE,

An interesting evening's instruction was provided for scholars at the Muritai School on Friday evening, when Miss Cooke, who recently visited Canada and America in connection with the Educational Conference, gave an illustrated lecture dealing with the various places she had seen during her visit . Pictures, mostly coloured, were used to illustrate her subject, and were thrown, on to a .large screen by means of a novel machine called the radiopticon, which, by means of reflection, transfers illustrations to the screen from picture postcards, photographs, and printed illustrations. The views included pictures from Fiji, Honolulu, and scenes on the journey to Victoria and Vancouver. The subjects illustrated were of great value to the children from a geographical viewpoint, showing native life in the Islands, the growing of sugar-cane, rice, pineapples, and palm trees, as well as the customs and rites common to this portion, of the Pacific.

9th October 1922 A match was played at Day's Bay last week between teams representing the Croydon School and Muritai- Croydon's scores were 73 (Pryde 20) and 36, and Muritai made 56 (Kinvig 23) and 20 (J. Dellabarca 10). Croydon won by 33 runs. The best bowling performances were recorded "by Reddish (Muritai), V. Hume, A. Williams, Pomare, and Douglas (Croydon). [Croydon School is now Wellesley College at Days Bay. In the researcher's time at Muratai School there was no contact between the schools

23rd November 1922 he attendance of parents yesterday afternoon in the infant school at Muritai was excellent, the 'occasion being a concert demonstration by infant pupils under Miss Cooke. The programme submitted included the following items: — Grand March, infants; recitations, Betty Burch, Maida Cord, Billie Andrews, Percy Shearer, Fred Lowry, Dorothy Johns, Coralie Cane, and Willie Downes; song, Ethel Perry. Choruses were a feature of the programme, a number of Christmas carols being included, and all were tunefully rendered. Two folk dances were given, "The Chimes of Dunkirk" and "The Shoemaker," both of which gave ample opportunity for united action on the part of pupils Special attention was drawn to Health Week by items dealing with this important 'subject from a child's point of view Three items were given—"How to be Healthy," sung by four boys : "A Wise Boy," by Robert Cheyne; and toothbrush (frill by ten boys Items on the school gramophone completed an' enjoyable and instructive programme much appreciated, by the mother's present

14th December 1922

Following is the prize list of awards for the Muritai School:—

Dux.—J. Kinvig (boys) and Thelma Shearer (girls). Each dux, in addition to a gold medal, received Mr. F. H. Mather's Scholarship of £5. Second dux prizes- were awarded to L. Russell (boys) and Wayne Richards (girls).

Proficiency Certificates.—James Kinvig, Marcus Wilson, Leonard Russell, John Powell, Charles Garrood, Ernest Pilcher, Ronald Clunies Ross, Thelma Shearer, Wayne Richards, Elsie Witty, Frances Mather, Daisy Clunies Ross, Milsie. Walling, Myra Lawton, Ellen Jones.

.Endorsed Competency.—John Jenkinson, Nata Reynolds, Alice Ferguson, Florence Howcroft, Rosie Meo. Marjory Witty

Competency.—B. McLellan, A L Bowden,. A. Stevenson.

Standard V.—Boys, L. Nash 1, 1.. Bennington 2; girls, Lois Stewart 1, Nellie E. Jones 2. Sewing, Cissie Meo.

Standard IV.—Jack Kent- 1, Rose Clements 2, Dominic Meo 3, Bernice Battersby 4 composition, Thelma Hudson; neatness, lima Braund; diligence, Charles Theedom; sewing, Kathleen Powell.

Standard III.—Ron Lewis 1, Jim Nash 2, Vivian Cooper 3, Olive Lambeth 4; composition, Dick Griffiths; sewing, Bertha Miller; improvement, Jack Gilchrist, Betty Peters, and Annie Huntingford. ..

Standard II.—Randal Heenan 1, Barbara Gillespie 2, Ethel Beu 3, • Irma King 4; sewing, Mavis Cullen; drawing, Ross McGill; diligence, Mona Fisher; neatness, Vince Mazzola.

Standard I.—Marjorie Willowby 1, Ken Comrie 2, Eric Higginbotham '3, Jack Orme 4; sewing, Ella Cheyne; writing, Violet Powell.

Standard I. (lower).—Arthur Mayes 1, Betty Burch 2, Dorothy Johns 3, Molly Oxenham 4; progress, Glen Beu, Herbert Barnes, David Griffiths, Perry Heenan, Brian Jenkinson, Albert Meo.

Primer IV.—Gwynne Lewis and Percy Shearer, equal, 1; Joan Gumbley, 3; Sydney Reardon, Joan Coard, Jack Simpson, 4, equal. Progress—Ken Willoughby, Hugh Beattie^ Ken Danks, Jack Collier, Betty Tonge, Kathleen Dick, Betty Mee, Margaret Burch, Rosalie Meo, Ruby Morgan, Joan Barnett, Noeline Battersby, Vera O'Sullivan.

Primer III.—Ian Munro and Gladys Lockwood, 1, equal'; Robert Lawton, 3; Ethel Perry and Robert Oxenham, 4, equal. Progress, Cedric Holdsworth, Bertie Lockwood, Alexander Cheyne, Bruce Girdlestone, Keith Braggins, Joyce Blackie, Thelma Simpson, Judy Christian, Billy Andrews, Ian King, Ainsley Richards, Patricia Gillespie.

Primer II.—Naida Coard 1, Dorothy Battersby 2, Ian Major 3; progress, Willis Downes, Betty Levy, Mary Pearsall, Joan Langdon, Molly Stevenson, Frank Meo, Ian Hutcheson, Willie Roberts Arthur- Gumbley, Ronald Farmery Jeffrey Cooper, Eric Gerard, Norman Bennett, Jack Carter, Douglas Beattie, Gerard Peters.

Primer I.—Dorothy Simpson 1, Keith Johns 2; progress, Pat Jenkinson, ; Betty Manley. .

Special homework prizes, Myra Lawton and John Powell.

