

Newman

1890-1970 The Newman School is North of Eketahuna. The school here was right on the Road with the house on one side and the school on the other. My Father in law was Dudley Newman Cox as he was born there. 4 Kilometres North of Eketahuna on State Highway 2

1891

24th June 1891 Woodville Express The town of Newman is improving greatly. Buildings there are going up, gardens are being formed in front of the houses, and the land is being cleared and fenced. Altogether I should say that in the near future Newman will be the garden of the Forty-mile Bush.

5th September 1891 The Newman Town Hall and Mechanics Institute will be opened on Wednesday, the 16th inst, by a social

12th October 1891 The Salvation Army opened fire on the Newman township on Sunday last. A well-known "brother" and "sister" from Masterton led the assault and the inhabitants had a good time.

28th October 1891 The question of the establishment of a school at Newman, near Eketahuna, was discussed at a meeting of the Education Board yesterday, on the motion of Mr Buchanan it was decided to open a temporary school in the town hall there for six months.

12th November 1891 The school at Newman will be opened on January 1st under the teachership of Mrs Nielsen. [Definitely listed in Government list of teachers as Nelson]

1892

1892	34	Newman	Nelson	Kate		Female	£90	\$16,694
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21st January 1892 A side school under the Eketahuna school will be opened in the Newman Hall on Monday next, the 25th January, at 9.30 a.m. The idea of the Board is that it should be a junior school, but at the same time it may be open to all standards. Mr Bennett [Francis Bennett Head Master at Eketahuna] has been instructed to make all necessary arrangements.

10th February 1892 Eketahuna School Committee From Mr Beard, re re-opening school at Newman, and making it a class school under the control of the Eketahuna School Committee.....Resolved to hold the matter, re Newman school over till next meeting

10th February 1892 Eketahuna School Committee The school at Newman was opened on January 25th in charge of Mrs Nelson, . Eighteen children were present on the first morning and now there were twenty three on the roll with an average of twenty, Three pupils were; attending there who had not been to the main school

Correspondence. from the Education Board, asking the Committee if they are satisfied with the Board's arrangement of the Newman school, Deferred till next meeting, , A considerable discussion took place over the Newman School, most of the members being adverse to having the control of the school under this committee, Further, discussion was deferred till next meeting. In the meantime the Chairman will be empowered to arrange for some responsible person to see that the cleaning is done gratuitously

26th February 1892 At Newman a school has been opened at Last, the building used being a hall belonging to the settlers there. The attendance yesterday was 20 pupils, and an average

attendance of 30 is confidently expected. Mr[Sic] Nelson has charge of the school, and for 6 months will be under the supervision of Mr Bennett, of Eketahuna.

23rd April 1892 The school committee, however, 1 fancy will be composed entirely of new blood. Owing to the opening of the branch school at Newman, that district is determined to be represented on the committee, and most of the committee will not seek re-election

The Newman day school is steadily increasing 45 children now daily attending. Five more are expected next week; so the success of the venture has exceeded expectation

30th May 1892 Eketahuna School Committee Mr Dowsett informed the meeting that he had purchased a cord and a quarter of firewood for Newman school for 12s 6d, The action of Mr Dowsett was endorsed and it was resolved that it be paid for,

The report of the Newman school' was also satisfactory, considering the school had only been open a few months.

29th June 1892 Wellington Education Board A petition from Newman praying for a separate district was agreed to.

30th June 1892 Eketahuna School Committee The Chairman read. Mr Neilson's report on the Newman School which was -considered very satisfactory; There are at present forty seven on the roll with an average attendance of thirty-eight. Mr Neilson also applied for permission to open the school at 9 o'clock instead of 9.30 as at present, it being the wish of the parents of children attending that school. The permission asked for was granted.[This report was either from Mrs Nelson or her Husband who sometime went with the surname Neilson]

7th July 1892 Wellington Education Board A petition from the residents of Newman for a separate school district was referred to the local committee.[Eketahuna]

27th July 1892 Eketahuna School Committee A petition was received from the Education Board, signed by the householders of Newman, asking that Newman be a separate school district.' After considerable discussion the Secretary was instructed to notify the Board that the Committee approved of the change.

31st August 1892 Wellington Education Board It was resolved to form the district of Newman into a separate school district

The salary of Mrs. Nelson, teacher at Newman, was increased from £75 to .£90 per annum.

8th September 1892 Wellington Education Board Mrs Nelson, of Newman, asked for an Increase of salary for house rent. Her present salary is £75 per annum. On the motion of Mr McCardle, an increase of £15 was granted

1893

1893	33	Newman	Nelson	Kate		Female	£100	\$18,117
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11th April 1893 Mr T. R. Fleming, Education Board School Inspector, will leave Wellington Pahiatua Schools.'

25th April 1893 The first Committee 'was. elected last night as follows. Messrs J. Meade, Dowsett, Dunstall, Berg, Baigent, N. Neilson and Dawson. Mr Dawson was elected Chairman,- and Mr Meade Secretary, [I, the researcher wonder if N Neilson was the husband of the teacher?]

12th May 1893 Wairarapa North County Council From the Chairman of the Newman School Committee re condition of the drains opposite the school.....Nia Lund, roadman at

Eketahuna, wrote stating that the drains opposite the Newman School could not be attended to at present,

1894

1894	28	Newman	Nelson	Kate		Female	£100	\$18,019
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31st January 1894 Wellington Education Board The question of purchasing a central site at Newman was deferred.

1st May 1894 The following School Committee has been elected for Newman, viz.: Messrs A. Dunstall (chairman), Baigent (trees), Berg, Neilson, Cooper, Ure and Crook,

17th August 1894 Newman residents are petitioning the Education Board for the erection of a school in their district, Up to the present time, the local Hall has been utilised for school purposes, but better accommodation is urgently needed. There are now nearly 50 children in the school, with an average attendance of about 35. The popular teacher, Mrs Nelson, is raising funds for the purchase of a piano for school use, and has already a good sum in hand,

26th September 1894 Wellington Education Board It was decided that the Inspector should confer with the Newman Committee relative to the erection of a school, and report to the Board next month.

31st October 1894 It was resolved to exchange the school site at Newman for a more convenient one at Deep Creek.

1st December 1894 The wreck of the Wairarapa [On Great Barrier Island] Newman Public School 14 shillings

12th December 1894 Wellington Education Board A request from the Newman Committee to be allowed to alter the school boundaries was agreed to. The selection of a site for the school was left to the Inspector

1895

1895	38	Newman	Nelson	Kate		Head Female	£128	\$23,203
1895	38	Newman	Robinson	Ethel		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	\$3,623

27th February 1895 Wellington Education Board A communication was received from Newman as to the necessity for better accommodation, and notifying that the Public Hall, at present being; used for school purpose?, will not be available after the 30th Juno. A reply was directed to be sent that the Board could do nothing at present in the matter of providing a new school.

13th March 1895 The "Bush" excursion train on Friday leaves Eketahuna soon after five a.m. Children from the outlying points like Newman, will have to get up tolerably early

27th March 1895 Misses Ethel Robinson and Mabel Corlett were appointed pupil teachers at Newman and Petone respectively,

24th April 1895 School Committee Newman, Messrs Baigent, Dunstall, Ure, French, Berg, McManus and Baker, Mr Dunstall being elected Chairman and Secretary. The following Committee was also elected at the meeting to manage the Hall: Messrs Baillie, Baigent, Morris, Cooper, Dowsett, Burke and Dunstall.

24th April 1895 Wellington Education Board and the Chairman and Mr. McCardle to deal with the question of exchanging the school site at Newman

22nd August 1895 Mr. K. Neill, formerly of Otago, has been sent to take charge of the Newman School during the absence of Mrs. Nelson, the head teacher, on sick leave.

23rd August 1895 Mrs Nelson, the teacher in charge of the Newman School, has been compelled to apply for six mouths' leave, on account of ill-health.

26th September 1895 The tender of Mr J. Drysdale of £10 for the purchase of 14 totara trees on the Newman School site was accepted

27th November 1895 Wellington Education Board Plans for a new school at Newman, to accommodate about 100 children, were laid on the table

11th December 1895 Wellington Education Board Authority was given to the Finance Committee to accept tenders for schoolhouses at Newman and Berhampore.

27th December 1895 The Wellington Education Board invites tenders for the Erection of schools at Ponatahi and Newman. Tenders close on January 4th.

1896

1896	41	Newman	Nelson	Kate		Head Female	£136	\$24,510
1896	41	Newman	Robinson	Ethel		Female Pupil Teacher	£22	\$3,973

21st January 1896 The site for the Newman Railway Station is being cleared and burnt. Mr T. Price's sawmill at Newman started working again yesterday

8th February 1896 Mr G Croft, of Rongomai, is the successful tenderer for the erection of the Newman School, and starts work immediately.

11th February 1896 Mr. Robert Neill, of Karori, who has been temporarily in charge of the Newman School, has been selected by the Hawkes Bay "Education Board to take charge of the Gisborne District High School during the absence of the regular master.

12th February 1896 Ethel Robinson passed her First Year Pupil Teachers examination

20th February 1896 he section of railway from Eketahuna to Newman (one and a half miles) is to be opened for traffic about the middle of this week. This is being done in response to the urgent representations of the sawmillers in the neighbourhood of Newman, who wish to avoid haulage up the rather long and steep hill from the Makakahi river into Eketahuna.

11th March 1896 Preparations are being made to hold the Newman school picnic on the 17th Inst. Prizes are to be given after the picnic.

16th March 1896 The line from Newman to Eketahuna was opened for goods traffic this morning.....The annual picnic in connection with the Newman public school is to be held in the reserve near the Makakahi bridge to-morrow, St. Patrick's Day.....While riding on a see-saw at the Newman public school on Friday last, Nellie Crook, aged eight years, fell and put her elbow out of joint and broke her [As printed]

19th March 1896 The Newman school-children held their annual picnic on Tuesday last in the public domain by the Makakahi bridge, on the main road. Over 100 were present, and all had a good lime, finishing up the day with a social in the school in the evening

April

16th April 1896 Mr Lee to inspect Newman School on the 24th April

28th April 1896 School Committee Messrs. Higgins, Drysdale, Dunstall, Baker, Moss, McManus, and French.'

1st June 1896 The Newman school is to be formally opened by Mr Hogg, M.H.R., on Thursday next. A social will be held in the evening which is intended to eclipse all previous efforts of the kind in the district.

8th June 1896 THE FORTY-MILE BUSH. OPENING OF THE NEWMAN SCHOOL,

The newly erected School at Newman was formally opened' by a concert and dance, given by the Committee and parents on Thursday evening.

The building, which is divided into two large rooms each capable of accommodating about one hundred children, was crowded, the assemblage largely consisting of the parents and relatives of the pupils.

Mr Charles Higgins, Chairman of the School Committee, presided and proved himself a good chairman dispensing with encores and intervals.

The school mistress—Mrs Nelson—provided an excellent piano, and the instrumental and vocal items mingled with good recitations by the younger ones made a capital programme. The contributors comprised Mesdames Nelson, Parsons and Crook, Misses Dawson, Crook, Monaghan and Robinson, and Messrs Worboys, Hogg, Higgins, Baillie, Morris, Hudson, Dunstall and Cooper. Mr Hogg, M.H.R., by request, addressed the assemblage on the education question, and in the course of his remarks enjoined the parents present to jealously preserve against prejudicial encroachments the present free, secular, and compulsory system. After the concert, refreshments, which the ladies had provided in abundance, were handed round, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing,

10th December 1896 Wellington Education Board The carpenter was asked to report upon the requirements for painting at the Newman School.

1897

1897	47	Newman	Nelson	Kate M		Head Female	£143	\$25,523
1897	47	Newman	Higgins	Florence F		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	\$3,568

23rd February 1897 Ethel Robinson passed her second year examinations

26th February 1897 Inspector Fleming to visit on the 12th March

5th March 1897 the Nikau school is likely to be without a teacher, as Miss Hardwick is going to the Newman School, and up to now there has been no applications for the post of teacher. We are sorry to lose Miss Hardwick, as the children have done well under her teaching, and I have no doubt the Newman children will do equally as well.[Miss Hardwicke actually went to the Nireaha School not Newman]

22nd March 1897 The following passed in their respective standards at: the Newman School examination by Inspector. Fleming last Friday

Standard 1.—Clarence Hopkins, James Ure, Henry Youle, Lily Dunstall, Bertha Robinson, Isabel Thompson.

Standard II.—John Carrington, James Drummond, John Drummond, William Hercock, Thomas Moss, Nelly Crook -Edith Compton, Florry Smith,:

Standard III-Frank Hercock, William Drysdale, Leonard Hopkins, Frank Monaghan Madeline Crook, Mabel Crook, Clara Smith, Elsie Drummond

Standard IV -James Ginnane , Percy Hopkins,, Margaret Drysdale, Olive Robinson Standard V.—Milton Cooper, Horace Higgins .Jane Drysdale, Annie Dunstall, Violet Higgins, May Monaghan.

Standard VI—Ernest Dawson, Arthur Nicholls,
Standard VII, Nelson Cooper,

27th March 1897 » The Newman Town Hall has had an addition of twenty-live feet. [7.62 metres]A plain and fancy dress ball was held therein the other night and was financially and socially a great success. Mr Hogg, M.H.R. was present

3rd April 1897 It is gratifying to learn that on Wednesday an organ ordered from "Wellington was placed in the Newman School. This is a valuable aid to the education of the country children in the highest and best sense of the term

24th April 1897 Rome was not built in a day, and this is also true of the township of Newman, with over so many more days added. A building boom however is invading it at last, One cottage is being built, another resident has ordered his timber and three others will do likewise very shortly

27th April 1897 School Committee Newman. — Messrs. Dowsett, Higgins, Hooper, Carrington, Baker, Lett, and McManus

7th June 1897 Mr W. Dowsett, of Newman, is notorious throughout the Forty-mile bush as a grower of tomatoes, cucumbers and grapes. He has two large glass houses one of which is about one hundred and fifty feet [45.72 meters]in length. Notwithstanding the late heavy frosts Mr Dowsett still has cucumbers two feet in length growing. The tomato plants are loaded with ripe tomatoes, and some late varieties of grapes are still hanging on the vines and look very tempting

19th June 1897 The little lads and lasses at the Newman School are naturally jubilant with the forthcoming tree-planting and tea party to take place on Tuesday. Their spirits are in touch with the song

" May the Queen live for ever; Huzza, huzza.

Shall we ever find her like ? No; never I

Then hurrah for England's Queen

26th June 1897 Eketahuna Notes But whilst Eketahuna put on its best bib and tucker and travelled elsewhere the people of Newman mostly stayed at home. The Union Jack floated in the breeze at the public school entrance; albeit there was a hole right through the centre, the colours were rather washed out and faded, and its tattered and torn condition would lead one to suppose it to be a relic of the Maori wars, However, about 200 trees were planted in the school enclosure an ample supply of toothsome good things were provided for the loyal youngsters and oldsters, and songs and dances were sandwiched until 10 p.m. On Wednesday there was also held a very successful fancy dress ball in the Newman Town Hall. Altogether the little township has been quite alive.

29th July 1897 Wellington Education Board Ethel Robinson resigns as pupil teacher

25th August 1897 Miss F J Higgins has been appointed Pupil Teacher at Newman

8th September 1897 Miss Ethel Robinson, for some years teacher at the Newman School, has been presented by the children with some handsome and useful articles of electro-plate, as a mark of esteem, and in connection with her approaching marriage.

21st September 1897 A very popular wedding took place at Newman on Saturday last the contracting parties being Miss Mary Ethel Robinson, a popular school teacher, of Newman, eldest daughter of Mr Edward Robinson, of that district, and Mr Charles Lawrence, fourth son of Mr W. Lawrence, of Carterton. The bride, who is well-known in Carterton, having been connected with the school here, looked exceedingly nice in a dress of cream-coloured cashmere, very prettily trimmed with satin ribbon and pearls to match. The presents were very numerous, useful and costly, and included a handsome butter-dish on a silver stand, and knife, from the scholars of the Newman School, and a jam-dish to match the above from the schoolmaster [Sic]; a valuable eight-day clock, lumps, wool mats, etc., and a large number of other presents, says the Leader

1898

1898	49	Newman	Carter	Henry J		Headmaster	£225	\$38,543
1898	49	Newman	Higgins	Florence F		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	\$3,426

29th March 1898 Mrs Nelson and Miss Higgins who have charge of the Newman School, deserve a word of praise for the successful efforts of their pupils at the examination, held by Mr Lee, the School Inspector, this week. With the exception of five, all passed. This is very creditable, considering that the distance some children live from school, makes regular attendance almost impossible.

30th March 1898 Mrs Nelson resigns as Head Teacher of Newman School

25th May 1942 OBITUARY

MRS. NILS NELSON

Mrs. K. M. Nelson, who died recently in Hurleyville, arrived at Wellington about the year 1883, and took up a teaching appointment at the Tory Street Infants' School, later proceeding to schools at Mauriceville' and Eketahuna. Her last appointment was that of head teacher at Newman, the centre of the sawmilling district, where, with the assistance of but one pupil teacher, she had to teach more than 100 children. During her stay at Mauriceville, she married Mr. Nils Nelson, who was at one time county engineer at Eketahuna. She leaves her husband, one son, Captain F. A. Nelson (Base Records, Wellington), and two daughters, Sister E. M. Nelson (Bowen Street Hospital, Wellington) and Miss K. Nelson (Hurleyville). There are four grandchildren. One of the grandchildren, Lieutenant T. V. Nelson, is overseas with the New Zealand Forces.

[Hurleyville is inland Taranaki between Patea and Hawera]

1886/2930	Kate	Sullivan	Nils	Nelson	
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1889/5101	Nelson	Francis Arthur	Kate	Neils	-
1895/11824	Nelson	Kate	Kate	Niel	-

1898/7622	Nelson	Elsie Mary	Kate	Nils
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27th April 1898 Thirty applications were received for the appointment of head teacher' at Newman.

28th April 1898 School Committee Newman. —Messrs Charles Higgins (chairman), J. J. Baker, F. McManus, F. Dowsett, J. Cooper, J. Hobman and E Rond

4th May 1898 M H J Carter, late relieving inspector to the Education Board at Wanganui, who has been appointed to take charge of the Newman School, left for the scene of his labours yesterday and commences work today.

26th May 1898 Wellington Education Board The Chairman reported that he did not. think there was any ground for disputing the legality of the election of school committees at Newman and Levin, and the Board accordingly declared the elections to be legal and valid.

6th June 1898 The Newman boys want to form a volunteer corps. Mr C Higgins, well known in Greytown, is interesting himself in the matter,

16th June 1898 The residents of Newman have formed a Volunteer Corps, 60 strong, but its services have not yet been accepted by the Government. Mr. C. Higgins, at one time Lieutenant .of the Greytown Rifles, has been elected Captain

1st September 1898 Wellington Education Board The Newman committee was granted £2.10 for gravelling

7th October 1898 There are one hundred and fifty-five candidates for the. Wellington Education Board's scholarship this year. Eight are entered from Masterton; eight from Greytown; four from Carterton; three from Dreyerton; and one each from Newman, Rangitumau and Miki Miki.

22nd October 1898 Under the auspices of the Wellington Education Board, Mr Riley, of the Technical Department, has arranged for the lessons in cookery which are to ha given to the schools in the country. Miss Millington conducts classes at Pahiatua, Scarborough and Makakahi on Mondays ; at Mangatainoka on Tuesdays ; Mauriceville East (including Mangamahoe and Dreyer's Rock) on Wednesdays ; Hastwell on Thursdays; Eketahuna and Newman on Fridays and Pahiatua for teachers on Saturday. So far Miss Willington has made a capital impression, and there is no doubt the valuable work she is performing will be greatly appreciated.

1899

1899	54	Newman	Carter	Henry J		Headmaster	£225	\$39,924
1899	54	Newman	Higgins	Florence F		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	\$3,549

4th February 1899 The annual picnic and distribution of prizes in connection with the Newman school was held yesterday in the Newman recreation ground. The latter is an very pretty piece of natural bush, below the main road and near the bridge on a bend of the Makakahi river. The southern portion of the ground is cleaned and fenced and in this the sports were held while the other festivities came off in a shady spot among the trees. Over a hundred holiday-makers assembled comprising chiefly the children and their teacher, Mr Carter, the mothers and female relatives and several members of the committee. The weather

was fine and the sports which were varied and appropriate were greatly enjoyed. Among the more exciting contests was a tug-of-war between the married women. Sides were chosen respectively by the opposing captains, Mrs Dowsett and Mrs Crook. Rarely at any Caledonian Sports has a trial of strength been more keenly or determinedly fought. Mrs Crook and her team dug their heels deep into the green turf, and for a time seemed immovable, refusing to budge from an angle of forty-five Mrs Dowsett is tall and flexible, and she scorned the cast iron tactics of her opponents. The struggle produced a scene of the wildest excitement, the mothers on either side being cheered and encouraged by their admiring families. The battle lasted over five minutes and proved most stubborn, the sides apparently being very evenly matched. At length the state of the soil turned the tide of conquest, and the slumps had to yield to the stump-extractor. Mrs Crook ploughing up the soil with her Kangaraitas, slid on her back, and the opposing team, taking advantage of the accident, quickly scored. But for the convincing ground being soft and slippery, however, it is doubtful how the contest would have resulted. A large number of other games were indulged in, Miss Ashdown distinguishing herself by carrying off the chief adult events. At the request of Mr Higgins, Chairman of the School Committee, Mr Hogg, M.H.R., distributed the school prizes and sports trophies, receiving afterwards a vociferous vote of thanks. An abundance of tea and eatables were done justice to, the day's proceedings terminating with a social,

2nd March 1899 Mr Bakewell will inspect Newman school on the 16th and 17th March

28th April 1899 School Committee Newman. —> Messrs ,A- Dunstall (chairman) 'C Higgins (secretary and treasurer), Dowsett, John Cooper, Jas. Cooper, Rond and Gyde.

29th June 1899 Wellington Education Board Mrs Monaghan applied to rent the school reserve at Newman. It was resolved to offer the land for lease by auction.

30th June 1899 Both the Newman and Eketahuna schools have had to be closed on account of measles, which are very prevalent in these districts just now

13th July 1899 A recreation ground has been in course of construction at Newman for some time, a Domain Board having been formed for the purpose of clearing the site. The work is nearing completion, and it is expected it will be ready for use this coming summer. A social is to be hold at Newman at aa. early date in aid of the funds.

1900

1900	49	Newman	Anderson	Andrew		Headmaster	£200	\$34,772
1900	49	Newman	Higgins	Florence J		Female Pupil Teacher	£25	\$4,347

18th January 1900 A picnic will be held on the 22nd inst. for the children attending the Newman School in the beautiful Domain Ground belonging to the Newman township, and given fine weather promises to be a great success. In the evening the children will be entertained in the Town Hall, and a dance and games are arranged for their amusement.