Special sewing prizes, Bella McLellan 1, Grace Barnes 2.

26th April 1923 The contiguity of the City of Wellington is a disadvantage to the county ratepayers, because they are called upon to maintain 207 miles of county roads, for the following populations :—City 89,00, Petone, 8000, Lower Hutt 6000, Eastbourne 1400, Upper Hutt 1700, while the Hutt County population is. only 6700

27th April 1923 Swimming Children's Distance certificates Muritai School.—Walling, Laurence, 1700 yds: [10 yards = 9.14 metres] Hunt. Clifford. 1760 yds; Lambeth Olive, 1320 yds.; Bennington, Ian. Wright, Joyce, 880 yds; McKinnon, Marjorie, 600 yds; Jose, Ian, Woolley, John. Reynolds, Vincent, Kent, Jack, Reddish, Mabel, Barnes, Edna-, Taylor, Fred. 400 yds; Johns. Laurence^ Lewis, Ronald, 300 yds; Walling, Arthur. 250 yds; Press, -Muriel, Johns, Gwen, Higgins, Cyril, Reid, Bertie . Reddish. Samuel, Gumbley . Ernest. Ferguson, James, Dowries, Marie, 200 yds; Griffiths, Marjorie, 150 yds; Nash, Leslie, Woolley, Reginald, Gilchrist, Daphne, Barker, Ethel, Blackie, Laurence, Lambeth, Archer, Mayes, Dorothea. 100 yds.

1st May 1923 The annual meeting of householder was largely attended at Muritai, Eastbourne, the chair being occupied by Mr. S. H. Jenkinson. In moving the adoption of the annual report, the chairman drew attention to the fact that the district had originally been planned for 200 scholars, and it was already considerably over 300, and would be 500 before long. He referred to the capitation grant, which, he said, was not sufficient for committees to carry on with, and he also declared that committees were handicapped by the difficulty of obtaining subsidy to amounts they had themselves collected. He thanked Mr. F. H. Mather, Mayor of Eastbourne, for again presenting two scholarships of £5. each to be awarded to scholars, who intended attending a secondary school. The report was adopted. In reply to a question, the chairman said that during the year £110 10s had been paid over to the committee by way of capitation, but this amount was £38 short of what was necessary for cleaning, lighting', fuel, furniture, and station-

The following were elected the committee:—Mrs. J. W. Heenan, Messrs. O. N. Gillespie, A. W. Press, W. Dick. H. Wright, M. King, H. M. Jones, and S. Fisher.

Messrs. H. Wright and M. King explained that during the previous year they had resigned from the committee as a protest against the school picnic being held at Day's Bay. It should be further afield. A general discussion took place, and it was decided to take a referendum of parents in regard to the matter.

Several resolutions submitted by the School Committees' Association were carried, and votes of thanks were accorded the headmaster (Mr. E. King) and the teaching staff.

25th June 1923 A movement is on foot at Eastbourne with the object of establishing a district high school in conjunction with the primary school already in existence there. The Education Board has been approached in regard to the matter, and already the signatures of a number of parents have been obtained in support of the project. At present secondary school pupils have to cross the harbour daily to attend the Wellington colleges and other secondary schools, and when the weather is rough the attendances are frequently interfered with. The . board has referred the matter to the Council of Education for final decision.

14th July 1923 The use of gramophones as a means of instructing children in- the' primary schools of New Zealand was' the subject of an-address by Miss "A.' B. Cooke, of the Muritai School, to the Wellington branch of the Education Institute this week.....

18th July 1923 An application for the establishment of a district high school at Muritai was referred to the Education Department by the Council of Education. It was decided to make further inquiries.

4th October 1923 he Crown Theatre was crowded last evening, when a concert was tendered on behalf of the Muritai School Amusement Fund. The programme, a lengthy one, included a

number of items by the Misses Rees,. Welsh singers, who "rendered several delightful, items. The programme was as follows : Songs, Miss Eira Rees, Messrs. Ben O'Brien and T. Davis; duet, Misses Rees; recitations, Miss Phyllis Adams, Miss Gladys Russell, Mr. Stanley Airth, and Mr. A. C. Thompson; charcoal sketches, Mr. M. King; conjuring, Mr. F. Major; dances, Misses N. Gillespie, Ruby Fisher, Beryl Ward, "and Nellie Doull; part song/ Rees Family of Welsh Singers; instrumental trio, Messrs. Wright, Hylton, and King; overture, Miss Joyce Dowling. Accompaniments were played by Misses Phyllis Adams and Kathleen O'Brien, Mrs. M. King, and Mr. Andrews. • Scenery and stage effects were loaned by Messrs. Hanna and King.

17th October 1923 Wellington Education Board The board declined to approve of a proposal for the establishment of a District High School at Muritai.

24th November 1923 The Eastbourne School Committee have purchased a Shute for the school playground, at a cost of £65

27th November 1923 The Governor -General, Viscount Jellicoe, is to visit Eastbourne on Thursday afternoon, when he will present a flag to scholars of Muritai School, and later will lay the foundation-stone of the new Masonic Hall, which is being erected on the main road. A special boat will be put on to carry the Vice-regal party there and back.

30th November 1923 Pupils attending the Muritai School at Eastbourne, were formed in a hollow square round the school flag-pole yesterday afternoon to receive the Governor Viscount Jellicoe. The Navy League makes it a practice to present a Union Jack to all schools with a membership of over 100, and it was for this purpose that the Governor-General visited the school for the first time in its history. It was announced that the Muratai School membership had reached 135, which was considered highly creditable in view of the senior school only having a. total attendance of 230. Mr A Walker was present as representing the Navy League, and Mr. E. King headmaster, and Mr. H. L. Wright chairman of the School Committee were also present as were a number of parents.....

1st December 1923 Eastbourne School Fair the Mayor of Eastbourne (Mr F H Mather) is opening a fair in connection with the Muritai School in the infant playground. ; There is a large attendance of residents present, and the various stalls report good business. The proceeds of the fair are to be devoted to the purchase of slides, round a-bouts and other fixtures for the school playground similar to those already in use in the play centre on Adelaide road.