25th January 1900 The Newman School children's picnic, held in the Domain on Monday last, turned out a great success, games and sports being indulged in by young and old. The following are the prize winners :—Big boys' race, H. Carrington; middle-sized boys' race, C. Monaghan; small boys' race, H. Rand; small girls' race, M. Ure; middle-seized girls' race, Clara Cooper; big girls' race, Rose Lawrence; married women's race, Mrs W. Lawrence; single girls' (over sixteen years of age) race. Miss Sharp; Committee men's race, Mr F. Dowsett; single men's race, Mr P. Dowsett. In the evening a dance was held in the Newman

Hall, which was well attended, excellent music being provided by Mr L. Ogden. Refreshments of various kinds were served round and a most enjoyable evening spent

1st February 1900 Wellington Education Board Mr Henry J. Carter, head teacher, Newman, applied for permission to join the war contingent, and to have leave of absence for the duration of the war. It was decided to grant Mr Carter six months' leave of absence.

1st February 1900 The Board of Education has, granted six months' leave of absence to Mr. Henry J. Carter, head teacher of the Newman School, in order to enable him to become a member of the Rough-riders' Contingent.

3rd February 1900 Mr Henry J. Carter, headmaster of the Newman State School, has been provisionally selected for the third contingent for South Africa, and! will go into camp next week. Miss Holm will take temporary charge of the school on Monday and will remain there until the final test for the contingent is known, probably about a fortnight hence.

[There are 4 Miss Holm's working for the Wellington Education Board at this time]

6th February 1900 Mr Carter, Into head-teacher of Newman School, and who has joined the Third Contingent, left last night (Monday) for Wellington, having been ordered to join the camp at Newtown. At the station at Newman the school children assembled and gave him a hearty send off , singing and cheering.

14th February 1900 Meeting of the Transvaal Fund Committee [Eketahuna] telegram was read from Mr H. J. Carter (late head teacher at Newman), stating that he had been accepted for the Third Contingent, and asking if the Committee would defray the expenses of his equipment. Mr F. C. Turner said that as it had already been agreed to give the money collected to the Masterton Fund, Mr Carter's request could not be entertained, especially at this stage, when no funds were yet available. Dr Murray-Aynsley suggested that the Committee send a recommendation to the Masterton Committee asking if they would do anything for Mr Carter. After arranging for the forthcoming Patriotic Fair, stock sale, concert, and cricket match, which take place, next Thursday, the meeting adjourned.

27th February 1900 Mr Bakewell Inspector to visit Newman School 27th March

24th April 1900 School Committee James Cooper, F. Dowsett, E. Gyde, A. Dunstall, C. Higgins, J, Ashdown, G Carrington

26th April 1900 The Clerk of Works was directed to report as to the necessity for various works at Eketahuna, Newman, and West Taratahi.

26th July 1900 Wellington Education Board in a long article on Finance was this piece Mr Hogg pointed out the following instances culled from the inspector's reports, showing that the numbers on the roll compared badly with the actual attendance Hukanui, 63 on the roll and 19 in attendance ; Newman, 71 and 36.....It was resolved: " Thai the chairman be authorised to draft a circular giving three months' notice of contemplated reductions in the leaching staff, and salaries in excess, and impressing upon committees and teachers the advisability of seeming increased attendances at the schools, to obviate the necessity for drastic measures.....

Andrew Anderson was teaching at Carterton School I can find no reference to his appointment to Newman nor were there any mention of his leaving in my Carterton Notes [He was relieving teacher at Newman until permanently appointed in September 1901]

1901

1901	55	Newman	Anderson	Andrew		Headmaster	£195	\$32,920
1901	55	Newman	Higgins	Florence J		Female Pupil Teacher	£30	\$5,065

31st January 1901 Proposed new teacher salary F Higgins currently £25 increase £5 to £30

7th August 1901 Owing to an outbreak of scarlet Fever the Newman school has been closed for a fortnight

29th August 1901 Mr H J Carter resigns as head teacher

26th September 1901 Mr A Anderson confirmed by Wellington Education Board as Headmaster of Newman School

30th September 1901 Mr Anderson relieving teacher at the Newman School has on the recommendation of the School Committee been permanently appointed by the Education Board

1902

1902	60	Newman	Anderson	Andrew		Headmaster	£195	\$32,150
1902	60	Newman	Arnold	Nellie		Assistant Female	£85	\$14,014

30th January 1902 Newman, Kate Dempsey, present salary £42, colonial salary £85. [Kate Dempsey was not teaching at Newman but was teaching at Newtown School for a long period]

24th February 1902 The Newman milk suppliers and School Committee's picnic and "social" last Thursday turned out an unqualified success. The attendance was the largest seen in the district. The picnic was held in Mr Berg's paddock at Contra! Mangaone.

24th February 1902 There was an attendance of about 300 at the Newman Picnic, on Thursday. A large number going from Eketahuna, and all spent a very enjoyable day. The running events were well contested. Mr H. Fredericksen being handicapper and starter. Mr H. Greathead gave every satisfaction as judge, and the Secretary Mr Caulton also worked like a Trojan

3rd March 1902 Masterton School Miss Arnold, who has been promoted to the Newman School, also received a handsome gift. [Nellie Arnold taught for 9 years at Masterton School. First three years were at Masterton Infant School in Victoria Street.]

3rd March 1902 [Because of a change to staffing Miss Arnold was appointed as a qualified teacher and Florence Higgins still a pupil teacher was transferred to Eketahuna]

7th March 1902 Mr V. Higgins, who is leaving the Eketahuna School to take charge of the Pleckville School, was presented by the headmaster, on behalf of the children, with a pair of gold sleeve-links, gold collar stud and silver pencil case. Miss F. Higgins, who has been transferred to Eketahuna, was presented by the Newman children with a handsome morocco cased writing-desk.

21st March 1902 Miss Arnold, lately appointed Assistant Mistress of the Newman School, was on Thursday presented with a silver serviette ring, with monogram engraved, by the teaching staff of the Masterton School, as a souvenir of her connection with the school. The presentation was made by Mr Anderson, headmaster of the Newman School, at the request, and in the name of, the Masterton teachers.

24th September 1902 At the usual monthly meeting of the Newman School Committee there were present, Messrs Dunstall (chairman), Hyde, McManus, Dowsett, and Cooper. Leave of absence was granted to Mr J. Ashdown, on account of sickness, and Mr Morris handed in his resignation, which was received with regret. The headmaster reported eighty on roll, with an average attendance of sixty-three for last month. Accounts to the amount of £1 11s 8d was passed for payment. Everything satisfactory connected with the school was reported by the master, the attendance being larger than over it was since the school was established.

1903/4164	Nellie	Arnold	Ernest Arthur	Hyde
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1903

1903	51	Newman	Anderson	Andrew		Headmaster	£195	\$32,310
1903	51	Newman	Avison	Lizzie		Mistress	£85	\$14,084

In 1901 Lizzie Avison was at Brooklyn. She did not teach for the Wellington Education Board in 1902

2nd March 1903 The meeting of the Education Board last week, Mr Hogg complained bitterly of the cheap and nasty character of the school buildings that were being erected in the country and contrasting them with the ornate nature of the structures in the neighbourhood of the City insisting that there should be no "fish or flesh." He referred to the school at Newman with its fine large windows and lofty wall plates as the model of a country school, while the building erected lately at Rongokokako had all the appearance of a lopsided hayshed. It is expected that a better style of country school than these that have of late been erected will be provided for the country districts in future.

29th April 1903 School Committee Newman.— Messrs F. Dowsett (Chairman), C. Higgins (Secretary and Treasurer), F. McManus, J. Cooper, J. Ashdown, B. Berg, and R. Gyde .

28th May 1903 Wellington Education Board and the hope was expressed that the Newman committee would deal with sundry small works.

17th June 1903 The Education Board invites applications till next Monday for the position of mistress in the Newman school.

26th June 1903 The resignation of Miss Arnold teacher at Newman was accepted..... The Board-in committee agreed that the present temporary arrangements in regard to the following positions should continue:—Assistant at Mount Cook Boys' School and teachers at Rakanui, Te Whiti and Newman.

1st August 1903 Miss Arnold, mistress of the Newman School, was yesterday presented with a handsome silver tea-pot, by her pupils, as a token of esteem on the occasion of her severing her connection with the school. Highly complementary testimonials from the School Committee and the head-master of the school were also received by Miss Arnold on the occasion.

14th September 1903 The medical officer has advised the Education Board that the school at Newman should be kept closed for at least another week. This school had to close down a fortnight ago owing to the prevalence of whooping cough and mumps in the district

1904

1904	49	Newman	Anderson	Andrew		Headmaster	£167	\$27,571
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1904	49	Newman	Avison	Lizzie		Mistress	£85	\$14,075
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7th March 1904 and the Ngapopotu [Near Tinui] Committee has also approved the selection of Miss Higgins, of Newman, as sole teacher for its school. Florence Higgins had taught the last two years at Eketahuna School

30th August 1904 Questioning the display work in schools was this {Utility was unconsidered. Education was a memorising of mildewed stories.

By reason of this peculiar doctrine there is now on the walls of the Newman school a picture of King John signing the Magna Charta:

28th October 1904 It was resolved to draw up plans and specifications for the Nireaha School, which is to be built on the site already acquired. The plans of the Newman School will probably be used.

1905

1905	52	Newman	Anderson	Andrew	D2	Headmaster	£164	\$25,945
1905	52	Newman	Avison	Lizzie	E3	Mistress	£80	\$12,652

12th April 1905 Miss Maude Anderson who has been appointed to the Woodville School is the daughter of Mr R [Sic] Anderson of the of the Newman School and Mrs Anderson mistress at the Spit, [There was in 1905 a Helen Anderson teaching at Port Ahururi and Western Spit School in Napier]

14th April 1905 Re Nireaha School The new school, erected by Mr Proctor, of Pahiatua, in accordance with the plans of Mr Turnbull, the Board's architect, is designed to accommodate a hundred children, and comprises two large well-lighted rooms and a fine wide hall. Although destitute of anything approaching superfluous ornamentation, the building, which has lofty ceilings and windows, and is well-ventilated, resembling very much the school at Newman, is regarded on all hands as one of the best country schools of its size yet erected in the Education District.

30th June 1905 Tenders let: F C Fox repairs and painting Newman School £22

1906/1149	Lizzie	Avison	Leonard Ballard	Bradstock
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1906

1906	58	Newman	Anderson	Andrew	D2	Headmaster	£180	\$27,974
1906	58	Newman	Brennan	J M	D4	Assistant Female	£90	\$13,987

10th February 1906 here are now. 72 names on the roll of the Newman School, and the average attendance is 62.

5th May 1906 The Newman School Committee held its monthly meeting in the schoolroom, on Wednesday evening, there being present—Messrs Calton (chairman), H. Fredrickson (Secretary), R. Gyde, P. McManus, T. Keam, J. Cooper, and A. Syversen. One account was passed for payment. There was only one application for the position of assistant teacher at the school, viz., from Miss Kean, of the South Wellington School, who has splendid references and holds high certificates. The committee were unanimous in supporting her application. It is the intention of the Committee to establish an agricultural class in connection with the school as soon as possible.

18th May 1906 A farewell social is to be tendered Miss Avison who is retiring from school teaching at Newman, on Friday evening. A presentation, I understand, is to take place during the evening. The young lady is also to receive a valuable present subscribed to by the scholars and head teacher.

22nd May 1906 On Friday evening a farewell social was tendered by the residents of the district to Miss Avison. During the evening Mr Calton, Chairman of the Newman School Committee, presented Miss Avison, on behalf of the settlers, with a solid silver cruet. In making the presentation Mr Calton referred to Miss Avison's many sterling qualities. Mr Bradstock, headmaster of the Rongokokako School replied on behalf of Miss Avison. Mr Anderson, head teacher of the Newman School also paid a tribute to Miss Avison's capabilities as a teacher. Songs were sung by Miss Avison and Messrs Bradstock, Calton, and Logden. A number of selections were played by an orchestra composed of Miss Avison (piano), Mr Calton (flute), and Master Calton (violin). Dancing was kept up till an early hour in the morning, the music being supplied by Mr Ogden. Mr T., P. Keam was. M.C. Refreshments were provided by the ladies..

1st June Miss E Kean's resignation was accepted by the Wellington Education Board

6th June 1906 Miss L. Avison, who has resigned her appointment as mistress of the Newman School, was on Friday last presented with a handsome marble clock, suitably inscribed, by the headmaster and pupils of the school, as a token of esteem. Miss Avison also received a flattering testimonial from the Newman 'School Committee. Miss Avison suitably acknowledged the presentations

11th June 1906 The monthly meeting of the Newman school committee was held on Wednesday evening. There were present, Messrs Calton (chairman), Fredricksen, Syversen, McManus, Cooper, Gyde and Keam. A letter was received from the Wairarapa School Committee Association, with regard to the Newman School Committee joining the Association. It was decided to take no action in the matter. The headmaster's report showed a slight increase in the attendance at the school. The capitation received for last quarter was £5 19s 6d. Miss Halley, who was recently appointed teacher at the school commenced her duties on Tuesday. It decided to take no steps with regard to an agricultural class until Mr Davies visited the district which he is expected to do within a week,

19th June 1906 Wellington Education Board: Fencing repairs half cost

9th July 1906 the monthly meeting of the Newman school committee was held on July 5th, and there were present Messrs Calton (chairman), J. Cooper, T. P. Keam, R. Gyde, F. McManus, and A. Syversen. In the absence of the secretary the minutes were taken by Mr A. Syversen. It was resolved that persons having property adjoining the school area be written to in reference to doing their half in fence repairs. A communication was received from the Education Board notifying that a small sum was granted for repairing the Board's part of the fence. It was decided to endorse the Board's action in selecting Miss Kibble as assistant teacher to the Newman school. The headmaster reported for the quarter ending June 30th as follows:—Roll: boys 41, girls 30, total 71; daily average attendance for the quarter, boys 30, girls 21

26th July 1906 Miss Halley is at present relieving teacher at the Newman School in place of Miss Avison, who has resigned.

6th August 1906 The monthly meeting of the Newman school committee was held on Wednesday, August 1st. Mr Calton (Chairman), Messrs H. Fredricksen (secretary), F. McManus, J. Cooper, and A. Syversen. The headmaster's report for last month show the number on the roll as follows:— Boys 38, girls 25; total 63. The daily average attendance was: boys 29, girls 19; total 48. On account of the rough weather last month the average attendance was considerably below the usual. The Committee decided to recommend Miss J. M. Brennan as assistant to the school. The chairman was instructed to have the school portion of fence repairs done at once. It was decided to start the agricultural garden as soon as possible; all the necessary tools having come to hand.

15th August 1906 Miss J M Brennan assistant at Newman [In 1905 J M Brennan was teaching at Rahotu in Taranaki]

8th September 1906 The ordinary meeting of the Newman School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present Messrs Calton (chair), Fredricksen, (Secty), Cooper, Gyde, McManus, Keam and Syversen. Correspondence was received from the Aramaho School Committee regarding the uniformity of school books. It was decided to support the Committee in their efforts to obtain a standard school book. It was decided to hold a concert about the end of the present month. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Halley for the great interest she took in the children whilst doing relieving work at the Newman School. One account was passed for payment. The attendance for the month was as follows:—Daily average boys 37; girls 23; total 60. Average for month, boys, 30.; girls, 19; total 49.

1st October 1906 A very successful Concert was held in Newman on Thursday evening, the Hall being packed. A capital programme was submitted. The concert was held in aid of the School and Hall fund. The following items were rendered during the evening:—Orchestral selection (Stars and Stripes), song. Mr Calton, "Simon the Cellarer," pianoforte duet, "Prince Imperial," (Miss Ranger and Miss Calton); song, "Big Ben," (Mr "Watson"); song "Last Muster," (Mr Cooper); song (comic), "Solomon Levi," (Mr Bell, encored); song, "Will you No Come Back Again," (Mr Thompson); song, "Steering Homewards," (Mr Gordon); song "Carnival," (Miss J. Nillsson, encored; ; song (comic), "Any Bags," (Mr Dunstone , encored). A Sailor's Hornpipe by; Master Grey, was much (appreciated by the audience. In the second part of the programme the Eketahuna Dramatic Club put on a farce entitled "The Two Lunatics," and fairly brought down the house. Miss Nillsson and Miss Ranger played the accompaniments. After the concert a dance was held. Messrs Pearce, Taylor and McLean supplied the music. Refreshments were supplied by the ladies. Mr P, T. Keam was M.C.

26th October 1906 Wellington Education Board deferred for further enquiries a Newman request for repairs

13th November 1906 The monthly meeting of the Newman School Committee was held on Wednesday evening Present:— Messrs A. Syversen(chairman), H. Fredricksen (secretary), P. McManus, R. Gyde. One small account was passed for payment. Seven pictures were received from the Education Board. Five have been framed and bung in the different rooms, adding greatly to the general appearance of the School. The headmaster's report for the month of October was as follows Average attendance for month—Boys, 39; girls, 26; .total, 65. Daily average attendance:- Boys 30; girls, 19; total, 49.

1907

1907	51	Newman	Anderson	Andrew	D1	Headmaster	£180	\$28,219
1907	51	Newman	Haslem	Emma J	D5	Assistant Female	£90	\$14,109

3rd January 1907 Part of an article headed technical education And teachers play plasticine mud pies, too. One of them had to travel the other day from Newman, just outside Eketahuna, to New Plymouth, to show to Mr Isaac, the plasticine pie expert, how excellent were her pies, and little brick house?, and little cardboard boxes. And yet there are youngsters leaving school who have only a nodding acquaintance with the three rudimentary " r's," reading, writing and arithmetic.

31st January 1907 Miss J Brennan has resigned as assistant as she went to be assistant at Belvedere

26th February 1907 he annual school picnic was held in the Newman Domain, on Friday last and proved a great success, fully 250 people being present. The j gathering was voted .to be one of the most enjoyable ever held in Newman. The domain reserve is an ideal spot for picnicking, being in a bend of the Makakahi River. The native bush growing in its wild state makes a grand shade from the scorching sun or a shelter from cold winds. A spot was cleared and ploughed some years ago, and is now laid down in grass, making a splendid place to hold races or any other games. During the day races were held for the school children, and were eagerly contested, the prizes being allotted by Mr Anderson, Headmaster. Races were also held for married ladies, single ladies, married and single men. The creamery suppliers' race brought out quite a big field. Mr H. Greathead ,supplied the trophy for this race, and it was won by Mr H. Dunstall. Every child present received a toy of some description. An abundance of refreshments were provided. The catering was in the capable hands of Messrs McGarry Bros. of Eketahuna. A social was held at night, and there was a large attendance at the hall. Mr L. Ogden, of Hamua, provided the music, whilst Mr H. Frederickson was M.C. Messrs McGarry Bros, provided an excellent supper.

12th March 1907 Miss E Haslem appointed assistant [After two years at Newman Emma Jessie Haslem went to Muritai School]

24th April 1907 NEWMAN. Messrs F. Calton, A. Syversen, P. Voigt. F. McManus, J. Cooper, T. Youle and H Fredericksen. Mr F. Calton was elected chairman, and Mr Syversen secretary

26th July 1907 It was decided to invite tenders for the lease of the land at Pahiatua and Newman, and to reserve for scenic purposes five acres of bush attached to the school at Ihuraua. The sum of £8 has been voted for Newman School for fencing and metalling,

30th August 1907 Wellington Education Board An application for an extra grant of £2 for work at the Newman School was agreed to

30th September 1907 The Newman Reserve Committee are doing excellent work iv putting the reserve into trim. Energetic work has been carried out at stumping clearing, etc., and a large area of ornamental shrubbery has been planted. The committee intend making the reserve a really attractive spot.

14th December 1907 The school garden plots at Newman are looking well, and are a great credit to Mr Anderson, the master, and pupils. The school will compete largely at the forthcoming Farmers' Union Show at Eketahuna

1908

1908	48	Newman	Anderson	Andrew	D1	Headmaster	£180	\$28,219
1908	48	Newman	Haslem	Emma J	D4	Assistant Female	£90	\$14,109

1st May 1908 School Committee Newman, Messrs T. F. Calton(chairman), T. T. Youle (secretary), P. Voigt, J. Cooper, R. Gyde. A. Syversen, F. McManus

6th July 1908 There are at present sixty names on the roll of the Newman School. The average attendance during the past month was 46.

6th October 1908 Wellington Education Board two teachers from outside districts, have been appointed assistant teachers to Te Horo and Newman\

8th October 1908 Miss M Hughes appointed. [Maggie Hughes was teaching in 1907 at Tetley Brook School, a small school in Marlborough]

26th October 1908 Miss Haslem, who was till recently mistress at the Newman school, is to be tendered a farewell social in the Newman Public Hall on Thursday next assistant [After two years at Newman Emma Jessie Haslem went to Muritai School Eastbourne]

2nd November 1908 Miss Hughes, who is to succeed Miss Haslam as assistant teacher at the Newman School, is to be tendered a welcome social by the residents of that district shortly.

Miss Haslam, until recently assistant teacher at the Newman School, was tendered a farewell social by the residents of the district on Thursday night, in the Newman Ball. During the evening Mr T. Moss, Chairman of the Eketahuna County Council, on behalf of the residents of the district, presented Miss Haslam with a handsome silver mounted brush and comb. Miss Haslam was also the recipient of a presentation from the school children. Dancing was indulged in until an early hour on Friday morning. The music was supplied by Misses Williams and Cousins, and extras were played by Misses Tuckwell and Hughes and Master Manguson. Songs were sung by Messrs King and Calton and Miss Haslam.

21st December 1908 On Friday last a meeting of delegates from School Committees in the neighbourhood was hold in Eketahuna to consider the expediency of securing the establishment of a District High School. The schools represented were Eketahuna, Pleckville, Atea, Mauriceville and Newman. It was decided that another meeting be held next month, and that in the meantime the various School Committee in the district be asked the names of prospective High School pupils.

1909

1909	54	Newman	Anderson	Andrew	D1	Headmaster	£185	\$29,398
1909	54	Newman	Hughes	Maggie	D4	Assistant Female	£90	\$14,302

5th March 1909 14th Eketahuna Show best collection of flowers grown by children Newman School 1st Kaiparoro 2nd [No 3rd prizes allocated in any class at the show]

15th May 1909 A patrol of boy scouts is being formed at Newman

27th August 1909 Wellington Education Board Wellington Education Board Repairs to fireplaces and sash cords

14th December 1909 To-day Messrs. H. Holmes and A. B. Wood will commence the judging in connection with the school gardens competition, held under the auspices of the Masterton A. and P. Association.,. The six schools entered for the best garden competition are the Taueru, Ihuraua, Kopuaranga, Kaiparoro, and Newman schools. The various plots at the

Masterton District High , School are also to be judged. In all, there are about thirty plots and prizes will be awarded to the successful students.

1st December 1909 Best garden—First, Rongokokako, 90 points; second, Kopuaranga, 84 points; third, Newman, 80 points

NEWMAN. This garden was rather large, but many useful experiments were being carried out. The absence of the boys' notebooks detracted considerably from the value of the experiments, as only by keeping notes can they keep iv touch with the various experiments that are being carried out. A pleasing feature of this garden was the introduction of orchard trees, each of which would be grafted at a later date. A scheme of green manuring was being carried out to prove its value on fruit trees, peas being the plants grown for the purpose. The whole garden showed careful cultivation and settlors might profit by au inspection of it. The absence of water and the exposed situation of the garden would account for its backward state, and the maximum points (10) were allowed.