3rd December 1923 MURITAI SCHOOL FAIR.

A very successful school fair and Christmas tree was held in the grounds of the Muritai Infant School, at Eastbourne, on Saturday, afternoon, the proceeds of which are to be donated to the Games and Playground Fund. The chairman of the School Committee (Mr. H. L. Wright) and the Mayor (Air. F. H. Mather) performed the opening ceremony during which reference was made to the fact that the effort was a teachers' one. Following is a list of the stalk, and those in charge: Fish-pond, Mr. O. N. Gillespie; Aunt Sally, Mr. -M. King and Mr. Coad; Soft drinks, Mrs. W. Jones; exhibition of needlework by senior pupils Mesdames Barnes, Griffiths, and Downing ; dolls' clothes, Mesdames Blackie and Withell, and Miss Noble; produce Mesdames H. L. Wright, .0. Gillespie,' Maynard King, Richards, and Andrew, and Miss Esther Jackson,- sweets, Mesdames W. Jones, Reynolds, and Rowe; afternoon tea, Mesdames Russell, Orme, Jenkinson, Hartridge, Misses Wighton, Nixon, and Young, and

elder scholars. The entertainment put on during the afternoon was controlled by Miss Cooke Mr. E. King and Mr. Rundle. The programme consisted of drill, folk-dancing, singing, and games, the children providing all the items. Raffles, guessing competitions, and various side-shows completed a well-arranged entertainment the financial side of which is reported to have been excellent.

15th December 1923 The prizes won at the Eastbourne School during the year were presented last evening. After the ceremony the pupils were the guests of the committee at a picture entertainment. The prize list is as follows:—

Standard VI.—Dux of boys, Willard Martin; dux of girls, Aileen Davidson. Proficiency certificates, David Allen, Ian Bennington, John Jenkinson Leslie Nash, Henry Cartwright, Jack Walling, Willard Martin, Grace Barnes, Aileen Davidson, Deltha Bowden, Joan Exley, Phyllis Foley, Gwen Howell, Marjorie McKinnon, Vivienne Probert, Lois Stewart, Dulcie Orme Endorsed competency certificates, 'Oliver Burdan, Mariano Dellabarca, Nellie Jones, Teresa Meo. Mr. F.. H. Mather, Mayor of Eastbourne, presented £5 each as scholarships for the duxes.

Post 1923

13th February 1924 The new departure undertaken by the Masterton A. and P. Association has been taken up by the headmaster of the Eastbourne School, who has accepted the association's invitation to visit the show with 90 senior pupils.

29th March 1924 The annual box opening party of the Young Helpers' League, in connection with Dr. Barnardo's Homes, took place on Wednesday, at the Muritai School The president, Mrs. J. A. Walker, with her usual kindness, entertained the members at afternoon tea. Mrs. Walker also very kindly gave a prize each to the boy and girl whose collection box contained most money, and these were won by Kathleen Stewart and Kenneth Shearer respectively. ' The total amount collected in all the boxes was £5 -4s 6d which, together with donations and early subscriptions; amounted to £7 7s.....

26th April 1924 A large number of people assembled round the flagpole in the Muritai School playground yesterday morning, when a short memorial service was gone through. There were present about thirty returned soldiers, thirty-three boys from Croydon Diocesan School, a large number of pupils from the Muritai Public School, and a representative gathering of Eastbourne residents. The school memorial board was placed in the centre of the gathering, and the various wreaths brought by the children were placed around it and the flagpole, which was flying the Union Jack at half-mast. Short speeches were given by Mr. E. King (headmaster Muritai School), Mr. H. W. Shortt (Deputy-Mayor), Councillor H. M. Jones, Captain Skelley (headmaster. Croydon School}, and the Rev. O. M. Stent (Vicar of Eastbourne). After the speeches a short religious ceremony was carried through and hymns suitable to the occasion were sung.

20th November 1924 City children know little about country shows and the primary industries of the Dominion, having but few opportunities to enlighten themselves on what should be considered a valuable subject. To overcome- this, Mr. Eustace King, Headmaster of the Eastbourne School, arranged an excursion to the Masterton Show for the children of his school. The party, which comprised over 90 boys and girls from Standards IV., V., and VI., accompanied by about a dozen parents and friends, left Eastbourne this morning by the

Cobar., connecting with the train, on which special carriages were reserved for the party. Mr. Lane is himself in charge; of the children. The party is expected to return to Eastbourne by the 8 o'clock boat this evening.

28th April 1925 I "Would the candidate allow a free trip for school children on the ferry boats once a year?" asked Mr. Gillespie, chairman of the Muritai School Committee, at Mr. Walker's Mayoral meeting at Eastbourne last evening. "I find it better," he continued, "to ask for these things before an election, than to seek them after the Mayor has been elected." (Laughter.) • The candidate replied that if elected he would be glad to give the children such a trip, providing it could be done without injury to the borough. In fact, he advocated free rides for all children who might wish to go to city schools, whether primary or secondary.

2nd May 1925 THE YEAR AT MURITAI

GENEROSITY OF LOCAL RESIDENTS.

The following is the report of the Muritai School Committee, to be presented to the householders' meeting on Monday: —

"The year just past represents the peak of achievement on all sides of the work and life of the Muritai School. In a young community such as this, the school, with its special task of caring for the children, should be the centre of, the social activities of the district, and the special object of the public's generosity and attention. This hope has been more than realised. The school roll has been well maintained at 330. There has been the inevitable depression due to the infantile paralysis scourge, but the headmaster does not expect any gravely adverse results at the end of the year from the eight weeks' loss of school work. The results for the year hang up a new record for Muritai School. Out of the record number of 32 presented, all qualified for secondary education, and 29 gained proficiency. The promotion in the standards was of high percentage, and the inspector's report splendid in every respect. The thanks of the householders are due to the headmaster, Mr. Eustace King and his staff for their unswerving attention to duty and their surpassing achievement. To Mr. F. H. Mather, for his generous donation of £10 for dux scholarships, the committee extends gratitude and thanks.