1910

1910	53	Newman	Anderson	Andrew	D1	Headmaster	£190	\$29,786
1910	53	Newman	Hughes	Maggie M		Assistant Female	£90	\$14,109

21st February 1910 and the Newman School picnic was also held on the Domain, yesterday, being followed by the usual enjoyable social in the evening.

23rd March 1910 Wellington Education Board The resignation of Miss M. Hughes assistant teacher at Newman; was accepted. [Maggie Hughes is still listed above as the assistant at the end of the school year. Maybe she took leave rather than resigning]

4th June 1910 Wellington Education Board Newman assistant teacher Miss M Hughes at present at Newman

31st August 1910 Wellington Education Board An application for new latrines at Newman was deferred,

1911

1911	51	Newman	Anderson	Andrew	D1	Headmaster	£195	\$30,839
1911	51	Newman	Hughes	Maggie M		Assistant Female	£94	\$14,874

29th March 1911 Wellington Education Board Cupboard recommended by the Inspector £3

26th April 1911 School Committee NEWMAN.— Jas. Henry (chairman), T. F. Calton (secretary), G. H. Hickman, R. C. Gyde, J. Ranger, H. E. Elsmore

26th April 1911 The Clerk of works included Newman school for repairs and painting-general overhaul schools and residences

17th June 1911 At the monthly meeting of the Newman (Forty-mile Bush) School Committee, the headmaster, Mr. A. Anderson reported on the school roll as follows:— "number enrolled during the month: Boys, 37; girls, 22; total, 59. Daily average attendance for the month:—Boys, 33; girls, 20; total, 52." Further improvements have been made to the boys' playground. A fresh piece has been levelled off for a new football ground. It was decided to hold the annual school concert and prizegiving on Friday, July 2S. In order that the children attending the school may have some part in the Coronation festivities it has been

decided to have a fireworks display in the evening. A suitable place has been selected opposite the school. Bonfires will be lighted and parents and friends are invited to attend and bring a basket, and tea will be provided on the ground. The invitation of the Eketahuna Celebration Committee in reference to the children taking part in the procession, was accepted. The school will assist as far as practicable.

19th August 1911 The annual concert and dance in connection with the Newman School (Eketahuna) was a great success, and financially exceeded the anticipations of the promoters. The School Committee aimed at realising ,£12, a. sum sufficient to pay for the school prizes and to meet contingent liabilities in connection with the function. This amount was more than obtained. The night being fine, there was an exceptionally large attendance, the floor, during dancing, being uncomfortably crowded. During the first portion of the evening the children rendered the cantata "The White Garland" in a creditable manner.

1st November 1911 Wellington Education Board Newman: new offices for boys £29 [Offices was used as the name for toilets. Where you went to do your business]

29th November 1911 Wellington Education Board New latrines etc at Newman Mr E C Clifton

1912

1912	51	Newman	Anderson	Andrew	D1	Headmaster	£200	\$30,672
1912	51	Newman	Hughes	Maggie M		Assistant Female	£99	\$15,183

19th February 1912 The Newman public school holds its annual picnic on Thursday next

28th February 1912 Wellington Education Board Wellington Education Board grant to paint school roof £3 14s

12th April 1912 Owing to an outbreak of mumps about forty pupils are unable to attend school at Newman. It is expected that the school will have to be closed for a time. — Eketahuna Express.

24th April 1912 School Committee Newman.— Messrs T. Moss (chairman), G. Hickman (secretary), H. Elsmore, D. Ryan, J. Cooper, H. Wenham, R. Ashcroft.

29th May 1912 Wellington Education Board gives a grant for Overhauling desks

27th November Wellington Education Board Grant to Newman School for reflashing vents, spouting, sheds.

13th December 1912 Miss M Kydd has been appointed assistant mistress at the Newman School [Maud Kydd had spent 5 years as a pupil teacher at Petone District High School

23rd December 1912 Miss Maggio Hughes, who has resigned the position of assistant mistress at .Newman, to take up a similar position at Shannon, was the recipient of a handsome present from the pupils of the Newman school on Friday last. [Maggie M Hughes taught at Shannon until 1916 spent some time at Petone DHS and then from at Least 1919 until my records cease in 1923 was back in the Bush teaching at Mangarama a few kilometres out of Pahiatua]

1913

1913	47	Newman	Anderson	Andrew	D1	Headmaster	£205	\$30,750	£25.00
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1913	47	Newman	Kydd	Maud		Assistant Female	£90	\$13,500	
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The £25.00 signals that there was not a school residence at that time for the Newman School. It appears that a Head teacher's residence was not built at Newman School until 1955-1957 from National archives records

28th January 1913 The result of the election to the vacant seat on the Wellington Education Board was not unexpected. Mr Thomas Moss, the successful candidate, is a highly-respected settler in the Forty-Mile Bush, he has been identified with the work of local bodies for some years, having been chairman of the Eketahuna County Council for a period. He is also a director of the N.Z. Dairy Farmers' Union, and a prominent member of the Farmers' Union. His connection with scholastic matters, though confined to the Newman School Committee, has extended over a lengthy period. He is a shrewd, level-headed man, who should do full justice to the responsible position to which he has been elected.

4th March 1913 The annual picnic in connection with the Newman public school was held on the Newman Domain on Friday and proved an exceptionally enjoyable gathering for old and young alike.

29th March 1913 Wellington Education Board Library subsidies were granted to the following schools, subject to compliance with the Department's conditions : Included Newman

27th August 1913 Wellington Education Board Grants Newman. Blinds, concrete floors in sheds

1914

1914	44	Newman	Piggford	Mary H	D1	Head Female	£210	\$30,066	£25.00
1914	44	Newman	Kydd	Maud		Assistant Female	£90	\$12,885	

11th February 1914 The Newman school picnic is to be held on Friday, March 6th.

1st April 1914 Mr A Anderson Head teacher Newman resignation was accepted

2nd April 1914 The Wellington Education Board on Tuesday accepted the resignation of Mr A. Anderson, who has been head teacher at the Newman school, near Eketahuna, for a number of years. Mr Anderson's health has not been satisfactory of late.

15th April 1914 violent gale raged in Eketahuna throughout Sunday afternoon and evening and considerable damage was done to- gardens, fences, etc. Eight or ten panes of glass were blown in at the Newman School.

20th May 1914 A wedding was celebrated at Newman, near Eketahuna, last week, the age of the bridegroom being 65 and that of the bride 69 years. The bridesmaid was the mother of seventeen children.

23rd May 1914 The offer of a residence at Newman was referred to the clerk of works for a report

5th June 1914 Mr J. Anderson, who was headmaster at the Newman school, and who has retired on superannuation, was entertained at a social last evening by the residents of Newman and made a presentation.

8th June 1914 The following appointments have been made by the Wellington Education Board :— Mr. W. E. Atkinson, now relieving at Newman, to be sole teacher at Horoeka

30th June 1914 When the application for grants for residences at Newman, Tawa Flat, and Carrington was brought on, Air. Hogg stated that the teacher's residence at Carrington, which

had been burnt down, was superior to any other residence in the district. He thought that less costly buildings should be put up in places where there was no probability of a great increase in population. Sir Walter Buchanan and Mr. Moss concurred

2nd July 1914 Miss Piggford , of Gladstone, has been appointed head teacher of Newman school

1915

1915	41	Newman	Piggford	Mary H	D1	Head Female	£220	\$29,469	£30.00
1915	41	Newman	Kydd	Maud		Assistant Female	£110	\$14,735	

24th February 1915 Wellington Education Board Approved cupboards at Newman School

25th February 1915 Mr A. W. Hogg draw the attention of the members of the Education Board on Tuesday to the fact that teachers had great difficulty in procuring board and lodging in the country, as farmers did not want to be bothered with boarders. An inexpensive residence was what was required, and it was decided to build a residence at Newman and another at Carrington.

17th November 1915 Belgian refugee fund Newman School 18 shillings 9d

15th December 1915 Miss Kydd, assistant teacher at the Newman, school, has been appointed , an assistant at Solway College.

17th December 1915 Miss M. Piggford, who has been on the staff of the Wellington Education Board for some years, has been appointed to the position of head mistress of the Mount Cook Girls' School, vice Miss Helyer, who has retired from the board's service

20th December 1915 The Newman Red Cross Guild has presented their late secretary, Miss Kydd, with a silver manicure set as a mark of esteem.

Mary H Piggford

11 May 1897 Westland Education Board says it has no vacancy for Miss Piggford of Wellington

1st July 1897 Miss Piggford was to Teach at Kaiuauai School as from the 1st July. There is a Kaiuauai on Mount Egmont

On the 14th December 1898 she left New Plymouth by ship and arriving in Sydney on the 18th January 1899

16th December 1899 Miss Piggford is again travelling to Sydney on the Monowai returning to New Plymouth

19th December 1900 Miss Piggford's name was sent to West Infants

9th May 1901 Miss Piggford is still at Kaiuauai and was awarded £2 for the manner she has carried out her duties with 21 students

25th July 1901 Taranaki Education Board he Inspector recommended, that out of the £100 grant given by the Department for the instruction of teachers in the work prescribed by the manual and Technical Instruction Act, 1900, the expenses of Miss Piggford and Miss Hogg be paid to allow them to visit Auckland to study the working of the schools there. But by the 11th October 1901 She is travelling South on the Express and on the 18th October she was returning to Wellington and then on the 31st October shipping back to New Plymouth

28th November 1901 Taranaki Education Board Leave of absence was granted to Misses Hogg and Piggford and Mr Johnson, on condition that they provide substitutes, to enable them to attend the summer school at Wanganui in January 1902.

12th February 1902 A Pleasing SOUVENIR. It will be remembered that during the recent conference of teachers at New Plymouth the delegates were entertained by the local branch of the Teachers' Institute to a picnic, the intention being to hold it at the Mountain House but owing to bad weather a halt was made at Kaiauaui school, where the party spent a very pleasant time. As a souvenir of their visit to the school, and to express their gratitude for the shelter gives, as well as their admiration of the Very neat and business-like appearance of the room, the visitors have attached their names to a document expressing the above sentiments, and this they are tendering to Miss Piggford, the headmistress of the school, who will doubtless appreciate the kindly meant compliment. The signatures are as follows:

27th February 1902 A report from Miss Heywood, Messrs Faull and Ainsworth relative to the conduct sewing examinations was read. It stated that after bearing the views of Mesdames Dowling. Martin and Misses Arrow, Hogg, Mills, Bead, Piggford and Edwards, who were unanimous in desiring that garments be done away with for examination purposes, specimens substituted, And the whole of the fixing and sewing to be done by the pupils themselves, the committee recommended the adoption of that system, and they submitted a syllabus showing the proposed alterations.

17th March 1902 he teachers' Saturday classes are progressing most satisfactorily. Miss Piggford's and Miss Arrow's classes in paperfolding and mat-weaving are attended by 65 teachers while 53 attend Mr Johnston's class in brushwork

7th May 1902 Taranaki Herald Miss McIntosh, from Midhurst, and Miss Brunton, from the Wellington district, commenced their duties in the Central School on Monday. On Monday next Miss Piggford, who has for some time been instructing the teachers of the district in kindergarten work, will replace Miss Arrow in the Courtenay street School.

26th June 1902 Taranaki Daily News Miss Piggford (Courtenay street) wrote resigning her position. The Chairman explained that Miss Piggford was a teacher chosen to go south for instruction in kindergarten work, but one of the conditions was that she should agree to give her services to the Board for two years. She had not signed these conditions, but the Chairman considered Miss Piggford at least morally bound to carry out the conditions. Mr Allsworth thought the matter might be referred to the Chairman to see Miss Piggford and point out the position to her. The long and the short of it was that the Board had enabled Miss Piggford to place herself in an independent position, being able to command a much better salary than the Board could and she was going to take advantage of the opportunity. Mr Morton thought the Board should recover the amount of expenses paid to Miss Piggford in connection with the trip.

28th August 1902 Taranaki Education Board The cost of sending Miss Piggford south to study kindergarten work "had been included from her salary. The report was adopted.

7th June 1904 Timaru Herald Her place had been most efficiently, filled by Miss Piggford, late of Taranaki.

27th June 1904 Nelson Education Board M H Piggford applied for Tadmor School position

30th August 1904 Nelson Education Board Addison's Flat Miss Piggford

28th September 1904 Miss Piggford, who had been selected for Addison's Flat, having intimated that she could not accept the - appointment, it was decided to call for fresh applications

12th January Miss Piggford travels by boat back to New Plymouth

12th April 1906 Head teacher of Gladstone School (permanent appointment) Miss Piggford

20th October 1906 Gladstone Great interest is being manifested by the boys of the local school in gardening. The school now presents a very neat appearance; hedges have been planted along . the road fence; plots having been allotted to tr>e boys of the upper standards, who have got to work with a will, and the vegetables look very promising. I am told by people who have seen most of the school gardens in the Wairarapa, that the local school is ahead of any of them. Great credit is due to Miss Piggford, the teacher of the boys.

7th August 1907 A house at Gladstone, occupied by Miss Piggford, mistress of the Gladstone School, caught fire at about 8.45 o'clock last night, and was totally destroyed. The fire originated in a defective chimney at the back of the house, and rapidly spread all over the building. Miss Piggford gave the alarm by ringing the school bell, Messrs A. Grant and Crew (2) arriving on the scene almost immediately after. Their efforts to save the building, in the absence of any water supply except that contained in the school tanks, were unavailing, and only a few articles of clothing and a number of books were rescued. It is worthy of mention that Master George Grew, who is only about eleven years of age, ran about a mile to warn the Chairman of the School Committee (Mr Mason) of the fire.

2nd December 1909 SCHOOL GARDENS.

THEIR EDUCATIONAL VALUE,
THE GLADSTONE SCHOOL,

The really splendid instruction that children are receiving at the various schools through the medium of the useful garden plot is one of the features of our modern educational system. Practically every little school in the district lias its' garden plot in which both pupils and teachers are as a rule more or less keenly interested, and it is gratifying to note that the female teachers are just as interested and just as successful as the men.

Miss Piggford, headmistress at the Gladstone School, may be quoted as a case in point. Since the inception of the garden plots at schools she has evinced the keenest interest iv them, with such good effect that her pupils recently awarded the first prize "in the school gardens competition at Carter ton. Miss Piggford owes her success partly to a perfect rotation of all garden produce. Not only, however, was her success due to rotation, but she was also assisted by agricultural chemistry, of which she has a fairly extensive knowledge, and in consequence used only such manures as were taken out of the soil by the previous plants. Her system has been to carefully study the seeds and their germination power and to use only such seeds as she is perfectly certain have a high percentage of germination and which would ensure a vigorous growth. The children were each given seeds to plant, from which they were to make their own separate notes. Afterwards manures were applied iv various preparations. The plots also included a full series of all grasses, and although these experiments have been conducted entirely by the children they have been of great assistance to local farmers.

Mr A. B. Wood, agricultural chemist to Messrs J. D. Cruickshank and Co., stated to a Daily Times representative that from an educational point of view these garden plots were the best he had ever seen, Being a little ahead of the prize winner at the competition in connection

with the Masterton A. and P. Association last year. The thoroughness -with which Miss Piggford had gone into the matter and the degree of enthusiasm she had imparted to the children was no doubt the immediate cause of a success of which they had every reason to be extremely proud.

3rd April 1911 Gladstone, where. Miss Piggford, an enthusiastic worker in the cause of rural education, is in , charge, has made excellent progress with its agricultural classes. The settlers of the district are so pleased with the work of the mistress that they have recently -purchased several acres of land and handed it over to the Education Board, chiefly with a view to the extension of the school garden.

2nd July 1914 Miss Piggford, of Gladstone, has Mt been .appointed head teacher of Newman school

17th December 1915 Miss M. Piggford has been appointed headmistress of the Mount Cook Girls' School/ Wellington, in succession to Miss Helyer, retired on superannuation.

Then came a lot of correspondence from the Supreme Court case over Land she had purchased in the Motueka Area to be ab orchard

1st May 1923 The schools had done well, and the splendid result of the Sixth Standard girls testified to the painstaking work of their teacher, Miss Stevens, and of Miss Piggford, the head of the Girls'. School. At 31st March the roll number was .870,

16th December 1925 RETIREMENT OF TEACHERS. "It is not often {hat .the board, is faced with a list of resignations of teachers of such long service as we have before us to-day," remarked the chairman of the Education Board (Mr. T. Forsyth) to-day. The board placed on record its appreciation of. the long and faithful service rendered by Mr. R. J. Pope, headmaster at Kaiwarra (37 years' service); Miss M. H. Piggford, head mistress of Mount Cook Girls' School (41-years); [I haven't worked out where she started teaching

28th March 1936 An Appreciation. Mr. W. E. Howe, at a meeting of the Mount Cook School committee, held this week, drew the attention of members to the passing of Miss H. Piggford, who had held tie' position! of head of the girls' school for many years and relinquished it when the boys' and girls' departments became an amalgamated, school; This occurred after nearly-fifty, years as separate units under different heads. Some hundreds of girls, she. said, had. .passed through .the school under Miss Piggford, and learned .to, revere her. Nothing was too much for her to do for her pupils. Miss Piggford had a way of supplying necessities to the children in want and did it unostentatiously. Many a garment found its way into a 1 home, the recipient never dreaming that it came from "teacher.": Those who knew her best were aware of her true womanhood. Miss Piggford left for a trip to England about twelve months ago, intending to call at San Francisco on her return journey to visit an old pupil who had settled there some ten years ago, but who, like many others, had corresponded with her. This did not eventuate "as she was taken ill soon after her arrival at Home and passed away early this month. The committee rose and stood in silence as a mark of respect to her memory.

1916-1917

1917	37	Newman	Best	Thornton R	D60	Head	£225	\$25,218
1917	37	Newman	Evans	Winifred E		Assistant	£117	\$13,113

12th February 1916 Newman, head teacher, Mr F.-Howell: [Mr Howell was teaching in 1915 at Rangiwahia (East of Mangaweka) in the Wanganui Education Board District]

17th March 1916 Miss W E Evans appointed [From Northland School WELLINGTON]

31st March 1916 The death occurred at Napier on Tuesday of Miss G. Gordon Anderson, daughter of Mr A, Anderson, late headmaster of the Newman school. Miss Anderson was for some years' teacher of painting and drawing at the Woodville school, and was a great favourite,- She has been an invalid for some years.

19th April 1916 School Committee Newman. —Messrs P. Dowsett (chairman), E Syme (secretary), H. Elsmore, Jno. Cooper, A. Smith.

27th May 1916 Mr F. G. Howell, formerly of the Newman school, near Eketahuna, has been appointed agricultural master at the Palmerston High School.

31st May Newman Mr T R Best From the Alton school[Alton is between Hawera and Pates next school to Hurleyville where Mrs Francis lived]

8th August 1917 Mr Howell, of the Palmerston North High School, and late of the Newman School, has been appointed Assistant Agricultural Instructor to the Taranaki Education Board. He takes up his duties in about a month's time.

1918-1919

1919	36	Newman	Best	Thornton R	D58	Head	£315	\$28,457
1919	36	Newman	Miller	Ivy M		Assistant	£150	\$13,551

In 1917 Ivy M Millar was a Pupil teacher at The Lyttleton School

19th August 1918 Owing to a case of diphtheria In the Newman district it has been decided to postpone the opening of the Newman school till Tuesday, the 27th

10th September 1918 Miss W E Evans appointed assistant at Fernridge School

26th October 1918 Miss E Grierson appointed assistant Newman, By December 1919 Ethel Grierson was teaching at Eketahuna District High School

7th June 1919 Miss I.M Miller appointed

3rd December 1919 A painful accident occurred at Tawataia on Sunday, by which Miss E. Grierson, of the Eketahuna District High School staff, suffered a dislocation of the shoulder as the result of a fall. Medical aid was secured, but it is understood that it will be some little time before the patient will be able to resume her duties.

1920-1921

1921	33	Newman	Hurren	Mary P	D	Sole	£320	\$27,549	
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Thornton Best goes to Masterton West

25th June 1920 Mrs. Mortimore, a recent arrival in New Zealand, has taken up duty at the Newman school. At the end of 1919 a Mrs Mortimore was teaching at the Hutt DHS. They may have been the same person. There no Mortimore's teaching in state primary schools by the end of 1921

Mary P Hurren came to Newman from the Ponatahi School Carterton

1922-1923

1923	32	Newman	Hurren	Mary P	D130	Sole	£313	\$28,768	
1923	32	Newman	Hyndes	Mary C		Probationer 1	£83	\$7,629	

6th February 1922 Mary C Hyndes of Eketahuna won a Public Service examination in a long list of names

Post 1923

30th January 1924 Mary C Hyndes resigns from Newman School

National Archives Newman Records

Newman School 1935-1975

28th August 1953 Letter from Wellington Education Board asking how the highway encroaches on section 108 and 109

The reason is because they want to put a residence on the sections . The site was directly opposite the school with State Highway running between them

Residence built in 1956 and become a school residence for Eketahuna School

6th May 1957 This means closing an unformed Road

23rd September 1963 title transferred

22nd February 1971 School closed at the end of 1970

6th June 1975 Wellington Education Board to a wanted purchaser

- a) It has been handed back to the Crown and is no longer a responsibility of the Wellington Education Board
- b) School building and grounds were handed back to the locals
- c) Nowadays State Highway 2 runs right over the site of the school and schoolhouse

Newman School

Log Book 1892-1906

Newman School Log

1892

25th January I opened the Newman School today. There were 19 present this morning and 20 this afternoon. The day is very wet The school is held in the Town Hall

The standards represented are are 4,3,2,&1

Signed Kate Nelson

26th One boy admitted today making a total of 21 on the roll

1st February Two pupils admitted today a boy and a girl. The logs round the school have been burning since mid-day The smoke was disagreeable this afternoon

5th February This day has been very wet, and the attendance was in consequence low

9th February I admitted a boy in VII Standard today. There is now 24 on the roll

12th February The average for the week is 22

15th February T received the following letter from Mr Lee [School Inspector] on Friday last
Memorandum

Mrs Nelson Newman

I have asked Mr Bennett [Head Master Eketahuna School] to discontinue his supervision of the Newman School and to leave you to your own guidance. If you are in want of any appliances, in need any direction please communicate with me

Robert Lee

18th February Three pupils have been admitted this week making total of 27 on the roll

22ND February There are 26 present today- This is the highest attendance since the opening of the school

25th February This has been a very wet day there were only 17 present

1st March The average for the past month was 22

2nd march Mr De May visited the school this morning and put the children through Swedish Drill exercises

7th March The average for last week was 26

9th March I admitted a 3rd Standard pupil this morning making a of 28 on the roll

11th March The weather for the past week has been fine and the attendance has been good. The average for the week is 26

14th March I admitted 5 pupils this morning 3 boys and two girls. There are now 33 on roll. The attendance today is 30

18th March Yesterday the 17th was a school holiday as there were to be sports in Eketahuna. The average for the past week was 29

21st March There was another pupil admitted this morning. This day is very wet there are only 19 present

24th March The attendance for today is 24

28th March There are 33 present this morning out of 34 on the roll

April 1st I admitted two pupils yesterday I received a note from Mr Bayliss last evening that the examination is to be held on Friday next

April 5th The attendance this morning was 35 the highest since the opening of the school

7th April I admitted another pupil this morning. There are 36 present today

April 8th I made the first examination of the Newman School today. There were 38 children present and one absent. It would be better for the Standard 7 boy to attend the Eketahuna School. Most of the children live a mile or more from the Newman School and further distance from Eketahuna. This school is clearly an acquisition to the distant settlers I am satisfied with the condition and management of the school for will send from Wellington desks, kindergarten material, maps, forms etc requested

Robert Lee Inspector

April 11th There was another pupil admitted this morning

13th School closed today for the Easter Holidays. The 14th is given as the Inspector's Holiday

21st The school opened this morning after the Easter Holidays There was a girl admitted making 38 on the roll. There are only 23 present today

21st I received a post card from Messrs S & J Baillie Wellington saying that the Education Board had purchased kindergarten material for the school

Class Subjects Marks 0- 100

Grammar 45
History 65
Geography 65
Elementary Scale 25
Total 200
Percentage on class subjects 50

Additional Subjects

Repetition and recitation 10
Drill 10
Singing 15
Needlework 10
Instruction in P T fair

This school has only been open a few months. The order and discipline are satisfactory. The room is suitable and the present temporary state of things should be maintained for a time until the district is more defined. The school is likely to increase in number gradually. A cupboard is much needed, also five dual desks largest size

The general working conditions under Mrs Nelson is fairly satisfactory but more expression in reading should be aimed at

Robert Lee Inspector

18th May There were two pupils admitted on Monday I commenced teaching geometry to the IV and V Standard today

23rd I admitted another pupil this morning. The number on the roll now is 44

25th Yesterday the Queen's Birthday was a school holiday. There are 35 present today The carpenter is working at the back of the school roofing the refreshment room. I have not been able to take reading because of the hammering.

30th The average for the past week was 37

3rd June I examined the classes in arithmetic today and found fair progress

6th Alfred Short called for his slate this afternoon and says the road is so bad that they will not be able to attend until spring

7th I received a pair of wooden compasses on last Thursday from the Education Board

10th This day is very wet. When I opened school this morning there were only 3 boys here. There are 17 present now

13th The weather still continues cold but it is not raining today. There are only 32 present

15th The attendance is still low on account of the cold weather. It is snowing today

17th I cannot get on with the geography lessons to the III, IV, & V standard as I have not yet received the maps and there is only a map of the world in the school

20th Several of the pupils say their parents prefer them to come onto school at 9 a.m. and go out at 3 p.m. I shall ask the committee for leave to do this

23rd The settlers are to have a concert and dance in the school room this evening. The proceeds will be devoted to making the room comfortable

27th The school is to be closed for midwinter holidays on Thursday at 12.30 pm so that I may be able to get to the Conversazione which is to be held at the technical school Wellington on Friday evening July 1st

29th The average for the quarter was 35

18th July The school opened this morning after the Mid winter holidays. The attendance is 36 I got leave from the Eketahuna Committee to open school at 9 am. And close at 3 p.m. So I commenced at that time this morning

20th I received a parcel of books for use of the school from Education Office. There are 17 books in all viz. 3 General, 1 scripture reader, 6 readers, 2 grammar and 5 arithmetic's

19th August The average for this week is only 32. This is the lowest for some months and is due to the very wet weather we have had

22nd I received a map of New Zealand from Messrs Baillie Bros. this afternoon

26th The average for the past week was 36

29th I received the Inspector's circular note and some test cards from Mr. Fleming this morning

1st September This is a very wet day there are only 24 children present

5th September The roads about here are still in a bad state and the children are not able to attend as well as I should wish

7th September This is a splendid day There are 37 present

12th September The average for the past week was 35

14th I received a set of chemical apparatus today from the Education Board I still have to get a cupboard to keep it in

19th Mr Dowsett kindly lent me a table for doing the object lessons

23rd The weather has been wet and stormy during the past week and owing to this the average attendance was only 30

26th On coming to school this morning I found that the table which Mr Dowsett lent me had been broken It must have been done by some of those attending the dancing class on Saturday evening

29th I received 8 large dual desk from Eketahuna this morning

30th The average for the quarter is only 34. This is due to the very bad weather we have had for the past fortnight

3rd October There are 36 children present today. The weather seems improved

5th October The weather continues fine. Several of the class are late in the mornings through illness at their homes and some are absent ill

10th the attendance better today. There are 35 present

12th October I shall close the school at 1 O'clock on Friday as I have to go to Wellington by the 2 p.m. train School will be open as usual at 9 a.m. and continue without recess until 1 p.m.

17th October The attendance is very low. The roads are so bad that several cannot come to school

I have not yet got a cupboard for the chemical apparatus. And cannot therefore unpack it for use

27th A standard 3 pupil May Davis left this week her Mother is now living at Tinui and has taken her home

28th The average for the past week was 35

31st Eva Timmins a Standard 1 pupil who has been absent from school for over 5 months has returned today

4th November The attendance was better this week. The average was 36. I got a box made into a temporary cupboard for the chemistry apparatus as I could not put off the lessons any longer

7th November There are 37 present today. Mr Short's children have not yet returned to school

10th The school was closed yesterday it being the Prince of Wales Birthday

14th Two of Mr Short's children are present today and the others are to come next week. There were 39 present this morning

18th November the average attendance for the past week was 36

21st November There are 40 children present today. I admitted a boy this morning. There are now 43 on the roll

25th The attendance for the past week was good. The average was 40

29th I admitted two pupils to-day a boy and a girl. The roll number is now 45

2nd December I examined the classes in arithmetic, they all did well with the exception of one third standard boy who attends irregularly the average for the past week was 43

6th December I admitted a 6th standard girl today

9th The average for the past week was 44

12th There were 45 pupils present today

15th School closes today for the Mid-summer holidays The average for the quarter was 37 and for the past month 43

1893

24th January School reopened today. There are 32 present. Several pupils are grass seeding. I admitted a boy and a girl this morning

27th The average for the past week was only 31. This is due to the number of boys who are cutting grass seed

31st The attendance is still low. Only 36 pupils are present today. I admitted a girl this morning

3rd February The attendance for the past week was a little better better than the previous one

7th Readmitted a standard 5 boy this morning. A Standard 3 boy Hans Johnson is leaving as his parents are going to Hastwell

10th The average for the past week was 42. Most of the pupils are attending regularly

15th February this is a very wet day. There were only 12 children present and their clothes were so wet I had to send them home after I had marked the register

17th The weather is still bad and the average for this week is in consequence low

21st There were 46 present yesterday I have now gone through the Object Lesson Syllabus twice

24th There was a dance held in the school room on Wednesday night and it took me until 9.25 to arrange the furniture etc. I did not give the children the ten minutes play I also had to keep them in until 12.15 instead of 12

28th The average for February was 37

3rd March I will have to take the clock home with me this afternoon as I find it has been moved both in and back by persons coming here on Sundays

7th I admitted an Upper Junior boy this morning

10th This is a very wet day I did not allow the children out at either play time or or during the dinner hour

13th Mr Bayliss Chairman of the School Committee has given the children this afternoon a half holiday so that they could attend the Sunday School picnic

17th There was a dance held in the school room last night but I found everything had been put in order before 9 a.m. today

21st I admitted 2 girls and 1 boy today

24th I had to remain at school until nearly 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon to rearrange the maps and diagrams as they had been hung in a disorderly manner when the lining of the room was completed

28th I have to buy slate pencils and blotting paper at the store this morning as the committee has not supplied me with any for some months

30th School closes today for the Easter holidays. The average for the quarter was 40

5th April School was opened this morning. I received notice from Mr Fleming that we are likely to have the exam next week

7th April There was a dance held in the school room last night and as I got no notice about it I put the the school arrangements about a good deal

10th April I received notice today that the exam would be on Friday next

13th April The school was examined today. 49 children were present out of 52 on the roll. Four failed to come up to standard requirements two of these being exceptions. Spelling was good all through the school Reading and recitation might have been a little more expressive. Arithmetic was satisfactory (Standard 6 and 7 were very good) except in Standard 4 which was a weak standard generally Composition was good in Standard & 7 There was an improvement in the class subjects Physiology

Was very fairly taught

The surroundings of the room are simply abdominal, there is no ground and what is perhaps worse there is no water for the children to drink/ The room as it stands at present cannot be healthy for the children the place should be drained as soon as possible

In drawing Mrs Nelson should keep the children at Geometry and Freehand and present some at the next First Grade examination. In the class readers it will be better for each class to have its own reader. The classes may be grouped as before in class subjects

Vivian Higgins who passed Standard 7 may be used as a probationer until the school is entitled to a a pupil teacher when he may be appointed after a trial of six months. The Head teacher has to report on the Pupil Teacher's work after six months. T R Fleming

[Vivian Higgins started his Pupil Teacher ship in 1895 and went on to have a very successful teaching career]

17th April The school was closed on Friday last it being the Inspector's holiday. I admitted two girls today

21st I have not started the new work yet as we have not the books

25th The new School Committee was elected last evening Messrs S Dawson (Chairman), J Mead (Secretary). J Dunstall, F Baigent, M Berg, N Nelson, F Dowsett

28th I got the children their new books this week

3rd May The weather this week has been very bad up to the present

5th The average for last week was only 41

8th Mrs Rubick has refused to clean the school in future as it is in such a dirty state on Monday mornings through the church services on Sunday. She had to sweep and dust again on Monday morning without any extra remuneration

11th May The following are the names of the pupils who passed the standards at the examination held the 13th April

Standard I Cooper Milton, Short Charles, Drysdale Margaret, Dunstall May, Dunstall Annie, Higgins Violet, Timmins Eva, Waldmann Nelly,

Standard II Drysdale Jane, Drysdale Edward, Rubick Albert, Short Alfred, Waldmann George, Youle Charles, Robinson Olive,

Standard III Berg Oscar, Cooper Nelson, Dawson Ernest, Dowsett Ernest, Rubick Edward, Unsworth Percy, Youle, Frederick, Waldmann, Fanny

Standard IV Dunstall John, Higgins Gilbert, Higgins Florence

Standard V Dawson Leonard, Monaghan Arthur, Robinson Edward

Standard VI Robinson Ethel

Standard VII Higgins Vivian

Class subjects Grammar 55, History 75, Geography 75 Elementary science 60. Total 265 % on class subjects 66

Additional subjects Repetition and recitation 12, Drill and exercise 10, singing 12, Needlework 10 Subject matter of reading lessons 15. Total 59

Instruction in Standard 7 and primers very fair' [then copied out again was the inspector's statement copied under 13th April and signed by S Dawson [Chairman School Committee]

16th May Eight children have left the school since the examination. One family with four children has shifted to Mangatainoka and another family has gone back in the bush over 6 miles. There are now only 46 on the books

22nd may Mr Dawson Chairman of the School Committee visited the school to-day I admitted two pupils this morning

25th This is a very wet day here were only 7 present

1st June The weather is still bad The attendance today is 37

5th June Mr Dawson sent some stationery to the school this morning

5th June Four of Mr Short's children left school today. They have gone to Wanganui on account of Mrs Short's health

9th June The weather has been very bad during the past week The average attendance was only 33

13th The attendance is better than last week

16th June I have sent out some subscription lists in aid of the school prizes and have received £3 18 10 The amount collected on the lists was 19 and six books

27th There was a concert and dance held in the school room last evening the proceeds are to go towards the purchase of a tank for the building. The concert raised £3.0.0

29th June Mr Dowsett distributed the prizes at 2 O'clock this afternoon, after which I closed the school for the mid-winter holidays. The average for the past quarter is 39

17th July School reopened this morning The day is very cold and wet There are 31 children present School starts at 9.30 instead of 9 as there were so many late in the mornings

20th July Mr Dowsett has employed a man to spread some gravel around the building

26th This day is very wet and cold. There are only 13 children present

31st The attendance is again very low on account of the rain

2nd August Mr S Dawson chairman of the School Committee visited the school this afternoon

4th The children are to have a half holiday this afternoon. Three boys John Dunstall, Percy Dowsett and Arthur Monaghan planted a tree each this morning at the back of the building

11th The past week was very wet but the attendance was better than the previous week

14th August A school library has been started. 24 volumes have been given by the pupils

15th August on entering the Newman school today I found it in good working order with quiet discipline. Mrs Nelson is a satisfactory teacher and manager. There were 37 children present out of 46 on the books. Owing to the very bad condition of the roads many children have a difficulty in attending during the winter months. The School Committee have done much to mitigate the bad surroundings of this building justly complained of in Mr Fleming's last report. Much of the water is drained off and a tank has been purchased also the room has been lined and rendered more comfortable. I am glad to find a school library has been started with 60 volumes, to which the board will shortly add a small contribution of new books. The loan of a Gaggy's Physiological Diagram denied and will be responded to. I have given a few hints as to methods of work. The general character of the work appears satisfactory the question of the final determination of a site for the school must be left for a time. Probably until the time of the election of the next School Committee. The present building answers its temporary purpose very well, if the drainage is satisfactory

Robert Lee Inspector

18th I got another volume for the school library to-day

22nd The weather has been wretched for the past two days. There were only 11 pupils in attendance to-day

28th The tank was attached to the building this morning

31st The weather has been splendid during the past week and the attendance was better

6th September The 1st Grade Drawing examination was held this morning. There were 10 candidates present 4 took freehand and Geometry 2 Geometry only and 3 freehand only

Mr Dawson Chairman of Committee was supervisor

7th September I received the following copy of Mr Lee's inspection Report

Classes : All Teacher Mrs Nelson

Building: lined and made suitable improvements made in appearance and surroundings

Timetable: satisfactory. Methods: good Discipline The classes were kept well occupied

Tidiness of room Satisfactory. Mrs Nelson is a good teacher and manager. It is not recommended that any action should be taken at present in regard to a new school site and building Robert Lee

11th September I have constructed a new time-table and shall start the work according to it this morning

15th The average for the past week was 35

19th The roads are now getting dry and some pupils who have been absent through the winter have begun to attend school again

22nd The weather has been splendid during the past week. The average attendance was 37

29th The average attendance for the past month was 37 and for the quarter 33

4th oct The chairman of the School Committee has given me leave to close the school at 2.30 pm on Friday next as the room has to be scrubbed before the dance which is to come off in the evening. The children are to work all through the dinner hour

9th Mrs Higgins gave me a book to-day to place in the school library

13th The average for the past week was 35

17th The attendance has fallen off through wet weather during the last two days there was only an average of 32

20th I was so ill yesterday that I could not open school but I resumed work this morning

26th This being the Masterton show day the school was closed by order of the School Committee

30th October of the candidates at the recent first grade drawing examination 3 passed in freehand and 1 in geometry Passed in Freehand Leone Dawson, Arthur Monaghan John Dunstall. Geometry Ethel Robinson

1st November I got another volume this morning for the school library

6th There was a first standard boy admitted this morning

10th I examined all the classes to-day and the work was fairly good

14th Yesterday was very wet and the attendance was low

21st November There are 40 pupils present this morning. This is the largest attendance since last summer

27th November Mr Dawson Chairman School Committee informed me he has purchased a wash hand basin for use of the school

31st The average for the last month was 34

4th December I received notice from the Education Board that the Christmas holidays are to commence on Friday December 15th

5th The certificates indrawing acquired in the recent First Grade exams came to hand to-day

8th I examined the upper classes in arithmetic this morning 2 boys and 1 girl had less than half the number of sums worked correctly

11th I sent a note to the committee before their last meeting to say that Mr Warner's children had not attended once during the quarter

December 14th School closes this afternoon for the midsummer- holidays The average attendance for the past quarter was 33

1894

29th January The school reopened this morning after the mid-summer holidays. The weather is rough and there are only 28 present

31st Mr Warner's three children are present this morning. This is their first attendance since the mid-winter holidays

2nd February The average for the past month was only 32. Several pupils have been irregular owing to grass seeding

9th Three pupils have left since the beginning of the quarter

15th February Arthur and John Monaghan have not attended school since the holidays and as the annual examination is usually held in April they are not likely to be very well prepared for it. They have now been away from school 11 weeks and are working on the farm

19th February Two pupils were admitted this morning

26th This morning is very cold and wet. There are only 17 pupils present

28th The average for the month was 36

3rd March Mr. Unsworth gave me five books to place in the school library

6th I received a parcel of books from the Education Board this morning. It contained 12 volumes and these are to be placed in the school library in which there are now 60 volumes\

9th I have been notified by the Secretary of Education Board the working average attendance for each quarter will be required in future

15th Mr De May visited the school this afternoon and put the children through Swedish drill exercises

16th The attendance for the past fortnight has been very good

21st I received notice to-day that Mr Lee will examine the school on Thursday April 26th

22nd School closes this afternoon for the Easter holidays

28th School re-opened this morning. There is a good attendance. I have presented another book to the school library

30th The average attendance for the past month was 39 and for the quarter 37

3rd April The pupils had their annual picnic yesterday. I had a surplus of 15/6 [15 shillings and sixpence] which I am going to keep in reserve until the next school treat

5th April Mr Robertson sent me 5/- for the school library

7th Arthur Monaghan is present this morning. He has only been present twice since the Christmas holiday

17th I received a note from Mr Lee this morning to say that it was probable he would not be able to examine the school until Friday 27th

23rd Th election of School Committee takes place this evening

24th The following are the names of the new School Committee Messrs Dunstall (Chairman), Berg, Baigent, Cooper, Crook, Nelson and Ure

30th The school was examined last Friday by Mr Lee. Thirty pupils were presented of those who appeared two failed and twenty seven passed

4th The day is very wet there are only 15 children present

7th I presented the pass cards this morning to the pupils who passed the several standards at the recent examination

9th May Mr Dunstall Chairman School Committee has given me leave to close the school at 1 p.m. tomorrow as I am going to Masterton The school will be also closed on Friday for the Inspector's holiday

14th The following are the names of those who passed at the recent examination

I Standard Madeline crook, Elizabeth Morris, Ralph Prescott,

II Standard Milton cooper, May Dunstall, Annie Dunstall, Violet Higgins

III Standard William Edwards, Horace Higgins, Albert Rubick, Charles Youle, Jane Drysdale

IV Standard Oscar Berg, Nelson Cooper, Ernest Dowsett, Hamish Johnson, John Monaghan, Percy Unsworth, Frederick Youle

V John Dunstall, Gilbert Higgins, Loruice? Higgins

VI Standard Leonard Dawson, Arthur Monaghan, Edward Robinson

VII Standard Ethel Robinson

Exam Report

Class Subjects Marks 0 to 100)

Grammar 75

History 80
Geography 80
Elementary Science 95
Total 310
% on subjects 78
Additional Marks (o to 20)
Repetition Recitation 15
Drill and exercise 15
Singing 17
Needlework 18
Subject matter of Lessons 15
Total 80

Instruction in Standard 7 and Primers- Good

This school has been faithfully taught and good work has been done in all classes and in all subjects by Mrs Nelson

Robert Lee 14th May '94

Countersigned by Albert Dunstall Chairman of the School Committee

17th May There is now an organ in the school room It has been purchased by the Wesley congregation for use during their services. Mr Baillie has given me permission to use it on Friday's to accompany the children's songs

18th I removed Richard and Rose Whitsitt's names from the register this afternoon Mr Whitsitt has moved to his land which is about six miles from here

25th Yesterday being the Queen's Birthday school was closed

29th This is a very wet day. There are only ten pupils present

31st May I admitted my son Francis A Nelson this morning

1st June The attendance since the examination has not been very good. The average for the past month was 33

5th I shall have to report the Non-attendance of Mr Warner's children again to the School Committee since the examination

8th June Frederick Youle a Standard 5 boy has only been present 3 Days since the examination and his brother informs me he will not be able to attend until the winter is over

11th This is a very wet day. There are 30 children present

15th Mr Fraser a member of the Education Board visited the school this afternoon

18th This is a very wet day. The attendance is only 11

12th The attendance for the past week has been very low owing to the bad weather. The average was only 26

28th School closes this afternoon for the mid-winter holiday

16th July School re-opened this morning. There are 33 children present

17th This is a very wet day. There are only 26 children at school

23rd I removed the names of five pupils from the roll on Friday last

27th The attendance this week was fairly good

1st August This is Arbor day and the school is closed. A number of pupils assembled at the school this morning and five trees were planted, four Blue Gums and One Poplar

3rd August The average for the past week was only 26 owing to the very wet weather

6th I removed a girl's name from the roll on Friday Last. There are now only 38 on the books
13th August I paid a visit to the school this afternoon. The work was going on smoothly. The surroundings have improved greatly since my last visit. The gravel laced round the building has improved the place, and the water supply is now a good one thanks to the energy of the teacher and the people of the district. The school is now fairly well supplied with all requisites for teaching. A map of the British Isles and Bacon's Drawing charts would be of great use to the teacher. A set of the latter can be obtained for about £2/12/6 mounted on calico. If the committee undertake to pay half, the Board will pay the remainder. Yaffey's physiology Diagram can be borrowed from Eketahuna. The registers are satisfactory with one exception, the passes for 1894 have not yet been entered in the admission register. The exercise books (especially standard 3) should be improve. I took standard 5 and standard 1 in reading. Care should be taken to see the answers to questions in class should be given in a clear distinct tone. The geography lesson given to the Upper classes (last half hour was a satisfactory one The work generally appears to be going on in a fairly satisfactory manner. Mrs Nelson is painstaking and Industrious T R Fleming

14th Mr Nelson fixed a wash hand basin in the ante room on Friday last for the use of the pupils

20th I returned Yaggy's Diagram (which I received last week) to Mr Dorset by the day's mail as Mr Fleming informed me I could borrow one from the Eketahuna School

24th I received some examples of first grade Freehand drawing from Mr Riley this afternoon [Wellington Education Board art instructor]

27th This afternoon Mrs Crook kindly gave me two towels for the school

29th This day is very wet and stormy. There are 18 children present

5th September The first grade drawing examination is being held this morning. There are eight candidates presented Three in Freehand and five in geometry. Mr Dunstall, chairman of School Committee is supervisor. As the morning is wet and I could not have the other pupils in the room until Mr Dunstall has given half holiday this afternoon

6th September Mr Bennett [Headmaster Eketahuna] has by Mr Fleming's direction lent me two physiology charts for 3 weeks

10th I admitted two pupils this morning. I received a map of the British Islands the morning from the Ed. Office

12th Mr De May visited the school this morning and put the children through Swedish Drill exercises

13th September Inspectors report Not included because basically just repeats previous notes Additional Information State of building. Gravel has been placed round the school room. Thanks to the energy of the teacher and the people of the district who raised funds by means of a concert the water supply is now satisfactory

The building is suitable and will meet all requirements of the district for some time to come. Other Topics The school library now contains 60 volumes. T R Fleming. Countersigned by A Dunstall Chairman of the School Committee

19th This is a very wet and there is a low attendance

24th On coming to school this morning I found the furniture al disarranged and it took from 9.25 to 9.40 to get it into proper order. I also found a number of the easel pegs broken

26th A travelling photographer took a photo of the school children this afternoon. There were only 26 present Several of the boys are away ill with bad colds. This morning I returned the Physiological Diagrams which Mr Bennett lent me

28th This is the last school day in the month, the average for the month was 28 and for the past week only 25

3rd October The weather since Monday has been bitterly cold. A number of the children are still absent through illness

5th I admitted four boys this morning. The roll number is now 43

10th October Edward Robinson a Standard 7 boy has been absent from school since the 12th September. He wanted to go out at 3 p.m. and when I asked him for a note from his mother saying she wished it he remained away altogether

15th October There is an attendance of 40 this morning

16th October Mr Lee was here yesterday to confer with School Committee re erection of school and as he needed the room the children were dismissed at 3.30 p.m.