"Muritai School this year led all the schools of the province in athletic achievement. At the primary schools' sports gathering our small school was easily first with 30 points, the record score since the meetings were instituted. To Mr. J. W. Heenan, sen., our very best thanks are due for his coaching and expert advice to scholars. Forty swimming certificates were gained during the year. . Football, tennis, cricket, and basketball are well catered for, and the prospects on the sports side of the school's activities are again bright for (his year. The Eastbourne Football Club for footballs and the Muritai Tennis Club for racquets are thanked for donations.

'A chute was erected during the year and has provided much recreation. The asphaltting of the infants' playground has been more or less completed. One of the most urgent works is the drainage of the back playground. The main school building is dilapidated, its roof leaks, and generally" the incoming committee has a big task to face. We put forward as a suggestion that the committee should this year get in touch with the Soldiers' Memorial Committee to see if the memorial to be erected should not take some form in the school grounds. The committee desires to thank the returned soldiers of Eastbourne for their splendid co-operation in making the Anzac service this year such a memorable ceremony. The committee also thanks them for the picture donated to the school.

"The paucity of the Government's capitation allowance can be seen by perusal of the balance-sheet. The amount allowed does not quite meet the cleaning and fuel account, leaving the running expenses to be found from the contributions of residents. How generously the public responded to the school needs is shown in the figures displayed. The amount obtained at the fete held in the school ground on a wet day was the astonishing total of £109 5s 6d" The committee can only extend once more its grateful thanks, to the public for the assistance so readily and generously given; and to the willing band of helpers who worked so hard in the cause of the school.

"No annual picnic was held this year on account of the epidemic. The school tennis court lease to a local club was determined during the year, and the court is now devoted exclusively to the use of scholars. In pursuance of certain requests, the question as to whether prizes should be abolished in whole or in part will be put before householders at the meeting."

9th October 1925 Mrs. Percy Woods organised a concert during the week to purchase a gramophone for the Muritai School. The programme, which was given in the Crown Theatre at Eastbourne, was given entirely by children, and was one of the most successful held in the district. The net proceeds were over £12.

19th November 1925 An interesting and instructive visit to the Palmerston North Agricultural Show was made recently by about seventy senior pupils of Muritai School. The pupils were accompanied by the headmaster, Mr. E. King, the first assistant, Mr. C. A. Rendle, and Mr. W. Bick, of Day's Bay, chairman of the Muritai School Committee. The children were very interested in the scenery and agricultural scenes passed by the train, and at the show they were greatly interested in the particularly the school exhibits. Chiefly owing to Mr. Rendle's enthusiasm they had made numerous entries in the school competitive classes, and the results achieved must have been very gratifying to the pupils and the masters, for they succeeded in carrying off no less than thirty-three prizes, valued at £0, and twenty-seven commended cards. The headmaster, and teachers concerned were highly congratulated on the success of the educational trip and the results achieved in the competitive classes.

3rd December 1925 Miss A. B. Cooke, infant mistress at the Muritai School, is leaving shortly by the Makura for Canada, where she will teach at Toronto for a year under the exchange system. Miss Campbell, of Toronto, is coming to Wellington in her place.

15th December 1925 Despite the unfavourable weather, there was a good attendance of parents and friends at the Muritai School sports at the Eastbourne Recreation Ground on Saturday afternoon. The meeting was organised by the School Committee and the headmaster to take the place, so far as this school was concerned, of the public schools' athletic championships, to which the children had been looking forward, but which were not held this year. All events, except two novelty races, were contested as championships, and the big fields testified to the keen sporting spirit of the children. Principal results are as follow

BOYS' EVENTS. Running.—50yds (under 8): L. Dellabarca 1, J. Hoggard 2, T. Jowett 3. 50yds (8 years): K. Cheyne 1, L. Meo 2, K. Johns 3. 60yds (9 years): C. Peters 1, D. Macklin 2, J. Carter 3. 60yds (10 years): K. Comrie 1, J. Deightrey 2, J. Lambert 3. 75yds (11 years): A. Mays 1, B. Jenkinson 2. 75yds (12 years): E. Griffiths 1, G. Dick 2. 100 yds (13 years): G. Orme 1, H. Stokes 2, F. Jones 3. 100 yds (14 and over): B. Lewis 1, G. Laws 2.

Sack Races.—50yds (12 and under): M. Griffiths 1, L. Gandy 2; (a field of 40 contested this event). 50yds (13 and over): G. Orme 1, R. Lewis 2.

Three-legged Races. —35yds (under 9) : B. Jenkinson and K. Andrew 1, B. Girdlestone and R. Cheyne 2. 50yds (9 years): N. Reid and W. Laing 1, G. Peters and E. Wright 2. 60yds (10 years) : K. Comrie and D. Griffiths 1, P Munro and H. Beattie 2.

Relay Races.—12 years and under: E. Griffiths, J. Judd, R. McGill, A. Reeve, 1; 13 years and over: V. Jones, —. Meo, H. Stokes, K. Griffiths 1.