19th The attendance today is 91

24th Tomorrow is to be Masterton Show Day and Mr Dunstall Chairman of the School Committee has given a holiday. The results in connection with the recent First Grade Drawing examination came to hand to-day Of the eight Candidates presented 5 passed The names of those who passed are freehand John Monaghan and William Edwards (Good). Geometry Nelson Cooper (Good) Edward Robinson, Edward Rubick

29th The certificates acquired at the First Grade Drawing Examination came to hand today

2nd November The weather for the past week has been splendid and the attendance was good. I got leave from Mr Dunstall chairman of the School Committee to close school at 1 p.m. this afternoon as I want to go to Wellington

6th Ethel Robinson a Standard 7 girl has been absent from school for the past fortnight through illness

8th November Tomorrow being Prince of Wales's birthday there will be no school

13th I received notice from the Education Board to-day that a set of Bacon's Drawing Charts had been ordered for the school

15th I admitted 6 pupils this week. There are now 50 on the roll

19th This is a very wet day. There are only 17 pupils present I intend closing school early as I have a very severe cold in my chest and feel much worse than when I came to school this morning

20th Feeling better this morning I was able to resume work

27th There are 44 children present this morning

30th The average for the week was 40

4th December Two pupils Nelson Cooper and Nellie Crook have been absent for some time through illness. The former has asthma and the latter pleurisy

7th The average attendance for the past week was 40

10th We purpose holding a school concert on Monday evening next. The proceeds are to be devoted to the purchase of prizes

14th A boy and a girl left school this week. They went with their parents to N S Wales

18th Our school concert came off last evening and was very successful. The proceeds amounted £3. 11 shillings

21st School closes today for the mid-summer holidays. The average for the quarter was 37

1895

28th January The school reopened today. I admitted eight pupils this morning. There are now 55 on the roll

1st February The attendance has increased very much since the holidays. The average for the past month was 45

4th This is a very wet day. There are only 21 present

9th I admitted 2 boys this morning. The roll number is now 57

11th February Last week was very wet The average attendance was 42

14th The No. on the roll is now 61 and the average for the past week was 50. I shall ask the committee at their meeting on Saturday to apply to the Ed Board for the appointment of a P.T [Pupil Teacher]

18th The weather is still fine and the attendance is good

23rd I examined the classes today & the work is not yet as good as it was before the holidays

25th I got a loan of Nagy's diagram from Mr Worboys of the Eketahuna School on Friday last

28th The average attendance for the past week was 47

5th March I returned the Physiological Diagrams this morning

6th Mr Fleming wrote today to say that the examination of this school will take place on Tuesday 9th April

11th March Two more books were placed in the school library today viz Grimm's Goblins and Longman's Geographical Reader for N Zealand

12th March Mr T Fleming has written to say that the examination is unavoidably postponed to Wednesday 24th April there was another boy admitted this morning making a total of 62 on the books

18th There are only 27 present today. This low attendance is due to the annual sports being held at Hawera [Hamua] this afternoon

19th I admitted another pupil this morning

22nd Today is very cold and wet. There are 26 present

25th When I was in Wellington on the 15th inst Mr Dorset [Secretary of Wellington Education Board] promised to forward 5 large dual desks. But I have not yet received them.

29th The average attendance for the past quarter was 47. During the quarter I admitted 20 pupils and removed the names of 8. There are now 60 pupils on the books

1st April Miss Ethel Robinson has been appointed Pupil Teacher and entered her duties this morning

8th There are 52 pupils present today

11th School closed today for the Easter holidays

18th I was unable to get back from Wellington in time to open school yesterday morning on account slips, the train had stopped running between Masterton and Eketahuna. I had to ride from Masterton yesterday

19th I had a letter from Mr Fleming to say that he has again to postpone the examination to Monday 29th April

23rd April The following are the names of the newly elected School Committee :-Messrs Baigent, Berg, Baker, Dunstall (Chairman), French and Ure

29th Have entered notes in examination schedules. Report will be entered when Received. Work of the year considering the number Mrs Neilson has had to deal with before Miss Robinson came three weeks ago has been on the whole satisfactory T R Fleming [Inspector]

Passes

30th April The following are the names of the children who passed the standards at the examination held on 29th April

Standard I Frederick berg, William Drysdale, William Sheehan, John Sheehan, Mabel Cook

Standard II Monaghan Frank, Oswald Smith, Edward Sheehan, Madeline Crook, Elizabeth Harris, Lucy Smith, Mary Kennedy

Standard III Milton Cooper, Edward Kennedy, May Dunstall, April Dunstall, Violet Higgins, Olive Robinson

Standard IV Horace Higgins, Charles Youle, Jane Drysdale, Mary Monaghan

Standard V Nelson cooper, Margaret Dawson, Ernest Dowsett, Frederick Youle

Standard VII Leonard Dawson

Copy of notes entered by Mr Fleming in Exam schedules:-

Primes Reading and spelling rather weak. Large numbers in school. Mrs Nielson only recently received assistance

Standard 1 Reading weak

Standard II Work fair. Lines in exercise books too close together

S III Work generally good, geography very good

S IV Recitation more distinct the upper classes arithmetic weak

S 5 Recitation indistinct A little more expression required in reading. Arithmetic weak, Geography fair. Physiology Good, history good

S 6 Reading and recitation moderate- Class subjects good

S7 (As you like it) Well done- Reading good

Small words slurred over in 3 upper classes

Some very good work in this class Goldim of the deserted Village may be used in S 5, 6,& 7

Writing improved. Would suggest more upright style

May 1st I arranged the pupils in their new classes today

8th The children got their new books yesterday

9th This is a very wet day. There are only 25 children present

13th Six boys have left the school since the examination There are now 54 on the books

15th I distributed the pass cards this morning

17th This day is very wet and cold. There are only 17 pupils present

20th Today is stormy and showery . The attendance is 25

27th There is only an attendance of 25 today as it is again wet and stormy

31st The average attendance for the past month was 39

3rd June I admitted two pupils this morning There are now 54 on the roll

6th I received a parcel of clay for modelling from Ed Office this afternoon

7th The school was closed this afternoon as there is to be a teacher social in Masterton tonight

10th Inspector's report on Examination held April 29th '95

Class	Presented	Present	Passed
X	2	-	
S6	2	2	-
S5	7	7	4
S4	7	6	4
S3	6	6	6
S2	10	8	7
S1	6	6	5
P	19		
Total	59	35	26

15th July School reopened this Morning The attendance is 41

19th The average attendance for the past week was 41

24th The attendance is lower this week than last. This is due to the weather and the very bad condition of the roads. Several are absent because of illness

29th Mr Worboys of Eketahuna School has lent me two Physiological diagrams

[A page or two has been carefully cut out]

15th July 1895 [Note order as in log not in date order]

Finished the school with the assistance of monitors this - received note from the secretary of the Education Board intimating that Miss Robinson relieving teacher would take up her duties as Mistress until the arrival of Miss Aviso who has been appointed Miss Arnold's successor

14th A Very wet day Attendance below half roll number- Miss Robinson entered upon her duties as relieving teacher on Monday 5th instant

Mr Dowsett (Chairman of the School Committee informed me yesterday that he had received intimation from the Education office that Miss Avison would take up her duties at Newman on or about the 10th September

17th Forwarded to the Education office receipt for the following technical Instruction materials- 7 lbs [pounds weight] Plasticene, 22 Dozen boards, 1 dozen tools, 1500 sheets paper folding, 8 inches x 8 inches, plain and coloured

25th Very wet day small attendance 924)

28th Owing to prevalence of Whooping Cough the school was closed by order of Dr Chadwick, the District Health Officer.

1st August The average attendance for the past month was 39

5th This day is wet and cold The attendance is 37

8th I intend presenting 13 candidates at the next First Grade Drawing examination 6 in Freehand five geometry

12th This morning was very wet. There are only 27 present

13th Mr Fleming visited the school this morning

The end of Mr Fleming's piece read and the writing was good. The writing was satisfactory – Both Mr Robinson and Miss Arnold haven't [Illegible] during the year. T R Fleming

22nd June Very wet attendance 29

23 A North west gale blowing Very wet and stormy. Very small attendance (20)

26th During the whole of this week (ending 26th) the weather has continued wet and stormy- the attendance being less than half the roll number on every day of the week

3rd July A very wet day- Small attendance School was closed this afternoon at 3 p.m. for the mid-winter holidays (2 weeks)

20th School reopened after midterm winter holidays

22-24 All very wet days- Attendance below half the roll number

31st Miss Arnold has sent in her resignation to the Education Board on the 15th June left today- occasion was taken at the close of the school to present Miss Arnold with a souvenir in the shape of a silver tea pot the gift of the children as a token of esteem- Mr Dowsett chairman of the School Committee attended and handed to Miss Arnold a highly complementary testimonial from the School Committee Miss Arnold suitably acknowledged the gift

19th The following is a list of the appliances and furniture in the Newman School:-

1 Map of world

1 Map of Europe

1 Map of New Zealand

1 Map of British Isles

3 Natural History charts

1 clock

2 historical charts

2 Physiological Diagrams (Borrowed from Eketahuna School)

1 Globe

1 Hand Bell

7 Chambers Reading Sheets

6 Cassell's reading sheets

1 set Bacon's Drawing Sheets (Freehand)

3 Black Boards

2 Easels

1 pair Compasses (Wooden)

1 Modulator

1 Kindergarten Weaving Frame Mats, Clay, Sticks, Joints, films

1 set Chemical Apparatus (Object Lessons)

1 box wooden models

1 Teacher desk

12 Large Dual Desks

15 Small Dual Desks

1 chair

4 Roller towels

62 Books in school library (signed K Nelson Head Teacher)

31st August The attendance of S6 is very unsatisfactory especially of Nelson cooper who is scarcely ever present in time for reading and Arithmetic in the morning

23rd August [Order as in log] as I have not been in good health for some time the Education Board has kindly granted me leave of absence until the end of the year and is sending Mr Neill to take charge of the school Mr Neill commences his duties on Monday next

21st August Robert Neill I entered on my duties (as relieving teacher) in this school today. I had formerly reported myself to Mr Dunstall (chairman of the School Committee) and interviewed the teacher relieved- Mrs Nelson. I intend to conduct the school as nearly as possible on the lines which Mrs Nelson has adopted. Mrs Nelson was resent this forenoon and very kindly gave me many necessary explanations. The roll number is 55 those present today numbered 43. The weather was not good

30th The day is very wet and consequently the attendance is low. I received today notice re exam of Drawing on Wednesday September 4th I sent circular to Mrs Nelson

4th September The first grade Drawing Exam was held commencing at 10 a.m. Mr Dunstall Chairman of School Committee acted as supervisor

The following candidates presented themselves for examination – viz- 5 for freehand and 6 for Geometrical. As the day was an exceedingly wet one Mr Dunstall announced the school would be closed for ordinary lessons. The drawing candidates sat from 10 to 12 noon after which their papers were enclosed in an envelope and posted by Mr Dunstall

6th September This has been a very wet week and consequently the attendance is down to 36.5 average

11th September Received today Mr Fleming's Inspection report a copy of which is subjoined as follows

Newman Public School Inspected August 15th, 1895

Standard 6- Primers Teachers Mrs Nelson Head. Miss Robinson Pupil teacher

Present 36 Roll number 55

This school is now well appointed and in fair working order. Mrs Nelson who has been a faithful servant of the Board for over eleven years, has been compelled through ill health to apply for leave of absence to the end of the year. I recommend that the Board grant her leave on the usual terms and that a qualified teacher be immediately sent out up to take charge

The school has been gradually increasing in numbers and as the pupil teacher was appointed at the beginning of this year last year's work was arduous. All classes were taught and the average attendance was not high owing principally to the bad conditions of the roads

Signed T R Fleming

12th I discovered that the school globe had been scratched by placed too close to the lamp during the entertainment last night

13th Received cheque from the Education Board for Mr J Drysdale and sent it to him by Jane Drysdale same night

17th September Some of the boys set fire to the herbage around the school at dinner-hour and we had to spend about an hour of the afternoon putting it out. Sent voucher to Mr Dorset [Wellington Education Board]

18th I had an inquest as to the cause of the fire and three boys acknowledged that they lit it Viz:- Ed Kennedy, H Higgins, & E Smith. I reprimanded them and admonished the whole school against such practice

19th I got permission from Mr Dunstall to have a half holiday on Monday in order that I may have a Sunday at home

25th The weather is very bad again and the attendance is low The pupil teacher kept on the school on Monday the 23rd till I arrived at 1.30 p.m. The children behaved well

27th Have just made up attendance summary for the week. Average 32

1st October I finished quarterly returns and got them signed by Mr Dunstall. The number on the roll increased to 59. The average for the week 38

10th October The door of the lean to was blown off its hinges

10th The high wind rendering travelling in the bush unsafe has considerably affected the attendance

14th Though there are 62 on the roll the average for the week is 42 is a low one

15th Wrote to Mr Dunstall re backdoor having blown off its hinges

21st The average for the week past was 45 It might have been better only that there are two or three families that attend badly

21st I received a map of Australia to-day from L & W Mackay- sent receipt to Education Board

25th The day has been unusually wet and stormy and I dismissed the school (9) I sent word to Mr Dunstall to that effect asking his approval. Got it

28th I entered 4 new pupils to-day h makes the roll number 66. Average for week 43

30th I gave a book to the school library -hog Myrle and keat by Brockett

1st November Miss Robinson with the consent of the chairman and myself was absent to-day

5th I have received results of exam in First Grade drawing, out of the 11 subjects there were 4 passes (and these in Geometry) Viz:- E Dawson, H Higgins P J Monaghan, G A Rubick G

8th We have had one or two wet days this week which keeps the attendance low

12th Entered two more scholars. Total now 68

18th owing to sickness in the district the attendance for the past week has been only 39

19th This day was extremely wet and as a very few came I dismissed them and sent word to the chairman

21st The day being very wet the few children who came were wet and I was and I dismissed them I sent word to the chairman who disapproved

25th The weather has been very wet during the week and the average is only 38

26th Very wet day 11 present. PT absent (with leave)

2nd December The past week has been very wet and the average attendance is only 27

On seven the attendance was under the half

3rd December Received COPY OF "the manual of elementary Technical Instruction Act 1895

4th I sent a report re attendance to the committee

9th I admitted another scholar last week The average attendance is still low

12th Mr Dunstall indicated to the pupils that the parents of pupils in irregular attendance would be proceeded against if the attendance did not get better

16th The weather having improved the average has increased to 41 last week

17th received notice that that Mrs Nelson will resume charge on Thursday the 19th Miss Robinson absent from school on account of illness

18th Received Notice of Pupil Teacher exam on the 20th and 21st . P T still absent

19th Mrs Nelson resumed duty to-day

19th I resumed charge of the school today signed K Nelson

1896

27th January School opened this morning There were four new pupils admitted today The classes seemed earnest in their work

31st The average attendance for the past week week was only. Owing principally to the bad weather

3rd This day is very wet and cold. There are only 19 children present

7th Arthur and Ernest smith who some months ago left the school have returned this week

10th Admitted a Standard 4 boy this morning

13th There is a show in Eketahuna this afternoon and a number of pupils are absent in consequence

14th I just saw by Wednesday Mornings N Z Times [A Wellington Newspaper] that Miss Robinson has succeeded in passing her first years P T Examination

17th The attendance to-day is the highest as yet this quarter. There are 54 present I examined Standards 2 to 6 in arithmetic to-day and the work was very poor

18th Arthur Nicholls a Standard 6 boy is present today for the first time since the holidays

25th We propose holding our Annual School Picnic on the 17th march

28th The average attendance for the past month was 44

5th March this is a very wet day. There are 36 present

6th March I examined the classes to-day and the work is not nearly as good as I should wish to see it

9th I found this morning that a slate had been broken at the dance on Friday Evening last

12th Nelly Crook a Standard 1 girl fell off a log at dinner time to-day and broke her right arm. Miss Robinson P T was absent today- ill

16th We are to have a holiday tomorrow for our annual picnic which promises to be very successful as we have collected £4 12s 04 on the lists beside the provisions that are promised

18th The weather was splendid yesterday and our picnic went off very well

19th Miss Robinson was so ill this morning that I persuaded her to go home at dinner time

20th Miss Robinson again absent to-day- ill

24th Miss Robinson had again to leave school this morning through illness. As she is suffering from Asthma. Mr Dunstall on my recommendation has given her leave to remain away until Monday next

26th The attendance for the week has been very This is due to the wet weather

30th Miss Robinson is present this afternoon This morning was very wet. There are only 15 present

31st The average attendance for the quarter was 41

2nd April The school was closed this afternoon for the Easter holidays

8th School was opened this morning The windows had been left open by those who were at a dance on Monday night and on coming to school this morning I found most of the maps and charts lying on the floor, partly torn from the rollers

10th I received notice from Mr Lee today that the school is to be examined Friday April 24th

13th Albert Rubick (standard 4) has had to go home at 3 O'clock every day since the beginning of the year, and as the the geography lesson is from 3.15 to 3.30 he is sure to be weak in that subject

16th Miss Robinson had to leave school this afternoon ill

24th In the examination today the work was very backward. Mrs Nelson has been on leave for four months and the work in the interval has fallen backwards

59 on Books. Of whom 57 were present. I was not all impressed with the ? and energy of Miss Robinson and very great improvement in her will be looked for Robert Lee Inspector

27th At the examination held on Friday last 38 pupils were presented in Standards. Of these 2 were absent, 20 failed and 16 passed

Standard 6 Nelson Cooper

Standard 4 Milton Cooper, Charlie McDonagle, Albert Rubick, Annie Dunstall, Violet Higgins

Standard 2 Frederick berg, Henry Carrington, William Drysdale, Mabel Crook, Lucy Cobb, Edith Moss

Standard 1 Nelly Crook, Edith Compton, Flossy Smith, Thomas Moss

28th The election of School Committee was held last night. The following are the names of the newly elected Committee for the district. Messrs Baker, Dunstall, Drysdale, French, Higgins (Chairman), McManus, Moss

31st The average attendance for the past month was 41

4th May I arranged the pupils in their new classes on Monday last but they did not get their books until today. I was not able to get books for Standards 4 &5 and Messrs Whitcombe and Tombs do not expect to have any in stock for 6 weeks

6th The attendance is not so high this week s last

11th I distributed the Standard pass cards this afternoon

15th The average attendance for the past week was 41

18th I was able to get some Standard 3.4 &5 reading books from Masterton so I shall now be able to go on with the required books

22nd The girls commenced their sewing today

26th Yesterday being a holiday instead of 24th (Sunday) the school was closed

27th The new school is now finished so I wrote to Mr Dorset to-ay asking for some more furniture

2nd June I had the pleasure to visit the Newman School this morning It was pleasing to find such a good attendance of scholars and the school in such excellent working order & discipline even under the great difficulties on het inconvenience of the temporary schoolroom which I was to state will now be obviated by the removal next week to the excellent and more accommodating quarters of the new school buildings just now erected by the Board of education which everyone agrees is a great acquisition to the district

Charles Higgins, Chairman Newman School Committee [Punctuation as written]

4th June Mr Higgins has given me leave to close the school at 1 p.m. in order to prepare for the social which is to be held this evening to celebrate the opening of the new school

5th The social last evening was very successful. The committee took £5-17-6 at the door. I returned to Mr Worboys the physiology charts which he lent me in July last

We commenced our duties in the new school this morning

9th I admitted two girls yesterday. There are now 62 on the roll

11th June The following is Mr Lee's report of the examination held on 21st April

Standard	Presented	Present	Passed
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X	-	-	-
S6	4	4	1
S5	7	5	-
S4	10	10	5
S3	6	6	-
S2	7	7	6
S1	4	4	4
P	21	-	-
	59	35	16

Classification satisfactory, work moderate especially reading and spelling

Grammar Moderately Fair

History Good

Geography Mod-Fair

Elementary Object Lessons Physiology Fair

Mental arithmetic Moderately fair

Additional Subjects

Repetition recitation – Fair

Drill Swedish Fair

Singing Good Ear exercises only

Needlework suspended

Comprehension of language and reading lessons Fair

Instruction of primers Poor

This school has fallen in efficiency very much during the absence of Mrs Nelson 4 months on sick leave

The Locum Tenues (Mr Neill) leaves no evidence of efficiency behind him. The Pupil Teacher appears to have been undirected and her work is very defective, The new school is in course of erection. Robert Lee

17th June Arthur Smith was present on Monday for the first time since March. There are three of this family attending school and their attendance is very unsatisfactory

22nd June This is a very wet day. The attendance is 24

24th June The week up to the present has been very wet and cold and consequently the attendance is very low especially in the lower classes

29th Miss Robinson is absent from school today through illness. I took her classes in my room

1st July Miss Robinson resumed work this morning after an absence of two days I have just completed quarterly return. The average attendance for the quarter is 40

3rd July The school was closed this afternoon for the mid-winter holidays

20th July School reopened this morning. I admitted two boys There are now 66 on the roll. I received the following from Pahiatua 8 dual desks, 2 easels, 1 blackboard 1 table 1 chair

23rd This day is very wet. There are only 20 present

27th Mr Moss by direction of Education Board has put a window between my room and the Pupil Teacher's. I also received this morning 25 pair of clubs from Mr Higgins 6 to come

30th July This day being very wet and cold, there are only 23 children present

31st To-day is also wet There are only 15 pupils present 2 in the P T's room and 13 in mine. The average attendance for July was only 33

3rd August I admitted 2 pupils this morning. There are now 67 on the books

5th August This is Arbor day but I have not closed the school as the fencing is not completed and there is no use in planting trees in the school ground until it is

12th August A very fine day 49 present out of 72. The new building is fairly furnished a cupboard would be useful and a few more pictures for the walls. The ground is fenced on three sides and much has been done in clearing the front of the section. Mrs Nelson reports that Miss Robertson is giving more satisfaction. I noticed she was taking up a too difficult reading lesson she also says gets for gets and talks in too snappish a manner. On my last visit I was not satisfied with her work and we shall expect her to do better. Clubs should be hung in porch as suggested to Mrs Nelson

Robert Lee

13th I admitted 5 pupils on Monday There are now 72 on the roll

14th As I have only desk accommodation for 40 and there are 44 pupils in the room I shall shift Standard 2 children into Miss Robertson's room

20th August The attendance has been fairly good for the past fortnight. Now that Standard 2 has gone into the other room I am able to overtake the work better than before/ I have now 5 classes Standard 3 to 7 in which three are 39 pupils

21st The average attendance for the past week was 45

25th To-day is wet and cold The attendance is 22

27th This being Arbour Day in Eketahuna and several of the children having has leave from their parents to go Mr Higgins has kindly given a half holiday this afternoon

31st The attendance for the past week is 43

2nd September The drawing examination was held this morning. Mr Higgins was supervisor. 7 candidates took geometry and 5 freehand

12th August The following is Mr Lee's inspection report

Classes

Standard 3 to Standard 7 Mrs Nelson 28

Standard 1, 2 & P Miss Robinson 21. 49 children present 72 on books

Organisation approve

Time Tables: Suitable analysing should be filled in

Methods The teachers appear to aim at imparting knowledge rather than giving out the information from the pupils themselves

The teachers do the work rather than the scholars

In arithmetic complex methods were used The pupil Teachers manner was abrupt and her speech faulty

Discipline Satisfactory

State of Buildings Building quite new and suitable A sliding light has been put in between the rooms. No cupboards were in the contract Another cupboard is needed If an extension at some future time is needed I fear the sheds will be in the way.

4th September This week has been very wet and the attendance is low in consequence

8th I Examined Standards 1 and 2 this afternoon

Reading was uneven in the primer classes. Writing was fair in all classes. Arithmetic is good in all classes

Spelling was very weak I shall look for much improvement in this subject next month

10th Mrs berg has kindly sent me 2 books for the school library

11th Another book Beyond the Himalaya's has been kindly donated to the school by Mrs Smith

14th We have had splendid weather for the past week and as the roads are now in a better condition the average attendance for the week was 52

Again there is a gap in the log

5th November As several children will be going to the Carterton show to-morrow Mr Higgins Chairman of the School Committee has given me permission to close the school

10th November Yesterday being a holiday the school was closed. The drawing certificates came to hand to-day

11th I gave 9 pictures to the school to-day and these I have hung on the walls of the schoolroom

17th The attendance up to the present is not as good as last month. Several children are absent through illness. There is a case of diptheria in the district

20th The average attendance for the past week was only 41 This low average is due principally to sickness in the district

23rd I received a map of the World and a ball frame from Whitcombe and Tombs to-day

27th Several children are preparing for a school concert which we intend to hold on Monday December 14th The proceeds are to be devoted to purchasing books for the school library

1st December The average attendance for November was 47. The roll number is 68

3rd There is no school tomorrow as the schoolroom is to be used as a polling booth

10th The attendance today is 57- The highest this quarter

11th The average for the past week was 54

18th The net proceeds of last night's concert were £3 3s

17th School closes to-day for the mid-summer holidays

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29th The attendance this week has been low. A number of children are away grass seeding. The boys cricket material which the boys used for the first time on Tuesday last cost £2-5-3

2nd February The attendance to-day was 57

5th To-day is very wet and stormy. There are only 10 children present

8th Charles Youle Standard 5 is present to-day for the first time since the holidays. Since October 1st he has only been present eighteen times. I returned the Physiology Diagrams to Mr McDermid to-day

11th As this is show day in Eketahuna. Mr Higgins has given me permission to close the school this afternoon

15th Nelson Cooper Standard 7 has been at school to-day for the first time since the Xmas holidays

19th The average attendance for the past week was 59. The roll number is 68

22nd February On Friday afternoon I received a notice from Mr Fleming that the school is to be examined on Friday March 12th This is seven weeks earlier than last year's examination was held

23rd Miss Robinson is absent from school to-day-ill

26th Miss Robinson is still ill. This is very unfortunate as the average attendance for the week is 61 and I have not been able to do Justice to the classes

1st March Miss Robinson resumed work this morning

5th The attendance for the past week was good. I shall examine Standards 1 & 2 on Monday next

8th I examined Standards 1& 2 this morning

10th This is a wet day. The attendance is only 46

11th Mr Nelson hung the clubs in the porch as suggested by Mr Lee

12th Mr Fleming examined the school today. Of the 43 pupils presented in standards 35 passed and 8 failed

15th The following are the names of the pupils who passed the several standards

Standard I Hopkins Clarence, Ure James, Youle Harry, Dunstall Lily, Robinson Bertha, Thompson Isobel

Standard II Carrington John, Drummond James, Drummond John, Hercock William, Hass? Thomas, Crook Nelly, Compton Edith, Smith Florry

Standard III Drysdale William, Hercock Frank, Hopkins Leonard, Monaghan Frank, Crook Madeline, Crook Mabel, Drummond Elsie, Smith Clara

Standard IV Ginnane ? James, Hopkins Percy, Drysdale Margaret, Robinson Olive

Standard V Cooper Milton, Higgins Horace, Drysdale Jane, Dunstall Annie, Higgins Violet, Monaghan May

Standard VI Dawson Ernest, Nicolls Arthur,

Standard VII Cooper Nelson

18th March Yesterday being a holiday school was closed with the permission of the Chairman School Committee

23rd We purpose holding our annual School Picnic to-morrow so the school will be closed. The pupils have collected £3- 7 -6 on the lists

26th We held our annual picnic on Wednesday. The school was also closed yesterday as it was used as a polling booth for the licensing elections

27th Mr Riley [Truant Officer] visited the school to-day

29th There are now 60 on the school roll. I removed the names of 10 pupils since the exam. 6 of these have gone to the Nireaha school which was opened on Thursday last and 4 have left to do home work .

I received a parcel of pictures from the Ed Office this morning. The Ostrich, The eagle, The Elephant, The Reindeer and Geography terms

30th March The following is Mr Fleming's report on the recent examination:[

Standard 1 Reading weak. Standard 2 Work fair only

Miss E Robinson P T. who is not in good health intends to resign at the end of June

Grammar Fair S 7.6.5. S4 3 Moderate

History Good

Geography satisfactory

Elementary Science and Object Lessons Physiology Good Object Lesson Fair

Mental Arithmetic Standard 5.5 good. S4 Fair, S 3 Moderate

Repetition and Recitation S6, S5 Good S4 Very fair, S3 Fair

Drill Swedish Fair (Clubs just begun)

Singing fair

Needlework Very Good

Composition of Reading Lessons Satisfactory

Instruction in 1 good, Primers Moderate

S3 which was a weak S2 last year is still weak but considering the shortness of the examination year the upper work was fairly satisfactory. The writing and the arithmetic of the upper classes has improved under Mrs Nelson's charge. One candidate passed Standard 7
T R Fleming

2nd April The average attendance for the past quarter was 51. The roll number is 60

5th The Church of England Organisation has purchased an organ for use during divine service which they hold in the school room and have kindly said that I could also use it on Fridays to accompany the children's singing

9th This is a wet stormy day the attendance is only 19

12th This being a fine day there are 52 present The roll number is 61

15th School was closed to-day for the Easter Holidays. Removed the names of 3 pupils who have left the district. The roll number is now 58

21st School reopened this morning

27th I regret to say I was too ill yesterday to attend school

27th The annual election of School Committee held last evening. The following are the names of members elected here:- Messrs Baker, Carrington, Cooper, Dowsett, Higgins, Lett, McManus

30th I removed from the roll the names of 3 boys who have gone to the new school at Hukanui. The roll number is now 55

3rd May The average attendance for the past month was 45

7th Miss Robinson was ill this morning and did not come to school till 11 o'clock

10th This morning was wet, so there were only 40 present

11th admitted another pupil this morning. The roll number is 56

17th The average attendance for last week was 46

19th this is a wet stormy day. The attendance is only 32

I had to send several children home as they were wet through

25th Yesterday being the Queen's birthday the school was closed. This is a wet day the attendance is only 39

27th This is a very wet stormy day. There are only 28 pupils present

28th This morning is again wet. There were 21 pupils present but I had to send 2 of these home as their clothes were wet

31st This is a splendid day but the attendance is only 42. The roll number is 56 31 in my room and 25 in Miss Robinsons

7th June I received a memo from the Education Board that we are to have an extra week's holiday this mid winter to commemorate the Record Reign

11th The attendance this week was fairly good 48

14th The committee at their meeting on Saturday night last decided to celebrate the Record Reign by tree planting on the school grounds on 22nd June

18th School closed to-day for the midwinter holidays

12th July School reopened this morning. There are 46 present

13th Miss Robinson told me this morning that she intended sending in her resignation at the end of this month

1st July This is a wet stormy day/ the average attendance was only 34. The attendance today is 39

21st Miss Robinson is absent to-day- ill. There is a great deal of sickness in the district and several of the children are also absent through it

26th There are 47 present today Madeline and Mabel Crook S4 are present for the first time since the winter holidays

30th The average attendance for the past month was 40. There are now 59 on the books. During the month 5 were entered and 2 left

4th August This is a very wet day There are only 23 present

6th The average attendance for the past week was 37

11th The attendance this week is much improved

13th Mrs Youle has kindly sent me two books for the school library

19th This morning was very wet and there are only 33 at school

23rd The School Committee at their last meeting recommended that Florence Higgins a Standard 6 pupil should be appointed P T instead of Miss Robinson

27th The average attendance for the past week was 49

The Education Board has appointed Florence Higgins Pupil Teacher. She enters on her duties on 1st September [Born August 1881 so about 17 years old]

31st Miss Robinson who has resigned her position in the school leaves to-day

1st September The annual first grade drawing examination takes place to-day The candidates from the school are taking papers, 5 in freehand and 5 in geometry

Mr C Higgins is supervisor. Miss F Higgins entered in her duties as P T this morning

2nd September Mr Higgins gave the children a half holiday yesterday afternoon

6th September I admitted two pupils this morning There are now 58 on the books

7th Yesterday afternoon Mr Higgins on behalf of the school children and myself presented Miss Robinson with some handsome Electro plated articles as a memento of the time she spent as PT in the school

1st September The average attendance for the past week was 59

11th I admitted two pupils this morning

14th The attendance to-day is 56

20th There are 57 present this morning

24th The average for the week was 54

28th Mr Minnis? Photographed the school this afternoon There were 58 present The roll number is 64

30th The average attendance for the past month is 48

4th October The School Committee intend holding a social in aid of school funds on Friday 8th inst.

8th The average for the week is only 49 as we had 2 wet days

11th The social on Friday evening last was most successful. Today is very wet and as the clothes of the children who came to school were very wet Mr Higgins chairman School Committee asked me to close the school. There were only 11 present

12th The weather for the past three days has been unsettled. The average as a consequence only 14

19th The attendance to-day was 63

20th Of the candidates who worked papers at the recent First Grade Drawing examination eight were successful candidates:

A Dunstall Geometry Good, Freehand

V Higgins Geometry, freehand

M Cooper Geometry Good

Horace Higgins, May Monaghan, Florence Higgins all Freehand

27th A number of children are absent planting potatoes

29th I closed school today at 3 O'clock as about 20 of the children wanted to go to a practice for Tableaux which are to be held this evening in the hall

4th November To morrow being Carterton Show Day Mr Higgins C. S. C has given me permission to close the school

8th During the past week the weather was not good and the attendance in consequence was low- 45

17th School closed to-day for the mid-summer holidays

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24th School reopened this morning. I admitted six new pupils

25th Admitted 2 new pupils this morning

31st There are now 66 pupils on the books

3rd February Yesterday and today were very cold and stormy. We were obliged to have fires lighted in both rooms

7th Harry Youle Standard 2 is present to-day for the first time since the holiday as. This boy should attend more regularly as he is very weak in his work

11th The average for the past week was 58

14th The attendance to-day is 60

18th The average for the past week was 59

28th I received word to-day from Mr Lee that the examination of the school will be on the 24th March

28th Received exam schedules to-day

4th March I admitted another pupil this week. Roll number now 68

I am satisfied with Miss Higgins work as P T

7th March The following is a list of appliances in het school

20 large dual desks

15 small dual desks

1 teachers desk

1 Teachers Table

2 Teachers chairs

5 Black boards

4 easels

3 Cupboards

2 Fire screens

2 Hanging lamps

1 Map of world
 1 Map of Europe
 1 Map of Australia
 1 Map of N Zealand
 11 map of British Isles
 1 map of Geographical terms
 1 small globe
 1 hand bell
 1 bell frame
 1 Kindergarten frame (sticks, beads, mats, clay)
 1 Box wooden models
 2 ½ doz. ink wells
 24 pairs Indian clubs
 1 ser Bacon's Drawing Charts (Freehand)
 1 pair wooden compasses
 2 history Charts
 T Carwell's Reading Sheets
 1 Modulator
 9 Chamberlain's reading sheets
 1 set chemical apparatus
 4 roller towels
 2 Hand basins
 141 books in school library

K Nelson

11th March The committee have decided to hold the annual picnic on Thursday March 17th

14th The average for the past week was 62

18th As the annual picnic was held yesterday school was closed. I found on coming to school this morning that a pane has been blown out of one of eh windows. Reported to committee

21st Another pane has been blown out since Friday

24th The annual examination was held to-day. The following are the names of the successful candidates

Standard 6 Cooper Milton, Higgins Horace, Dunstall Annie, Higgins Violet, Monaghan May

Standard 5 Youle Charles,

Standard 4 Hercock Frank, Crook Madeline, Crook Mabel, McHardy Elizabeth, Smith Clark

Standard 3 Berg Frederick, Carrington John, Carrington Henry, Drummond John, Ginnane Michael, Hercock William, Moss Thomas, Short Benjamin, Henderson Nelly, Moss Edith, Smith Florence

Standard 2 Dunstall Lily, Thompson Isabel,

Standard 1 Monaghan Claude, Nelson Francis, Pond Frederick, Short Arthur, Cooper Sarah, Louisa Thompson, Moss Frances

There were 68 present at the examination. 37 pupils were presented in the standards. 32 pupils passed and 5 failed. The inspector expressed himself very pleased with the work of the school

31st The average attendance for the quarter was 59 and for the past month 62. As we are going to reside on our farm in Mangaone I have resigned my position as head teacher of this school from the 30th

1st April Mr Baker Secretary of the School Committee has to-day handed me £2 with which to prizes for the the pupils

4th This afternoon I distributed pass cards to the pupils who passed the several standards at the recent examination

7th Mr Higgins chairman School Committee distributed the prizes to the best candidates in each standard. After which school closed for the Easter Holidays

15th School reopened this morning. The attendance is 55

15th Nelly Crook Standard 3 called at the school this afternoon for her books and informed me that she was going to stay with her sister at Hamua for six months

18th This is a very wet stormy day. There were 18 present this morning and I had to send 2 of these home as they were wet through

26th The annual election of School Committee was held last evening The following are the names of the newly elected members:- Messrs Baker, Cooper, Dowsett, Higgins (Chairman) Robinson, McManus, Bond

I received 5 infant desks from railway station this morning

28th This afternoon Messrs Higgins and Dowsett and some ladies called at the school and on behalf of the school children presented me with a gold brooch, a cruet and a butter knife. I am very pleased with these beautiful gifts and shall treasure them as a memento of the pleasant years I have spent at Newman School

29th I removed the names of 3 pupils from the roll The roll numbered 66 and the average attendance for the past month 53. My time at this school expired to-day

2nd may At the request of the Education Board I shall keep the school open for a few days until Mr Carter my successor arrives

3rd Mr Carter arrived this afternoon and takes charge of the school to-morrow [Henry J Carter only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Newman]

4th I took charge of the Newman School this morning. There were 48 children present

12th The weather has been slightly broken, but the attendance has fallen off far more than it should do Have drawn the attention of eh Chairman of committee to this matter

19th Although now nearly two months since the Standard Examination, a great number of the children have not yet got their books for the year. In Standard IV to-day for 15 children present there were only 7 readers and 5 arithmetics, this combined with irregular and late attendance appears to be weak points in the school

24th School closed in honour of Queen's birthday

28th Very wet day Only 18 present

1st June Standard IV is extremely weak class in all back work several to-day could not multiply by 18 in reduction of quarters to lbs [Pounds weight]

6th As Standard V is very weak in fractions through irregular attendance I have started the class right from the beginning again

17th As attendance is still irregular I have drawn up a report and forwarded same to the School Committee

20th Informed by chairman that School Committee resolved to warn parents of irregular attendance and to take further steps if the evil still continued

30th Made up returns for the quarter and forwarded to the chairman for signature. Roll no 66
Strict Average 49 Working Average 50

1st School broke up to-day for mid-winter holidays

18th School re-opened after mid-winter holidays, only 49 children present although a very fine day

22nd Have spent arithmetic time of Standard IV & V during this week in back work. Long sums working the four simple and four compound (£-s-d ;Pound, shilling pence] rules. Working on the whole both slow and inaccurate, especially that of the Standard V girls, Standard IV girls and three Standard IV Boys

29th A very wet and stormy week, attendance fairly good considering the weather

2nd August Pouring wet day Attendance only 20

8th Good deal of sickness prevalent in district, consequently although only a showery day, less than half the roll is present

10th The new bell sent up by the Board of Education has been hung temporarily on a post in the playground

19th Attendance still very poor owing to sickness

24th Carpenter came to re-putty windows remained a short time, repaired some half dozen and then disappeared

1st September Very good attendance of boys this week, average 31. But girls poor only 18. This is chiefly owing to very irregular attendance, Thompsons. There are six girls of the family on the roll and they have made among them 14 half days attendance for the week

7th First grade drawing examinations held this morning. Mr Higgins Chairman of School Committee present as supervisor

13th Very wet day and poor attendance

10th The carpenter came to-day and placed the school bell in position

19th Greatly improved attendance with fine weather. 64 present to-day

30th Made up returns for quarter and forwarded to chairman for signature. Roll No 68, strict average 49 working average 50

7th Very rough day attendance poor

14th Stormy week, especially Monday and Wednesday- to-day showery. Mr Riley called this afternoon re Cooking classes {Wellington Education Board Technical Official]

19th Very wet morning. Only 19 present

23rd Standard II having gone through their Arithmetic and Geography I have set them work with Standard III in those subjects as standard III are backward owing to bad attendance

31st Very wet and stormy less than half the roll are present: the fourth day in the month that this has been the case

1st November Punished C Monaghan Standard 1 with three cuts of cane for sulking and ill discipline

4th School closed today on account of Wairarapa A & P Show

8th The chairman of the School Committee presented the successful candidates in the First Grade drawing exams: with their certificates. He concluded by asking if the children should have an hours holiday

9th School closed for Prince of Wales Birthday
10th Pouring wet- only 11 children present
11th Still raining- only 32 children present
18th Still raining only 33 children present: there has been only one completely fine day so far this quarter
25th School concert to-night: as many of eh children have a long distance to go home I closed the school at 2.30
1st December I admitted one new pupil this week: Two names taken off [left the district]
6th wet morning only 34 children present
9th Very bad attendance this week, owing partly to bad weather and partly to idleness in the district
14th With consent of School Committee closed for the Xmas holidays as many of the children are away with the measles and attendance consequently small, average for week only 39

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24th January e- opened school after the Xmas holidays- 40 children present 2 new pupils
31st Very wet less than half roll number present
3rd February School closed for school picnic
6th Pouring wet. Only 5 children present at 9.30 Chairman of Committee was here and asked me to send them home again
8th Still very wet less than half the roll was present
17th Better weather and greatly improved attendance, Received notice that Standard Exam would be held on March 26th
22nd Miss Higgins P T absent from school today, through illness
3rd march Fine weather and potato digging, grass seeding etc, being over, the attendance is greatly improved- average for this week being 59
7th Headmaster five minutes late for opening school, owing to an accident- sprained ankle. Wet day less than half roll was present
14th I examined Standards 1 & II to-day
22nd Annual Exam- held to-day The following are the names of the successful candidates
Standard VI Higgins Horace, Cooper Milton, Dunstall Annie, Higgins Violet, Monaghan May
Standard V Ginanne James, Hercock Frank, Crook Mabel, Smith Clara
Standard IV Carrington John, Drummond John, Ginanne Michael, Hercock William, Monaghan Frank, Moss Thomas, Shoul Benjamin , Henderson Nelly, Moss Edith, Smith Florrie
Standard III Dunstall Lily
Standard II Roud Frederic, Shoul Arthur, Ure James, Youle Henry, Cooper Sarah, Moss Frances, Thompson Louise
Standard 1 Drummond Henry, Drummond William, Ginnane Edward, Perry Thomas, Roud Henry, Ure William, Crook Myrtle, Carrington May, Brenn???Harriet, Thompson Annie, Thompson Ivy
Out of 42 candidates presented 38 passed
14th March Chairman of School Committee presented pass certificates this afternoon

28th The Truant Officer called to-day and left half a dozen signed notifications
 29th Closed school for Easter holidays. Admitted two new scholars
 8th April Reopened school after Easter Holidays Roll number for quarter 66 Average 59
 16th Very wet. Only 28 children present
 28th Received to-day the Inspector's report on the Standard examination also copies of First Grade drawing Exam papers from Mr Riley
 21st Very wet less than over half present
 24th Head master absent owing to an accident, school closed
 28th The meeting of householders last night the following were elected members of the School Committee Messrs Dunstall (Chairman), Higgins, Dowsett, Jas Cooper. Jhon (sic) Cooper, Roud, Gyde
 17th Miss Higgins absent owing to illness
 18th “ “ “ “ “ “

May ? I sent this week notices of summons to parents of following children for irregular attendance. Hamish Brenn???, Henry Youle, ? Thompson, Nelly Henderson

20th very wet less than one half present
 18th April Inspector's report Arithmetic Good, Writing fair, Reading and spelling fair
 Grammar Standard III Moderate; Standard IV Fair. Standard VII Satisfactory
 History Good
 Geography Standard 4 Good, Standard III weak
 Science Physiology Satisfactory
 Mental arithmetic Moderate
 Stumping and grubbing has been done but there is still a very un? Hole in the boy's playground. The state of the the offices [toilets] was unsatisfactory

Gap as in log

21st July Average for week only 30 (Roll nu 68) although 3 new pupils entered. On no day during the week has the attendance been above half the roll No.
 24th Pouring wet, the few children (10) that came were wet through. So the school was not opened
 31st Copy of list of school appliances forwarded to the Board
 Note I have copied this in a different format than in log

20 large dual desks	20 Small dual desks	1 Teachers Desk	1 Teachers Table	2 Teachers Chairs
5 Blackboards	4 Easels	2 Fire screens	1 Map of World	1 Map of Europe
1 Map of Asia	1 Map of N America	1 Map of Australia	1 Map of British Island's	1 map of Geog Terms
1 Small globe	1 School Bell	1 Hand bell	1 Bell frame	1 Kindergarten Frame
Sticks, mats, clay	1 box wooden models	1 1/2 Dox Ink wells	23 pairs Indian Clubs	1 Set Bacon Drawing Charts (Freehand)
1 pair Wooden	7 Nature Study	2 Science	6 Reading	7 Chambers reading Charts

Compass	Pictures	Charts	Charts	
1 Incomplete set of	Chemical apparatus	4 Roller towels	2 Hand Basins	2 Pannikins
141 School library Books				

1st August Attendance for last month only 34. Roll No 69

4th Slightly better attendance- for week-44

11th Better weather and greatly improved attendance Average for week 32

15th Very wet morning, less than half present

18th Requested committee to see to blinds and double windows

21st Standard III with exception of three irregular attendants having gone through Standard III work I have then at Practice with Standard IV

23rd Standard V have gone through their syllabus of arithmetic

25th Very wet, only 30 present

31st Received today instructions re Drawing Exam

1st September Average for August 50

6th Drawing exam for First Grade held today Chairman of school Mr Dunstall being present as supervisor 13 Candidates were presented- 8 for geometry and Freehand, 2 for geometry alone, 4 for freehand alone

8th September Standard III having been through their reader twice, are now using Standard IV reader

11th On arriving this morning I found a dog had been left in the Infant Room after church yesterday It has gnawed the sashes, torn down a blind, cracked two window panes and finally broken through another. Matter reported to School Committee

14th Drill instructor Mr Donald was present this afternoon from 1.30 to 3 p.m. and took Standard II to VII for drill

22nd Miss Higgins P T. was late for morning school the 2nd time this month arrived at 9.40

27th very wet morning only 19 present

29th Average for month 55

For quarter Roll No 69 Average 49, working average 53 [If the school roll was less than half the roll then it wasn't counted as a school day]

4th October Very wet morning on 18 present at the roll call

6th Standard II have gone through their work for the year both in arithmetic and reading, all the classes except Standard VI are very swell on with their work this year- with the exception of several irregular attending irregularly

9th Wet morning only 18th present at roll call

19th Received results of drawing examination Freehand certificate Ben Short; Geometry Mabel Crook, Frank Hercock, James Ginanne, Michael Ginanne, Willie Hercock

22nd Commenced opening school at 9 a.m. for the summer months

30th Repeatedly on Monday mornings I find the school upset by the church service and Sunday School held on the preceding afternoon. This morning several pencils were missing and ten nibs had been broken and the pieces left lying on the desks . I am writing to the

chairman of the committee saying that unless some responsible person takes charge on the Sunday afternoon I must protest against the school being used for other than school purposes

31st October Very wet only 24 being present this morning

9th November School closed in Honour of Prince of Wales' Birthday

13th Miss Higgins (PT) work is still frequently brought in a very unprepared manner

16th School closed on account of the Manawatu A & P show in Palmerston

19th Miss Higgins Late this morning the second time this week

20th Miss Higgins again late it seems useless my mentioning to her. So shall report to Board at the end of the month

23rd Very wet less than half present this morning

1st December pouring wet, only 4 children present. School closed with consent of chairman of Committee

6th December General Election, school house used as a polling booth

11th Very wet and rough- only 10 boys present no girls

12th and 13th Examination of school for prizes- arithmetic disappointing, very irregular results, some excellent work, others who usually do very good work, very poor through carelessness. Reading good Standard II rather weak. Drawing -good a considerable improvement on last year. Writing very fair, much room for improvement, there is a tendency to fall back into the former style. Spelling good, excellent on boy in 5th and one girl in the 4th. Composition- good sometimes spoilt by carelessness in writing small words. Geography- very variable in several cases full marks were obtained. while in others not a question was answered, the latter however in the majority of cases irregular attendants.