Jumps.—Long jump (13 and over) : G Orme, 14 feet 2 inches, 1; A. Lewis, 13ft 5in, 2; F. Holloway 13ft 4in, 3. Long jump (12 and under) : E. Griffiths, 12ft 8 ½ inches, 1; G. Dick, 12ft 4in, 2; A. Moyes, 12ft, 3. •

GIRLS' EVENTS. Running Races.—35yds (under 8) : M. Peters 1, E. Beer 2, M. Heenan 3. 35yds (8 years): V. Lambert 1, N. Coard 2. 50yds (9 years) : E. Robb 1, P. Gillespie 2, W'. Andrew 3. 50yds (10 years) : K. Dick 1, M. Burch 2. 50yds (11 years) : B. Gillespie 1, W. Cartwright 2. 75yds (12 years):-1. King 1, B. Peters 2. 75yds (13 years) : W. Bennington 1, K. Hutchinson 2. Skipping Races.—35yds (under 9). I. Griffiths 1. P. Lambert 2, L. Jones 3. 35yds (9 and 10) years) : D. Johns '1, M. Burch 2. 50yds. (11 und 12 years) : B. Gillespie I, I. King 2. 50yds (13 and over) ; W. Bennington 1. G. Johns 2. Three-legged Races. —35yds (under 9) : P. Lambert and N. Coard 1, M. Munro and M Heenan 2. 50yds (9 and 10 years): M Burch and D- Johns 1, P. Gillespie and W. Andrew 2, D. Purcell and B. Rendle 50yds (11 and 12' years) :I. King and B. Peters 1, B. Gillespie and M. Fisher 2, M. Foley and E. Cheyne ". 50yds (13 and over) : W. Bennington and R. Hutchinson 1, G. Johns and E. Warren 2.

Relay Races.—12 and under I King, E. Cheyne-. W.'-Andrew, M. Burch 1. '13 and under: G Johns. R. Hutchinson, G. Johns, D. King' .1.

Ball Throw.—E. Cheyne 1.

Points Prize Boys George Orme Girls Irma King

16th January 1926 Eastbourne Borough Council The Wellington Education Board wrote asking when water and drainage could be expected to be installed for use at the Muritai School. A motion was carried to the effect that the council was not in a position to state when it would be able to proceed with the installation of water and drainage.

12th November 1926 A concert was given at the Crown Theatre on Wednesday by Mrs. J. N. Isaacs and pupils in aid of the Muritai school funds. The concert was well patronised by a large and appreciative audience. Charming melodies were well sung by the pupils of Mrs. Isaacs and disclosed much talent. Mr. T. P. Fisher contributed some pianoforte solos in finished style, and it was felt that he is an excellent performer and should go far in the musical world. Two talented pupils of Miss Kathleen O'Brien, the Misses Hazel Martin and Zeta Hare, were charming in Russian, Irish Jig, and ballet toe dances. Some young performers from Muritai School, under the conductorship of Mr. Eustace King, sang some melodies in excellent style. Mr. E. Gooder also contributed an item and Mrs. J. N. Isaacs sang, and at the close of her item was presented with some beautiful bouquets. At the close of the performance votes of thanks were proposed by the Mayor of Eastbourne and by Mr. Eustace King, headmaster, on behalf of the school, to Mrs. Isaacs for her public spirit in arranging such a splendid concert, by which the school funds will benefit substantially for the purchase of musical requisites.

3rd December 1926 A garden fete will be held in the infants' school grounds, Muritai, tomorrow, at 2.30 p.m. The proceeds are in aid of the Muritai school fund.

21st March 1927 Miss A. B. Cooke, infant mistress at Muritai School, has returned from Canada, w'-ere she has been teaching in Toronto on exchange for the past year. Miss Cooke returned via Switzerland, Italy, and Australia, and visited schools in each country, and compared their methods with those of New Zealand. She also had some time in England during the -Summer and was able to visit special schools there

27th July 1927 Intimation has been received by Mr T. M. Wilford, member for Hutt, from the Minister of Education (the Hon E. A. Wright) that in order to meet the increasing attendance at the Muritai School, a grant has been approved for the addition of two rooms

24th April 1928 The Memorial Gates, which have been erected on the grounds of the Muritai School,, are to be opened during the Anzac Day service, which commences at 10.15 a.m.....

20th August 1928 SANSON.—In loving memory of Vivian Henry (formerly A.M.P. staff), who passed away at Hamilton on the 20th August, 1927, beloved husband of Ida Sanson, and son of Herbert Sanson, formerly Headmaster, Eastbourne School.

5th sept 1928 Mr. T. A. Murphy has been appointed by the Wellington Education Board to the position of assistant at the Muritai School.

18th December 1930 The following pupils of the Muritai School secured proficiency certificates:—Phyllis Allender, Jean Bryan, Rangimarie Chamberlin, Chilly Costley, Betty Foley, May Gower, Isabel Griffiths, Louisa Leadbetter, Joyce Lenihan, Claire Luff, Dorothy Simpson, Molly Stevenson, Audrey Suckling, Nora Hulford, David Howie, Kenneth Cherry, Fred Evans, William Free, Eric Gerard, Owen Gosson , John Hoggard. Jack Hudson, Pat Jenkinson , Douglas Kinvig ,, Leo Meo. George Mansion, Maxwell McGill, William Roberts, George Wilson.

20th October 1931 Courtenay Kenny, aged '8, of Kowhai street, Eastbourne, fractured his right kg as the result of falling in the Eastbourne School grounds yesterday. He was taken to Hospital by the City Ambulance.

19th April 1932 School Committee An election for the Muritai School Committee was not necessary, the nominators just filling the nine seats. The committee is as follows: Messrs. D. Bowie, V. P. Hull, W. Wilson, P. N. Carroll, W. Dick. L. A. Golding, C. H. Andrews, D. N. Isaacs, and L. Comrie

29th April 1932 Wellington Education Board Tenders called for an exit door at Muratai School

5th May 1936 Muritai.—There were 260 present at the annual meeting of the Muritai School Committee. This number was so large that the school could not be used, and the meeting was held in the Theatre Royal. The Mayor (Mr. E. W. Wise) presided. Eulogistic references were made about the services of the retiring chairman, Mr. W. Dick, who had been a committee member for 18 years and chairman for 10 years. He did not seek re-election. Only two members of the old committee stood for re-election. A motion was before the meeting to change the name of the school to the Eastbourne School. This motion was defeated, and the matter was referred to the old pupils.

5th May 1932 MURITAI SCHOOL. THE Residents o! Eastbourne are invited to be present at a FAREWELL CONCERT TO' THE HEADMASTER, " " To be held in.', the Crown Theatre, Eastbourne, - - — - FRIDAY, 6th MAY, at 8 p.m. Muritai School Committee.

6th April 1933 The Muritai school sports were held recently on the Recreation Ground at Eastbourne. Contests were between the Sanson and King Houses, all pupils from Standard II

upward representing these houses in junior, intermediate, and senior grades. The boys had been specially trained in athletics by Mr. Heenan, Sen. and the sports were run more on the lines of an athletic meeting, than of a school picnic. Mr. T. W. Leslie acted as starter, and members of the school committee acted as officials. Results of events were: —

Junior Events. —20 yds championship: Fisher. 1; Bonner, 2; Scott, 3. 50yds Championship: Chappel. 1; Summers, 2; Isaacs, 3. 75yds championship: Isaacs, 1; Chappel, 2; Meo. 3. Intermediate Events.—50yds championship: Wright, 1; Yeoman, 2; Gerard. 3. 75yds championship: Yeoman, 1; Wright, 2; Gerard, 3. 100 yds handicap: Yeoman, 1; Salmon. 2; Greenwood, 3..

Senior Events.—50yds Championship: Samuels, 1; Fisher, 2; Atkinson, 3. 75yds handicap: Samuels, 1; Fisher. 2; Atkinson, 3. 100 yds championship: Samuels, 1; Fisher, 2; Atkinson, 3. Relay Races. —Junior: King House. Intermediate: King House. Senior: King House.

A bronze medallion was awarded to each of the following competitors:— [Senior: J. Samuels, L. Fisher, T. Atkinson. Intermediate: P. Wright, M. Yeoman, W. Gerard. Junior: R. Isaacs, J. Chappel, W. Summers.

21st April 1933 Eastbourne Borough Council A letter was received from Mr. W. H. Dick, chairman of the Muritai School Committee, drawing attention to the danger of rocks which were rolling through the fence into the infants' playground. It was complained that young pohutukawas had been broken and the fence damaged. The council decided to remove the boulders.

17th August 1933 Pupils of Muritai School, Eastbourne, gave a concert in the Day's Bay Pavilion last evening, there being a large attendance of parents and friends. At the conclusion of the entertainment the headmaster referred to the work of the school, which received pupils from the whole of the East Harbour district. Referring to the entertainment, he said, that the children had been showing many of the things they were taught daily in the school, and no special time had been devoted to the preparation of concert items. He thanked Messrs. Hamlin and Tunnicliffe for their assistance, and said that the proceeds of the concert, which is to be repeated this evening at Eastbourne, is to go to the school's library fund. The programme was as follows: —Dances and songs by pupils of Standards IV, V, and VI, a song by Standards III and IV, a play, "Topsy," by Standard IV girls, and a Shakespearean excerpt, the second scene - from Act I of "As-You-Like It," by the children of Standards V and VI. Individual items were given by Ena McLean, W. Gerard, Marie McLean, and W.-Read. An action song, "Maori Canoe," was a very good item.

16th November 1933 At yesterday's meeting of the Wellington Education Board a letter was received from the Department intimating that 'it was of the opinion that the sum of £10 expended on the lowering of chimneys at the Muritai School to obviate earthquake risk should be met from the grant for maintenance of buildings. Members, however, expressed the opinion that this was reconstruction work and should be paid for by the Department. It was decided to refer the matter to the Minister direct, who, it was stated, had promised 'that each such case would be considered on its merits.,

15th December 1933 Proficiency Examinations MURITAI SCHOOL. Tudor Atkinson, Cyril Carter; Lewis Fisher, Jeffrey Spencer, June Burch, Peggy Carew, Isobel Egley, Elizabeth Exley, Iris Hartley, Nancy Lindop, Christina McLean, Joyce Ralne, Hilda Russell, Joan Palmer. All eligible candidates were successful

10th May 1934 Three unsuccessful candidates for seats on the Muritai School Committee, Messrs. E. J. Appleton, S. J. Carr, and J. E. Hoyles, are disputing the validity of the election held in the local schoolroom on April 30 and have forwarded a request to the secretary of the Wellington Education Board for another election to be held. The protest is made; on the grounds that no list of candidates was displayed or published as required by the Education Act, 1914; that no ballot box was provided or used in taking the ballot; that blank pieces of paper were issued indiscriminately to each and every person present; that the meeting was erroneously instructed that any vote cast for less than nine or more than nine candidates would be invalid; that the chairman did not satisfy himself that those issued with voting papers were duly qualified householders or that voting papers were in the proper form and duly returned to a ballot box; and that the total number of those present was not known and thus no proper check on the voting could possibly be made.

;- It is proposed to hold a public protest meeting in the Crown Theatre; Eastbourne, next Monday evening. The committee elected at the meeting of April 30 comprised Messrs A Burch, T. Carroll, L. Comrie 'w' " Dick, S. F. Fisher, L. A. Golding, V. P. .Haughton, D. N. Isaacs, and W - Wilson.

In the absence of the chairman of the board (Mr. T. Forsyth") and the secretary (Mr. E. S. Hylton), who are out of town, a "Post" representative addressed an inquiry to the deputy chairman (Mr. J. J. Clark), who said that the executive of the board would no doubt determine the question at its meeting next Monday afternoon.

15th May 1934 A remark -made by an ex-relief worker about the status of relief workers evoked some excited comment from the body of the hall during the protest meeting at Eastbourne last evening concerning the Muritai School Committee election. The speaker, who was one of the three unsuccessful candidates who were disputing the validity of the election, said he was an ex-relief worker, and some people spoke of an ex-relief worker as they did of an ex-convict. Apparently to have been a relief worker for two years was a social crime. There were immediately cries of "Bosh" from the hall, and a woman called out that "Honest labour is no crime." Well, said the speaker, he had been off relief work for twelve months, but he still had difficulty in getting along.