On the whole, the work shows very little advance on their work done at the end of the last quarter.

Those who have attended regularly have improved and in every case, head their classes: but many have made no progress and others have even retrograded. The irregularity of attendance is partially acceptable on account of rough weather during the quarter with consequent sickness, and partially to be explained by the opening of a creamery in this district this spring

14th December Forwarded quarterly returns to Board of Education office. Roll nu 69. Strict average 46 Working average 49

Closed school today for the Xmas holiday

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23rd January Reopened school after Christmas holiday as usual. A wet morning, attendance 45

26th Distribution of school prizes and sport prizes this afternoon at 2 p.m.

2nd February Permission of School Committee obtained by Headmaster to close school today on urgent business

5th Six months leave of absence to Headmaster conditionally on being accepted for the N Z Rough Riders [Boer war in South Africa]

6th February Opened school today and took charge. There were sixty two children present M E Holm (relieving teacher) [May E Holm taught for Wellington Education Board at

Pencarrow Lighthouse in 1896 and was not listed again until teaching at Wallaceville in 1901]

9th The average attendance for this week has been fifty seven

14th Wet less than one half present this morning. Closed school at Committee's request this afternoon as weather is now fine and the Eketahuna show is to be opened

16th Four children have left the school this week as their families have removed to another district

21st Received notice that the annual examination will be held on March 26th

25th This is the first week this quarter that the school has been open the ten half days

28th The committee members Messrs Dunstall, Dowsett, Higgins and Gyde brought the Premiers Telegram to the school shortly before twelve o'clock and requested that the school should be closed and a half holiday be given to students to celebrate General Conge's surrender

3rd March The average attendance for February was 56

7th I received from Mr Seddon [NZ Prime Minister] a copy of Lord Roberts cablegram and in answer to a congratulatory message from them the school children

8th I received the Inspector's circular and some examination cards to day

16th Henry Proctor left to day to go to Wellington. there are now seventy on the roll

8th I examined the first and second standards today

18th The school building was used as a polling booth yesterday so the school was closed

25th I examined standard IV and V today

28th Mr Fleming arrived at half past two yesterday and examined the Upper Standards and finished the first standard. in arithmetic Today he finished examining eh school

30th Yesterday the school children went on an excursion to Palmerston to day was given a holiday by the committee

M E Holm Relieving Teacher

2nd April Entered upon my duties as Board's relieving teacher having on Sat 31st ult previously interviewed Mr Dunstall, Chairman of School Committee. Noticed 6 broken panes in the school. 5 in the outside windows and one in a draught sash. Called the chairman's attention to this – He promised the windows would be re installed at once. A Anderson Relieving Teacher

5th April Received salary for March- voucher not enclosed promised later

9th Monday A wet day- small attendance

Wrote to Mr Higgins Secretary School Committee calling hi attention to the fact that the supply of for then use of school was completely exhausted and stated that the cold wet weather which had just set in rendered fires in school absolutely necessary

10th Mr Higgins responded to my note of yesterday by bring a small interim supply of firewood and informed me that he had ordered a load of rata to be delivered at once

10th Again very wet-small attendance

11th Load of rata ordered by Mr Higgins delivered today

11th Received memorandum from Inspector Fleming requesting me to give my best attention to certain matters which he had especially noted on the occasion of his visit of annual inspection which had taken place a fortnight previously and a week before I took charge

The matters specially alluded to were weak discipline, unmannerliness, and want of orderliness: also backwardness of pupil teacher

12th Closed school this afternoon for the Easter Holidays Mr Dowsett came this evening after the closing of the school to repair the windows- three new panes were put in before I left this evening

18th Received inspector's report as follows: Education District of Wellington Examination report on Newman Public School. Examined March 26th and 27th 1900

Standard	Presented	Present	Passed
7	1	-	-
6	4	4	2
5	8	7	3
4	3	3	2
3	7	7	5
2	11	11	9
1	14	13	11
Ps	22		
Total	70	45	32

Note on the passes in Standard 1 to V

Reading varied from good to weak in some cases

Spelling Fair- Composition Fair- Writing – careless

School requirements

II Class Subjects

Geography Fair

Drawing Freehand satisfactory Another Branch should also have been taught (Mr Riley's report)

Grammar Standard 6 & 5 Inferior, Standard 4 Fair, Standard 3 Very fair

History Moderate

Elementary Science: objects etc. Physics fair Teaching should be more experimental

Recitation- Fair Examination in some cases weak

III Additional subjects

Singing Poor

Needlework Plain sewing only. Fair Recommend scheme be followed

Drill and exercise Military Drill was begun by Mr Carter

IV Instruction of Primers: Moderate

The work of the pupil teacher will require careful supervision on the part of the Head teacher to be appointed to this school. The work of the whole school has evidently drifted of late. The discipline in both rooms is weak and the manners of the children require more careful attention on the part of the teacher in charge. Th playground and shelter sheds also should be attended to by the Head Teacher- there was more litter than necessary about the grounds. The sooner this school is placed in charge of a permanent and competent Head Teacher the better it will be for the children

T R Fleming

4th May Very wet day Attendance 36

8th Again very wet. Attendance 30

9th Heavy rain small attendance 34

11th From the 4th to the 11th inst. The weather was cold and wet the weekly average thereby considerably reduced

11th Miss Higgins (PT) frequently brings her lessons in a very unprepared manner- Have several times had to request that re- preparation of her lessons

16th received from Education Board supply of Kindergarten material. Mats and needles

16th Wrote to Inspector Fleming tr the backwardness of the pupil teacher referred to in his memorandums of April 10th. Stated that I had found it difficult to arouse her from her indifferences regarding her work and quoting the log book entries in reference to her made by Mr Carter of the following dates, 22nd April 13th November . 17th November and 20th November

21st School closed Holiday in celebration of the relief of Mafeking (Transvaal war) Messrs Dunstall (Chairman). Higgins and Dowsett of the School Committee were present at the opening of the school and addressed the children upon the importance of the event- A holiday was then announced

23rd A wet day attendance 27

24th Holiday- Queens Birthday

25th Received memorandum from Inspector Fleming informing me he had written to Miss Higgins (P T) hoping that she would attend to her duties better in future (Memo dated 23rd May)

31st May Mr Varnham the Board's Truant Officer visited the school. After going over the the Attendance Register with me he decided that it was not necessary to issue "Notices" to any of the parents, the attendance being satisfactory

31st Mr McDougall the Board's Inspector of Buildings visited the school- inspected the additions to the out offices accommodation (Urinal)- which had been decided upon at the previous meeting of the Board- the work was passed as satisfactory

1st June- Holiday to commemorate abandonment of Pretoria by the Boers (Transvaal War)

27th Very wet day Attendance 34

29th Closed school for the mid-winter holidays (two weeks)

27th Inspector Bakewell paid the school a surprise visit

16th July reopened school after mid-winter holidays a cold wet day attendance (34)

17th This day is wet and stormy. Attendance 25

19th Arbor Day Public Holiday The weather was somewhat unfavourable but some tree planting in the school grounds was done by the school children assisted by the Head teacher (acting) and Mr F W Dowsett of the School Committee- A dozen and a half English Trees comprising oaks, ashes, elms, chestnuts were planted each tree receiving the name of some officer engaged in the war in Transvaal as Lord Roberts, Major General Baden Powell, Major Robin. One receiving the name Trooper Carter in honour of eh Headmaster of the Newman School who is absent on leave fighting in the Transvaal War

26th Very wet day Rained very heavily at the times of school opening Small attendance in consequence

Copy of Inspector's Report June 26th 100

Classes Standard 7-3 Mr A Anderson Roll 33 present 17

Standard 2-Primers Miss Higgins 38 present 19

III Analysis should be filled in Time allotted to Arithmetic rather excessive

IV Mr Anderson, who is in temporary charge, has improved the condition of the school more particularly in the matter of the writing, copy and exercise books showing a distinct improvement - The work of Miss Higgins in the lower part of the school is also of a better quality- She gave a satisfactory object lesson during my visit. Her copy and exercise books showed careful teaching and careful supervision- These remarks however do not apply to Miss Higgin's own studies and it is to be hoped that she will give no further cause of complaint on this score The attendance was very poor indeed but the day was very wet and I was informed that there was a good deal of sickness in the district

V -VIII order and discipline – supervision in recess Manners and general behaviour of the pupils—Improved.

State of Buildings, grounds and fences ; sufficiency of school accommodation and cleanliness and tidiness of rooms and premises- Good

List of class books used in the school

Longman's Strip Readers; Southern Cross Arithmetic, Histories, Geography's

Trotter's Grammar Standard 4-6

Public School Grammar Standard 3

Collin's copy book

Registers etc Neat and correct

F H Bakewell

16th August A wet day attendance small (33)

4th Wet Day Attendance 43

5th September The annual first grade Drawing Examination was held today. Mr A Dunstall Chairman of the School Committee acted as supervisor

26th Wet Day Attendance 45

5th October A very wet and stormy day- At about the time of opening school a heavy storm of wind and rain occurred- Only some half dozen pupils turned up and these were so wet that it was considered advisable to send them home again. The sanction of the chairman of the School Committee was first obtained that the school be closed for this day

10th Labor Day- Holiday

15th Mr Varnham the Education Board's truant officer visited the school Has examined the attendance registers and took a note of defaulters. He issued notices of irregular attendance to two or three families

17th The results of the drawing examination received as follows: 16 Passes Viz In Freehand James Ginanne Thomas Moss, Rose Lawrence. Michael Ginanne, William Hercock, Sarah Cooper, Frances Moss, Nellie Crook and Alfred Calton

In Scale James Ginanne, Michael Ginanne, Ben Short, Frank Hercock, William Hercock

In Practical Geometry Ben Short and Thomas Moss

30th Very wet day Attendance 18

9th November Prince of Wales birthday- Holiday

15th Palmerston North A & P Show- Holiday

23rd Miss Higgins pupil teacher still occasionally brings her lessons in an unprepared manner

21st December School closed for Xmas Vacation 5 weeks

1901

28th School reopened after Xmas holidays

13th February Eketahuna Show- half holiday by permission of the School Committee

14th A wet day Attendance 39

18th Mr McDougall the Board's inspector of buildings visited the school and sanctioned sundry small repairs

22nd February Received notice that the Annual Standard examination of the school will be held by Mr Bakewell's inspection on the 22nd March

18th March As Head teacher in accordance with the new regulations examined the school in Standards from Standard 1 to V Inclusive and scheduled results for Inspector Bakewell's inspection on the 22nd instant. All the paper work of the examination was preserved for Mr Bakewell's inspection

22nd Inspector Bakewell conducted the annual standard Examination of the school 74 pupils were [present

5th April School closed for Easter Holidays

10th School reopened after holidays

16th Mr Varnham the Board's Truant officer visited the school Having looked over the attendance registers, decided that there were no parents whom it was necessary to serve with Truancy Notice

Pass Subjects

Standard	Presented	Present	Passed
S7	1		
S6	4	4	4
S5	4	4	4
S4	7	7	6
S3	10	10	7
S2	16	16	16
S1	8	8	8
Primers	26		

[Note I haven't copied out further details as they are similar to last report]

Standard 7 candidate passed well

The present Head master has made a decided change for the better in the conditions of this school. All paperwork was neat and methodical. Writing throughout all classes shows a marked improvement. Both copy and exercise books showing signs of careful supervision and instruction. Reading in some standards still defective and a somewhat different treatment was recommended for geography and recitation

The school was in a depressed condition throughout when Mr Anderson took over a year ago, this year's results are therefore all the more creditable to his energy and management Miss Higgins is also commended for improved work in the lower part of the school

F H Bakewell M.A

26th April Very wet and stormy- Attendance 25

29th A very wet day- attendance less than half

The annual meeting of householders for the election of a school committee was held on the 22nd inst when the following were elected. Messrs A Dunstall (Chairman), F Dowsett, Jas. Cooper, G Morris, F McManus, H Astedson? & G Gyde

22nd May Very wet day- Attendance 31

7th June Received circular from the Education Office intimating that the Mid Winter holidays were to begin on the 14th inst, a fortnight earlier than usual in order that the date might fall in with that of the visit to New Zealand of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and Wales

14th School closed for the mid-winter holidays in accordance with the notice referred to

1st July Reopened school after mid winter holidays

8th The day was very wet and stormy- Attendance 25

12th The weather again cold and wet- Low attendance

11th Inspector Bakewell paid the school a surprise visit [Order as in Log]

2nd August The average attendance for the week is unusually low owing to two causes, namely the occurrence of scarlet fever in the district and the consequent fear of infection and the Continuously cold and wet weather during the week

3rd. Acting on advice of Dr Murray Aynsley Health officer for the district Mr Dunstall of the School Committee telephoned to the Board that it had been decided to close the school for a fortnight on account of the scarlet fever

19th Reopened school today Roll 41

19th Received Inspector's notes on Surprise Visit (11th July)

Standard Classes and Teachers S7-3 Mr Anderson; S2-Primers Miss Higgins. On the roll 70. Present 58. Organisation: Approved. Time Tables: Satisfactory with a few suggestions that will be adopted. Methods and quality of instruction: Satisfactory Quiet and active work being maintained in all classes. More time is recommended for composition and less for drawing and Arithmetic.

Another object lesson per week might with advantage be given to the lower school. Two half hour lessons per week in oral composition are recommended for S1 and S2. Order and Discipline: Satisfactory. State of buildings grounds and fences Satisfactory. Cleanliness and tidiness of rooms and premises. The pans in the outside offices are evidently not emptied often enough and offices themselves are in need of a good scrubbing out.

List of books used then listed

Registers and records neatly and accurately kept

F H Bakewell M A

23rd Weekly average lower than usual owing to sickness being still prevalent. In the case of three families (Crook's. Arcus? And Andrews') the children are prevented from attending school owing to one or two members of each family suffering from measles

4th September The annual first grade Drawing Examination was held today. Mr A Dunstall, Chairman of School Committee and Mr John cooper acted as supervisors. There were 15 candidates for geometry , 7 for scale and 2 for model drawing. Total 24

10th The day was wet and stormy attendance 33

17th October Received result of First Grade Drawing as follows: Passed in geometry, J Burbush, Rose Lawrence, Lily Dunstall, Frances Moss, Sarah Cooper, Alfred Calton, Nellie Burbush (Good) Louise Thompson, Annie Thompson (Good) and May Carrington- In Scale Jamie Burbush

13th November Very wet day-small attendance 38
 14th School closed- Palmerston North A and P Show- holiday by permission of Education office
 15th Heavy Rain Attendance 35
 18th Wet and Stormy- attendance very low 20
 22nd Again wet- small attendance
 25th Wet Day- attendance 38
 16th December Very wet and stormy Attendance 18, It has been almost continuously wet for the past fortnight
 20th Heavy rain at time of school opening. Attendance 36. Miss Higgins is absent today attending the annual examination of Pupil Teachers- school closed at the usual time (3 p.m.) for Christmas holidays (5 weeks) Reopen on the 29th January

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27th January School reopened after the Christmas Holidays
 20th February Annual School picnic- school lcosed by permission of the Board
 24th March Received notice of the Annual Standard Examination of the school by Inspector Bakewell on or about the 11th of Aril
 20th March Good Friday Easter holidays commenced School lcosed until 2nd April
 2nd April School reopened after Easter Holidays
 11th The Annual Standard Examination of the school was held today. Inspector Bakewell conducting the examination
 14th School closed- examination holiday
 23rd The weather today was very wet and stormy the attendance in consequence was very small (10)
 9th May In the past three days the weather has been extremely wet the attendance being below half the number on the roll each day
 15th Received Inspector Bakewell's report of the Annual Examination as follows

Standard	Presented	Present	Passed
S7	2	2	2
S6	-	-	-
S5	6	6	6
S4	8	8	7
S3	13	13	11
S2	6	6	6
S1	9	9	9
Primers	23		
	67	44	41

Notes on passes in Standards 1 to V

Reading Fair to Satisfactory, Spelling Good, Writing Good, composition satisfactory, Arithmetic S7, S3,S2,S1 good. S5,S6 Satisfactory

Geography S7, S5,S2 Satisfactory, S4, S3 Fair

Drawing Good (Freehand)

History Very fair

Elementary Science (Physiology) Object lessons etc, Good

Recitation Fair to satisfactory

Handwork -----

Singing Fair

Needlework good

Drill and exercise Satisfactory

Instruction of S7 and Primers Good

The school has much improved under Mr Anderson's management. Reading in the upper standards is still lacking in fluency and accuracy, but other pass subjects are in a very satisfactory stature. Writing especially so. Miss Arnold who has recently been appointed to appointment of mistress will take over S2,S1 and P Class. F Bakewell

26th A wet day attendance 48

3rd June Prince of Wales birthday- Holiday-

9th Mr Riley Art Instructor visited the school and examined the drawing. Suggested that two hours per week be given to the subject, one hour to design work, brush work or modelling

13th The weather was very wet and stormy, attendance very small (9)

17th Inspector Bakewell paid a visit of inspection

20th The school was closed at 3 p.m. for three weeks for Coronation celebration and mid-winter holidays

14th July School reopened after mid winter holidays

15th Received Inspection report on "Surprise visit" (17th June) S7- S3 Mr Anderson, S2 – Primers Miss Arnold On Roll S7-3 40 present 31. S2- primers 36 present 28 Total on roll 76 Present 59

Organisation and Timetables approved- methods and quality of instruction satisfactory in both rooms- order and discipline, tone of school, supervising in recess and manners and general behaviour of the pupils _Satisfactory

State of Buildings, grounds and fenced: Gravel needed in sheds and on approaches to outside offices, otherwise very satisfactory Cleanliness and tidiness of rooms and premises: Good. [Lists of books used in class not listed in this copy] Registers in correct order occasional entries should be made in log book

16th July Arbor Day: Holiday

24th Wet Day Attendance 48

5th August Miss Arnold absent owing to sickness

11th The coronation of Edward VII having been postponed from the 26th of June, this date originally fixed upon, owing to the dangerous illness of the King, took place on the 9th August- The Education Board granted a school holiday in honour of the occasion, leaving it optional with the School Committee to choose Friday 8th August or Monday 11th. The Latter was chosen by the Newman School Committee and the school closed that day

1st September A wet day- Attendance 44

4th Examined today, Miss Arnold's Classes Standard II, Standard 1 and infants. The results are very satisfactory. The reading and writing are very good indeed and good progress has been made in the arithmetic of SII and SI

5th September A very wet day- Attendance 36

6th Mrs Crook kindly presented the school with the game of ping pong [Table Tennis]
15th A very wet day Attendance 31
16th Again wet 46 present
22 very wet and stormy: Attendance 17
23 Attendance again small (26) owing to the very bad weather
2nd October A wet day attendance 42
17th Raining heavily just before the time of school opening and at intervals during the day
3rd November Received intimation from the Education Offices that kindergarten material had been ordered for the school
10th Holiday for the celebration of the King's Birthday (The 9th Saturday)
12th Attendance small owing to bad weather (35)
14th Holiday for Palmerston North A & P Show
25th Parliamentary Election Schoolroom used as a polling booth. A holiday in consequence
27th Very wet and stormy Only 7 pupils present
17th December Small attendance (33) owing to bad weather
19th School was visited just before the lunch hour by the Honorable Hall- Jones and C H Mills- The visitors addressed the scholars and a half holiday was granted in honour of the occasion, The school closing for the Christmas Holidays at the same time

1903

26th January School reopened after the Christmas Holidays. The attendance was small (16) the day being very wet
11th , 12th and 13th February All very wet days, the attendance being below half the roll number on three days during that time
12th Half holiday granted for the Eketahuna Horticulture Show
13th received intimation that the annual examination will be held by Inspector Fleming on or about 3rd April
27th Annual School picnic was held in Newman Recreation reserve, holiday granted. A dance was held in the evening
The Nett proceeds about £5 from pic- nic and dance are to be devoted to the purchase of school prizes.
28th During the month measles made their appearance in the district the children from three families being prevented from coming attending school in consequence- this reduced the average for the month to 50
6th March Kindergarten material, plasticene and paper for paper folding order by the Education Board in November last just received.
6th March Miss Arnold absent in the morning owing to illness (A bilious attack) she was present again in the afternoon
7th Received information that a new clock had been ordered for the school
20th New clock for the school received
Received a note from Inspector Fleming stating that he has been delayed in Pahiatua the examination would take place a day or two later than that previously fixed.
7th April Annual Standard Examination was held today by Inspector Fleming
8th Easter holidays commenced today (Thursday) being given as the inspector's holiday after the annual examination. The school will be open Wednesday the 18th inst.