17th May 1934 The protest made by Messrs. E. J. Appleton, S. J. Carr, and J. E. Hoyles, unsuccessful candidates for seats on the Muritai School Committee at the election held on April 30, was, in effect, dismissed by the Education Board yesterday when it confirmed a decision of the executive in the following terms: "That Messrs. Hoyles, Appleton, and Carr be informed that the board, after consideration of the representations, cannot see its way to upset the election, and that, paragraph 2 of clause 9 of Part One of the third schedule of the Education Act be quoted to the petitioners."

30th May 1934 It is hoped that arrangements can be made with the headmaster of Muritai School to allow the children to plant a street with trees as they did last year, when 58 trees were planted. On Arbor Day last year the children were formed into squads for the planting, and this year it is hoped to repeat the operations in a different part of the bay. The children's efforts last year were so successful that only about three trees failed to strike. Some of the trees have grown up well above the guards. The ngaio in particular have grown remarkably well, having grown as much as eighteen inches in twelve months. The pohutukawas, which are slower growing are looking healthy, and satisfaction is expressed with their growth.

20th June 1934 The annual-report of the East Harbour Citizens' Relief Committee, presented at the annual meeting, stated that time would prove the soundness of the committee's judgment in adopting a long-sighted-policy in conserving funds as far as possible in order to be in a position to cope with the very heavy demands -which were likely to be made in the coming financial year. The committee carried its work along definite lines. It aimed to render immediate assistance in urgent cases of distress and to ensure that no cases of genuine hardship should suffer.

The headmaster of the Muritai School was requested to advise the committee of any cases of hardship coming under his notice, and at his suggestion certain school books were purchased and left in his hands for distribution. The report stated that a depot had been opened in Oroua Street and coal clothing, blankets, and boot repairs were being subsidised on a fifty-fifty basis.

The Mayor (Mr. E. W. Wise) made an appeal for donations of discarded clothing in reasonable condition.

21st June 1934 MURITAI SCHOOL. EX-PUPILS' ASSOCIATION. THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above association will be held in the school on Monday June 25th at 8 pm All ex-pupils invited.

18th January 1935 Mr. Walter Nash, M.P., has been advised by the Minister of Education that he has approved a special grant to cover the cost of new out-offices at the Muritai school, and also to cover the cost of connecting the drainage system with the new borough system [Offices are the toilets where you go to do your business. Out means they were not attached to any buildings]

13th July 1935 Prior to her departure from the Muritai School, Miss Finlayson, who has retired after over twenty-five years in the teaching service, was met by committee members, parents, ex pupils, and friends.

On behalf of the committee and the parents of scholars, the chairman of the committee (Mr. W. H. Dick) presented her with a crystal rose bowl He "referred" to Miss Finlayson's sterling qualities as a teacher and voiced the general regret felt by all, on the severing of her connection with the school. Mr. Dick' also referred to the many recent changes in the staff, and on behalf of the parents welcomed Mrs. Hamilton and Miss McNichol. The numbers attending the school were increasing all the time, and the inspectors had arranged for a further addition to the staff, he said. The provision of increased- accommodation was also under consideration, as was also playground' improvements

21st February 1936 During the last few days two children had been involved in accidents at Eastbourne, said 'a councillor at the meeting of the Eastbourne Borough Council last evening, and he wondered if they had been given instruction on the dangers of playing on the road. The Mayor (Mr. E. W. Wise) agreed that children did foolishly play on the road, but denied a published statement that a child had been run over by a bus, stating that the child had run into the bus. In the case of a child who, had been run over late that afternoon by a motor-car, it was probably not the driver's fault, as the child in some way had become mixed up between the bumper and the, radiator, suffering; a broken left thigh. The motorist was travelling very slowly at the time. The headmaster of the Muritai School had warned children against walking on the bitumen.

5th May 1936 There were 260 present at the annual meeting of the Muritai School Committee. This number was so large that the school could not be used, and the meeting was held in the Theatre Royal. The Mayor (Mr. E. W. Wise) presided. Eulogistic references were made about the services of the retiring chairman, Mr. W. Dick, who had been a committee member for 18 years and chairman for 10 years. He did not seek re-election. Only two members of the old committee stood for re-election. A motion was before the meeting to change the name of the school to the Eastbourne School. This motion was defeated, and the matter was referred to the old pupils.

6th May 1936 Muritai School. The Minister of Education has advised the Hon. Walter Nash that Cabinet has approved a grant to enable additional land to be purchased for school purposes at Muritai. The building already on the land will be converted into, a dental clinic and the present building in the school area will be demolished.

30th June 1936 Mr. D. G. Wilson, at present headmaster at Kaiapoi, to be headmaster of the Muritai School.

24th July 1936 As in previous years, the Eastbourne Borough Council will collaborate with the Muritai School, in the celebration of Arbor Day. Trees will be planted in the vicinity of the school and also . on the motor camp.

1st September 1936 An opportunity will be taken by residents of Eastbourne on Wednesday, September 16, to welcome the new headmaster of the Muritai School, Mr. Wilson, of Kaiapoi, who succeeds Mr A. B. Charters on September 7. A social and dance is being arranged by ex-pupils and friends, and a committee, set up to arrange for some recognition of the' services of Mr. W. Dick, who recently retired from the position of chairman of the school committee after serving on the committee for nearly twenty years, is co-operating. Residents of the district have been given an opportunity to subscribe to a fund to provide some token of appreciation, and a presentation will be made to-Mr. "Dick at the social.

Mr A B Charters often referred to as ABC first taught at Clyde Quay school in 1897 and was at Greytown School in 1911 when he became an Inspector for Wellington Education Board

17th September 1936 An indication of the esteem in which Mr. W. Dick is held was shown by the crowded attendance in the Masonic Hall, Eastbourne, last evening, at a function held in his honour

The Mayor of Eastbourne (Mr. E.- W. Wise) stated that five months ago the election of the committee of the Muritai School took place. Nearly 300 were present, and eighteen candidates were offering, but Mr. Dick was not among them. Mr. Dick .was elected to the committee in 1917 and was chairman for ten years. He had always been a keen, ardent, and energetic worker for the Muritai School. The total possible number of meetings he could have attended was 156, and he attended 149. (Applause.) During several meetings he was absent in Sydney. Mr. Dick felt that he had been a member of the committee too long, but they did not agree with him.....

28th July 1937 The plan is to distribute half a pint of milk a day to each child attending the schools between Petone and Upper Hutt and the Eastbourne School.

9th February 1938 Crippled Children's Picnic at Days Bay included The Muritai School mouth organ band played several musical items, and pupils from the school amused the children with recitations and dancing.

5th April 1938 MP Peter Fraser Minister of Education toured Hutt Valley and included he Mayor of Eastbourne (Mr. E. W. Wise) met the party at the Muritai School. It was explained that extra accommodation was needed at this school. The roll increased by twenty every year and in two classes there 'were 57 and 59 pupils respectively. Application has been made for the erection of two extra rooms at Muritai, but before any finality is reached ;on this point consideration will be given to the possibility. of extending the block

3rd May 1938 Annual Meeting: Muritai School Committee, Mr. W. Dick was presented with an album of signatures at last night's meeting.

3rd June 1938 Letter to the Editor AN INADEQUATE SCHOOL

(To the Editor.) Sir, —Recently we have heard a great deal with reference to national health and child welfare, and we now supply milk to the children in schools,' and establish health camps. But in spite of this we have from time to time epidemics of a more or less serious nature. In my opinion and in the interests of children's health, attention should be drawn to the overcrowding of public schools and the use of unsuitable buildings. Worthy of mention Is a case which has just occurred at Eastbourne. The school buildings there are so inadequate that it has become necessary to house a number of children in the fire brigade hall, an old, draughty building which leaks badly and is neither suitable nor sanitary, there being no conveniences or water laid on, and the fireplace of which is unsafe for use. Surely, Sir, the Education Department can do better than this for our children, as there are several more suitable buildings in the district. I also suggest that the Health Department be invited to examine this building.—I am, etc., FATHER. tin response to inquiries concerning "Father's" complaint, a reporter was informed that the Education Board has made formal application to the Education Department for a grant for two additional classrooms for the Muritai School. Negotiations are also in hand for the acquisition of further land, and the location of the new classrooms will depend on the result of these negotiations.]

17th January 1939 Education Board's Office, Mercer Street, Wellington, at noon on Tuesday, January 24, 1939, invited for demolition of the residence and also combined shop and living quarters, adjoining Muritai School, Eastbourne

27th March 1939 Tenders are invited for the erection of additional classrooms at the Muritai School. Plans and specifications may be seen at Mr. Stonehouse's shop. High Street, Lower Hutt, the Muritai School

3rd August 1939 The boys of standards 5 and 6 of the Muritai School met in the afternoon at Muritai Park/where they were addressed by the Mayor, Mr. E. W. Wise, and Councillor D. Bowie, and planted trees In the park

30th August 1939 WANTED, Board, by young man, teacher, vicinity Muritai School. Reply 340 Evg. Post

11th December 1939 . The new classrooms were opened at the Muritai School on Saturday afternoon by Mr. H. E. Combs, M.P. for Wellington Suburbs. The new rooms are of the open-air type and are intended as a nucleus for a complete new building. The opening ceremony was brief. The chairman of the school committee, Dr. D..'. N. Isaacs, presided. In his speech, Mr. Combs remarked on the difference between the modern school building and the school of his childhood. The chairman of the Wellington Education Board, Mr. W. V. Dyer, and the Mayor of Eastbourne,-Mr. Wise, also spoke.

Displays of various kinds were given by the children, and medals were presented to the winners by Mrs. Isaacs, who paid tribute to the work of the school. The headmaster, Mr. D. G. Wilson, concluded the proceedings with an address to the pupils and parents.

[Presume this was what was called the sunshine block which was in my term as a pupil at the Southern End of the Main school grounds]

29th May 1940 Due to the untiring efforts of some 'of the senior girls of Muritai School the patriotic committee benefited to the extent of £9. The organiser, Miss Odette Herand, assisted by Misses S. Exley, J. Cresswell, B. McAllan, S. Isaacs, and J. Hauton, arranged a school concert. Other activities included two bazaars, which were held in Mr. Herand's garage. The proceeds resulting from the various efforts were most satisfactory. Credit is due to these girls who worked unceasingly and are an inspiration to others to "do their bit."

22nd July 1940 A large gathering of members and friends of the Eastbourne branch of the New Zealand Union of Townswomen's Guilds (Inc.) was entertained recently by a choir from the Muritai School, under the leadership of Mr. T. Martin. After afternoon tea, a very interesting talk on conditions in her own country was given by Mrs. Turnovsky, a native of Czecho-Slovakia.[Tom Martin was headmaster at Muritai for the whole time I was a pupil at Muritai School]

21st October 1943 Grounds that were prone to flooding and a leaking roof were among matters urged as needing attention in a letter received by the Wellington Education -Board from the Muritai School Committee yesterday. It stated that complaints from parents were frequent, and on one recent occasion the children in the infant school had had to be sent home for the day because of "floods without and leaks within." An inspection of the school is to be made.

14th December 1943 Six little girls of Standard V, Eastbourne School, . promoted a sale of work recently in aid of the activities of the New Zealand Red Cross Society. For a long time they had been busy making fancy work, golly wogs, shoe- ' shines, etc. The function was held on the tennis court of Mrs. Sandvig's home, York Bay, afternoon tea being served in the large sun-room. The promoters .of the-sale were Rena Sandvig, Beverley Crone, Diane Robinson, Daphne Walling, Betty Barclay, and Margaret Roberts, and the amount realised was £11 11s, which has been credited to a special Empire Red Cross Fund to supply synthetic varieties of vitamin D for feeding distressed children in occupied territories

25th August 1945 Wellington Education Board Tenders are invited for the construction of a Dental Clinic at the Muritai School. Plans and Specifications may be seen at the shop of Mr. J. Stonehouse, High St., Lower Hutt, and the Board's Office, Wellington.