19th Open school after Easter Holiday A very wet day Attendance 24

20th Again very wet and stormy. Very small attendance (36)

27th Annual School Committee election. The following were elected on Committee for the ensuing year: Messrs Dunstall (Chairman), C Higgins (Secretary) McManus, J Goldham?, Jno Cooper, ? ?

On the 17th Inst the annual distribution of prizes took place. Parents and friends of eh children attended at school and the prizes were distributed by Mr Dunstall (Chairman of the School Committee) There was a good attendance of friends and great interest was taken in the proceedings

28th April received from Education office the Pass Cards

30th Distributed Standard pass cards and entered passes (results of examination) in the Progress Registers

7th May Mr McDougall the Education Board's Inspector of Buildings visited the school- Drew his attention to certain necessary repairs

11th Very wet day Attendance 29

14th Wet and stormy Attendance 26

15th Again wet and stormy

22nd After 2 O'clock the children were assembled in the master's room to celebrate by anticipation Empire Day (24th May Sunday) The Headmaster gave an address on the origins and composition of the Union Jack [Flag] and Mr C Higgins Secretary of the School Committee also addressed the children upon the vast extension of the British Empire during the life of Queen Victoria. After several patriotic songs had been sung by the children an adjournment was made to the playground where the ceremony of saluting the flag was gone through. After which the National Anthem was sung- several parents were in attendance as also Messrs Dowsett (Chairman), Higgins (Secretary) and Berg members of the School Committee

25th May Holiday celebration of Empire Day (24th May Sunday)

10th Wets day Attendance 31

11th Distributed 80 packets of flower seeds, presented by Messrs Nimmo and Blair, Seed merchants, Dunedin to the School children. The children in the 5th an 6th Standards received 5 packets each and those in the 3rd and 4th, four packets. The children were asked to sow these at the proper time and to do their best to cultivate flower gardens

A new school bell was received to-day from the Education Board for the use of the school

15th Miss Arnold assistant mistress who is leaving to be married forwarded her resignation to the Education Board today. The resignation to take effect on the 21st July

16th Noticed in today's New Zealand Times advertisement calling for Assistant mistress, applications to be in on the 22nd instant

18th Received today Inspector Fleming's Report of Annual Examination held on the 7th April. Report to be copied into log book

[Note I have only copied pieces that inform the reader]

	No	on		
Standard	Roll		Present	Passed
7	1		1	

6	2	2	2
5	6	6	3
4	11	11	10
3	7	7	7
2	10	9	9
1	10	10	10
	67	62	41
Primers	20	16	

Reading; satisfactory. Spelling: Satisfactory: Writing Good: Composition Fair: Arithmetic, S6 Moderate, S4 Fair, Other classes satisfactory,

Instruction of Standard 7 and Primers Satisfactory. One candidate Passed Standard 7

Some of the class subjects were not strong but the work in pass subjects was generally satisfactory. Reading Showed an

1st October F H Bakewell M A Inspector wrote

Visited the school today without notice- only 29 children present out of a roll number 50. The school had lately been reopened after being closed for a month on account of sickness- I am sorry to find that so many families all leaving. The gist is through the closing of the the sawmills. The roll numbers having fallen from 77 to 50 in three months. Such children as were present were receiving careful and intelligent instruction

19th October T R Fleming Paid a visit to school in passing. Work proceeding under satisfactory discipline in both rooms according to time table----- A pan is required for one of the boys' offices. One of the taps is leaking. Entries should be made in log book once a week. Attendance registers neat and satisfactory/ My visit corroborates Mr Bakewell's notes written above

28th September School reopened-very small attendance. Still a number of bad cases of whooping cough preventing the attendance of some of the children

Miss Avison the new mistress entered upon her duties today

9th oct Mr F Wise District Truant Officer visited the school and took a note of the following cases of noncompliance with the Act. The Thompsons. Drummonds, Westons, and Humphreys- He intends sending notices in these cases

15th The attendance has much improved this week as a result of the notices sent to delinquents- average 46

The Truant Officer again visited the school. Had only one case that of Lizzie Henderson to report to him- notice was to be sent

23rd The attendance continues to improve- Average for the week 49 on a roll of 55

25th Opened school this morning with a good attendance, but shortly after opening the dense volume of smoke from bush fires had sprung up in the immediate neighbourhood of the school compelled us to close for the afternoon Rain falling during the night extinguished the fires and the school was opened the following morning

30th Admitted two new pupils, The Tarrs (Farrs)?- Present roll number 57

6th November Weather has been beautifully fine all the week. Attendance greatly improved- Roll Number 59- Average attendance for week 52

9th King's Birthday Holiday

10th Very wet day Attendance below half of roll number

20th Today is People's day at the Palmerston Show. On account of the recent long closure of the school owing to Whooping Cough a holiday was not given. Besides the day has been cold and wet- Attendance (33) has been just over half the roll number- Average attendance for the week 49- Roll number 63

23rd Mr F Wise the Education Board's truant officer visited the school this afternoon- Informed me he had served a "Final" notice on Mr Wm Drummond re the irregular attendance of his daughter Ethel- He took the names of several whose attendance was not in accordance with the Act, intending to write to the parents concerned

27th Splendid weather all the week- good attendance -Average 56- Roll number 64

30th Received circular from Education requesting the quarterly returns be forwarded immediately after the closing of the school for the Christmas- also an inventory of school appliances.

10th December Received Inspection report on "Surprise Visit" (October 1st)

Standard classes and teachers. S7-3 Mr Sanderson. On the roll 28 present 15- S2 Ps Miss Avison On the roll 22 Present 14 Total on the roll 50, Present 29

Organisation approved, Times Tables satisfactory, Methods and quality on instruction in general. The school was only reopened on Monday after having been closed for a month on account of sickness, little more than half the roll number being present. In both rooms the instruction was of a satisfactory nature. Order and discipline Satisfactory. State of buildings, grounds and fences: good. Cleanliness and Tidiness of rooms and premises: very good. Both teacher and committee are congratulated on the care and attention that the premises and grounds evidently receive. List of books used in the school: [Listed in Log]. Special circumstances affecting the work by the children attending this school: The roll number is now only 50 and it will need every effort on the part of those concerned to keep an average to enable to school to a mistress.

Registers and School records in neat and correct Order. F H Bakewell

18th December A school concert was held in the evening in the Newman Hall in aid of the school funds. The children rendering songs, recitations, dialogues etc and being assisted by Eketahuna and local adult talent- The concert was a great success financially and otherwise School closed at 3 p.m. for the Christmas Holidays for three weeks, the holidays being curtailed with the Consent of the Education Board and the School Committee at my suggestion with the idea of making up as far as practical for the time lost by the closure for one month three months previously owing to the Whooping Cough Epidemic It has been agreed to grant one week extra at Easter after the examination in Lieu of the two weeks taken off the Christmas Holidays

1904

11th January School reopened with a good attendance

15th Average attendance for the week 51- 62 out of a roll number of 66 have attended this the first week after the holidays Miss Avison was absent on Monday and Tuesday in morning having been detained in Wellington by a Family Bereavement

21st The weather all the week has been hot and dry- attendance excellent= average 61 roll number 66

22nd Anniversary Day (Wellington province)- Holiday-

29th Very hot dry weather all the week. Bush fires in some of the farms prevented the attendance of some of the children

3rd February Received circular from Education Office requesting cooperation in getting a "Hobby Exhibition" in aid of School Cadet's Band Fund- The "Hobby Exhibition" is to be held presumably in Wellington –

11th School closed in the afternoon. (Eketahuna Horticultural society)

15th A wet day – attendance 33

19th Attendance somewhat effected today by the wet weather

26th Annual school picnic was held today in the Newman Domain- The weather was most favourable and the picnic was a great success- A social was also held in the evening- Proceeds towards the Prizes Fund

4th March Very wet day- Small attendance (26) weekly average 55. Roll number 67

7th Mr F wise the Board's Truant officer visited the school

11th Weather fine all week Average attendance 58

17th St Patrick's day The holding of the Eketahuna Friendly Society's Sports in the Newman Domain badly affected the attendance today- Only 21 present

25th The weather was fine all the week and there was a very good attendance average 60

31st Forwarded quarterly returns to the Education office today= Number on the roll for the quarter 68. Daily average 57 Easter Holidays commence tomorrow (Good Friday)

6th April Reopened school after Easter Holidays- Attendance small owing to bad weather/ In the afternoon the attendance was less than half the roll number

7th A very wet day. Very small attendance (12)

15th Annual examination of the school held today by Inspector Bakewell

26th School reopened after 6 days holidays- one week being in lieu of curtailment of the Christmas Holidays and one day Monday the 25th Being the school inspectors holiday

6th My Weather fine all week Average attendance for the week 51. Present roll number 55- several of those who passed Standard V at the recent examination have left- and there have been two removals from the district since the examination

12th Winter supply of firewood (3 Cords) brought today

19th Received from the secretary of the Education Board circular re the observance of Empire Day (the 24th inst) and it was suggested [A cord is 8 foot high and 4 feet long A foot is -3 -04 of a meter]

19th Received from secretary of the Education Board circular re the observance of Empire day (The 24th inst)- It was suggested that the children be assembled on the morning of Empire Day to salute the flag and receive an address re the Empire

20th Received a circular re the Battleship New Zealand. The circular proposed the establishment of a fund to be called "The Battleship New Zealand Presentation Fund" to which adults were asked to subscribe one shilling and children one penny- The children's pence fund to be devoted to the purchase of a challenge shield trophy for the ship through which the colony has been honouring by taking our name-

27th Received on the 19th inst Inspector Bakewell's report of the annual examination held on the 15th April Report to be copied into the log book (see next page=)

It has continued to rain all this week. On two days (Wednesday and Thursday) the attendance was below half the roll number- Tuesday 24th Empire Day was a holiday- At the suggestion

of the Education Department (by circular) the children assembled in the morning for the purpose of saluting the flag

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Standard	Number on Roll	Present	Passed
S7		-	-
S6	-	-	-
S5	9	9	8
S4	5	5	4
S3	7	7	7
S2	8	8	8
S1	9	8	8
Primers	20	20	
Total	58	57	35

Notes on the Passes

S4: Composition Fair, other passes satisfactory

[Some notes not copied]

The pass work on the whole was satisfactory. In S2 and P all work was good- Some of the class subjects were only fair and should improve in the Upper Standards F H Bakewell

10th Weather good all the week- Average attendance for the week 52. roll number 57

17th Wednesday and Friday of this week were wet days. On Wednesday morning the number present was less than half the number on the roll- Average for the week 51

24th In the early part of the week the weather was fine and the attendance good. Thursday and Friday were wet days- average for the week consequently affected

1st July Mid winter holidays commenced today- Two weeks vacation

15th Reopened school after mid winter holidays

22nd Bad weather most of the week. Roll number 57 Average 45. Received circulars re the establishment of classes for instruction in Physical Drill at Man Miss Avison will attend these classes

29th Admitted two new scholars, The Gilmores? And removed the name of Watkin Lewis from the register, owing to the family leaving the district

5th August Weather unusually bad all week - Snow fell pretty continuously on Wednesday and Thursday- the heaviest snow fall known in the district- Three times during the week the attendance was less than half the roll number.

9th A very severe earthquake struck , the severest since that of 1855, was experienced today at 10/22 a.m. The school building shook alarmingly, terrifying both teachers and children who all rushed from the rooms into the playground. A lamp was thrown down from the Mantlepiece onto the floor. No real damage was done

18th A heavy Northwest gale, accompanied by frequent heavy showers blew all day. Attendance very small (8)

19th Weather still stormy and wet. On Thursday and today the attendance has been below half the number on the roll. Daily average attendance for the week 44. Roll number 56.

[If the attendance was less then 50% then that day was not counted in the attendance totals]

26th Very wet on Monday and Friday of this week The attendance on these days was below half the roll number

1st September Received today from the Secretary of the Education Board a letter intimating in future a return would be required monthly of cases in infringement of the School Attendance Act- A supply of absentee notices and of new monthly return form was received With the letter

9th Rained every day this week Daily average 49

Examined S2,S1 and Primers on Thursday and Friday Result Reading, Spelling and Arithmetic Good, Writing – Fair

16th Weather fine all the week. Attendance good- Average 51. Number on roll 56

22nd Received circular from Education Office intimating that teachers Saturdays Classes for instruction in Brush work, geometry, and perspective were to be held in Pahiatua commencing on Saturday 1st October

Wednesday and Thursday were both wet days, Thursday morning attendance less than half the roll number

30 Forwarded to the Education Office today the quarterly returns. Number on the roll for the quarter was 56, Daily average 47

7th October Fine weather all the week Average attendance 51 Roll Number 58

Miss Millington visited the school yesterday to make necessary preliminary arrangements for commencing classes in cooing. The classes were to begin next Thursday

13th The cooking class was commenced today with ah attendance of 16 girls. A weekly lesson is to be given of two hours on Thursday commencing at 9 a.m.

14th Since Tuesday the weather has been very et and stormy and has badly affected the attendance especially today when it fell below half the roll number

Under a heading of Quality not quantity is the recommendation of the syllabus suitable text books for teachers

Then a list of books recommended in Arithmetic, English, Geography, Nature study and elementary science, History [All Not copied in this record]

The girls taking cookery will be excused from Needlework

Discussed a programme of work and suggested methods of holding quarterly examinations

Above Lists and comments written by T R Fleming Inspector

Drawing Standard 4 programme will be satisfactory for 1905 examination

25th October Tuesday (25th) and today were very et days. Affected the attendance badly

3rd November Very wet and stormy Attendance very small (22)

4th Palmerston North A and P show- Holiday-

9th Kings Birthday Holiday

14th North West gale blowing today with heavy rains. Attendance 9 only 3 families being represented

18th The weather bad again this week. For the past month or two it has been the worst within the memory of the oldest residents

25th Weather slightly improved- average attendance for the week (44)

2nd December Weather continues fine Average 43

5th Very wet day- attendance below half the roll number

16th School closed for the Christmas holidays to reopen on the 24th January

1905

24th Opened school after after Christmas holidays

2nd February The school pic-nic took place today and was a great success

10th Weather fine all the week. Attendance good Average 49- Roll number 55

15th Mr Mc Dougall, The Education Board's Inspector of Buildings visited the school this morning and took a note of several necessary minor repairs, notably the condition of most of the window sashes in the master's room, the sashes frequently lose the pulley cords

13th Half holiday for Eketahuna Horticultural Show

10th March. Admitted one new pupil this week Roll number now 57

16th Weather fine all the week Attendance good Average 58

18th Received notice on Saturday the 11th that the annual Examination was to take place on April the 18th

24th Weather continues fine- average attendance for the week 55

12th April The Standard examination was held today by Inspector Fleming

20th Annual distribution of prizes After the prize distribution the school was closed for the Easter holidays

26th School reopened after the Easter Holidays. Last night the annual meeting of Householders was held for the election of School Committee Messrs A Dunstall (Chairman Sec/Treasurer) . H Frederickson, R Rhodes, J Calton, P Petersen. H Weston. And W F Dowsett

5th May Weather fine all the week- Attendance good, Roll number 56, Daily average 49

15th Received from the Education Office Wall sheet copies of the Standards of Education under the new syllabus

19th School closed from the 19th to the 26th for Term Holidays

2nd June Thursday and Friday of the past week were wet days. Today Friday attendance less than half the roll number

Received on Monday the 29th May material for Technical Instruction Paints and Carton work material

15th June Received Inspector's Report on Annual Examination of the school 12th April

Mr A Anderson Head Teacher

Class	Teacher	Boys	Girls	Total	Present	Average Age	Remarks
S7	Mr A Anderson						
S6		2	2	4	4	13 yrs 2 mths	Good
S5		5	1	6	6	12 yrs 9	Satisfactory
S4		4	3	7	7	11 yrs 6	""
S3		5	4	9	9	10 years	"
S2	Miss L Avison	2	4	6	6	9 yrs 9	Good
S1		2	1	2	3	8 yrs 1	""
Infants		14	5	19	18	6 yrs 10	""
Total		34	24	54	53		

The four candidates who obtained certificates of proficiency did good work

Organisation: Satisfactory

Certificates granted

Certificate of Competency (to S5 inclusive)-

S6 Certificate of Proficiency: 4

Average age of those to whom Certificates of proficiency od competency in S6 granted 13 years 2 months

Reading- S6, S3 Satisfactory, S5, S4 Fair, S2 S1 Good

Composition-S6 Good, S5, S4 Satisfactory, S3 Moderate

Writing satisfactory

Spelling Satisfactory

Recitation Upper Classes Fair: Programme of work short

Arithmetic: satisfactory to good

Drawing: (Freehand and Geometry) Fair to satisfactory

Singing Fair

Physical Instruction (Physical Exercises & Clubs) wet- Satisfactory last year

Geography Satisfactory

History Satisfactory

Moral Instruction & Health

Additional Subjects

Nature Study and Science Fair. Object Lessons Good

Handwork Modelling and Paper folding in lower classes satisfactory

Geography, History, Needlework Good

Instruction of Primer class Good

Order, Discipline and tone of the school Fair

Efficiency of the school etc. Fairly satisfactory

T R Fleming Inspector

30th June Weather fine all week Average 48 Roll number 56

12th July Arbor day- Holiday-

4th August Enrolled 4 New pupils The roll number is now 65

18th Examined the Infant Department- results good-

25th Wet day on Tuesday- Average for week 50 Roll number 66

26th September Mr J Dineen Truant Officer visited the school. Examined the attendance registers- Found the attendance good- unnecessary to notify any of the parents re irregular attendance of their children

12th October Inspector Tennant paid the school a surprise visit this afternoon- Number present 60

12th Yesterday being Labor Day was observed as a holiday

3rd November Palmerston North A&P society's show Day was observed as a holiday

9th King's Birthday- Holiday-

6th December Parliamentary Elections- School used as a polling booth- Holiday

13th 14th 15th Conducted the second examination of the school since the examination by the Inspector in April and tabulated the results

15th School closed this afternoon for the Christmas holidays (6 Weeks) Will reopen January 29th

1906

29th January I take charge owing to Mr Anderson's illness. Opened school today 18 boys and 16 girls. Miss Avison returned on Saturday but went back to Wellington with the chairman's permission It was uncertain whether a relieving teacher would be available

30th Miss Avison resumed duties at 1 20 p.m. to-day. One new scholar Doris Cates

31st Number of the children are coming late in the morning

1st February sixteen pupils late- detained and cautioned them

1st February Mary McManus received notice of a scholarship being awarded to her. Received memo and cards re superannuation'

5th February Resumed duty today Aa [Andrew Anderson]

8th Annual school picnic held today – School closed

1st March Eketahuna Horticulture show held today- Holiday granted

Received in January 16th The following inspector's report on "surprise visit" (October)

Standard classes and teachers S7-3 Mr A Anderson. S2-P Miss Avison On the roll 69. Present 60

The school work was going on satisfactorily- registers, timetables etc correct, schoolrooms and out buildings clean and tidy. Class books used in the school: Imperial readers, Zealandia school paper, imperial Geographic, Southern Cross Arithmetic's. Collins's New Graphic copies- The pupils are keeping weather charts and I would recommend a barometer tube and mercury and a rain gauge for the school J S Tennant

9th Weather continues fine attendance good Average 63 Roll number 69

11th received from Education Board fresh supply of material to be used in Brush Drawing consisting of Brush Drawing Books (Riles in squares), paint boxes. Nibs brushes etc

24th Last night the statutory meeting of householders for the election of a school committee was held. The following committee was elected Messrs T F Calton (Chairman), F McManus, R Gyde, A Syverston, – Keans, Jno Cooper and H Fredrickson (Secretary)

2nd may Strong North Westerly gales have been blowing for the past week- this has materially affected the attendance

3rd May At the meeting of the School Committee held last night the selection of the Board of Miss R Kean as a successor to Miss Avison was endorsed- Miss Kean to enter upon her duties after the term holidays at the end of the month- Miss Avison tendered her resignation some three weeks ago

18th Closed school for the term holidays- which begin on Monday the 21st instant and end Friday 25th

28th School reopened after term holidays

31st Today Miss Avison severed her connection with the school- In the afternoon in the presence of a number of the parents Miss Avison was presented by a marble clock suitably inscribed

Annual Inspectors Report notes included

Reading satisfactory, Composition Good, Writing satisfactory. Drawing satisfactory in several cases very good. Geography Very satisfactory.... Satisfactory J Tennant Inspector Efficiency of the school etc

5th June Miss Kean who has been appointed to succeed Miss Avison having resigned, Miss Halley has been appointed relieving teacher- She entered upon duty today

15th At closing time announced that Monday and Tuesday the 18th and 19th the school would be closed by authority of the Education Board as mark of respect to the memory of the later Hon R J Seddon, Minister of Education

21st July Spent morning with school and found the school work going on most satisfactorily
J Tennant

31st July Commenced school examination

31st August Miss I Halley (relieving Teacher) who has had charge of the Infant Department for the past three months leaves today

Examined all the classes on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. School closes this afternoon for the term holidays (1 week)

10th September Reopened after the holidays- Miss J M Bremner the newly appointed assistant entered upon her duties today

11th Received from the Education Office a copy of Inspector Tennants Report on his visit of inspection on July 31st. The report is given on the next page

Inspector's report Newman Public School inspected July 1st, 1906 Standard Classes and teachers. S3-6 Mr Anderson H.M. On the roll 31. Present 29. Primers-S2 Miss Halley Temporary Assistant Teacher on the roll 31 Present 28. Total on the roll 62 present 57

Organisation, Marking and keeping of records & regularity of attendance- satisfactory- Suitability of Time Tables- Satisfactory- some suggestions made- method and quality of the instruction- good Order discipline and tone of the school- satisfactory- school grounds and offices [Toilets] clean and tidy. Class Books used in the school ;Not listed Here]

Report on any other sections (regulation 15) A plot of land for school gardens is being fenced and prepared for sowing shortly. J S Tennant Inspector

10th October Labor Day Holiday- School closed

22nd Wet day Attendance small. Below half of the roll number

23rd Very wet and stormy- Only 12 children present

9th November King's Birthday- Holiday-School closed

3rd December Wet Day attendance low (18)

14th Wet day Attendance 26 Below half the roll number

18th & 19th Examined the classes Ps-S2 in the Infant Room

20th & 21st Examined Classes S3-S6

21st School closed this afternoon for the Christmas Holidays- (6 weeks)

1907

4th February The school reopened after the Christmas Holidays

24th Annual School pic nic was held to-day. School closed

28th Miss J M Brennan assistant mistress who had resigned a month previously left this afternoon

4th March Miss J M Bradford Relieving Teacher commenced her duties today

7th Eketahuna Horticulture Show was held today- school closed

18th & 19th Very wet days- Attendance below half the roll number

19th Received from the Education Office notice that the annual examination of the school would take place on the 19th April

28th Wet day Attendance below half the roll number

Easter holidays begin tomorrow (Good Friday)

2nd April School reopened after the Easter Holidays

Miss G Haslam the newly appointed assistant mistress entered upon her duties today

Commenced the examination of the school, preparatory to the Inspector's visit

NOTE I stopped recording at this point. Too repetitive. There are 2 further Newman School Log Books at National Archives Wellington that I have not looked at