Pahiatua

On the West side of State Highway 2 going North at Albert Street. In 1904 became a district high school with a designated secondary teacher. Secondary Department was in a side school at Hillcrest School. Ceased to be a District High School when Tararua College was formed in 1960.

1883-1885

1885	45	Pahiatua	Yeats	Duncan M		Master	£180	$32,738
1885	45	Pahiatua	Sedcole	Mary J		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	$3,638

31st January 1883 Wellington Education Board cost of building a new school at Pahiatua £280

25th April 183 In a long article on Pahiatua: the next question brought up was the school house and teacher's residence!' meeting was of the opinion that since there were £200 available for a school-house, it addition to build a. teacher's residence as well.- But it was evident that settlers would .subscribe funds if the amount was not available

30th May 1883 We are glad to note that our energetic Pahiatua friends have succeeded in inducing the Education Board to recognise their claim for a school and teacher's residence. Both structures are promised as soon as the land given, by the settlers is conveyed to the Board..[Mr McCardle gave the land]

30th July 1883 The sooner we have our school now the better. We are in good hopes that it will be ready by the latter end of spring.

28th November 1883 Mr McCardle's offer of two acres for school site at Pahiatua was accepted with thanks

8th December 1883. Mr Wm. Bogle has offered to give an acre of land in Pahiatua, in a convenient position, for a **school** site, and a petition favouring the erection of a **school** upon it, has been largely signed by the settlers. Mr W. W. McCardle, has also promised a good site, comprising two acres, which has been accepted by the Education Board. It is probable that the choice of sites will be decided by a meeting of the settlers .

19th December 1883 Wellington Education Board In reply to a petition from Pahiatua, it was resolved that as soon as the site had been conveyed, the erection of a school would be considered.

3rd January 1884 A meeting of the settlers of Pahiatua was held on Monday evening last to take into consideration the question of the proposed new school for the district. A letter was read from Mr W. McCardle stating that matters in connection with the school were in a very forward state, the Education Board having accepted the site liberally offered by that gentleman, and I also decided to erect the necessary building* thereon.

29th January 1884 There is now a considerable population in the district and a school is much wanted. A site has been fixed but with the characteristic indolence of Wellington public bodies, no steps have yet been taken to erect a building. The site embraces an acre and three quarters at the eastern end of the township.

31st January 1884 Wellington Education Board Cost of school now £320

26th February 1884 Public meeting still discussing sites for a school. Mr McCardle said he would be pleased to have his land back

14th March 1884 Mr W. W. McCardle bad an interview with the chairman of the Education Board yesterday on the subject of opening a school at Pahiatua**,** and it having been explained that the settlers had already provided a building for the purpose, a promise was given that a master would be appointed at au date. This should be good news for patents in this new settlement.

27th March 1884 Wellington Education Board ho applications for new schools at the Camp and Pahiatua were ordered to stand over until next meeting,

1st May 1884 Wellington Education Board Mr W. W. McCardle waited on the board with reference to the Pahiatua School. The Chairman explained that Mr McCardle's visit to the board was duo to the fact that the question had arisen whether it would be desirable to erect a school at Pahiatua. Mr McCardle submitted a plan of the township, pointing out the sections which he had given as a school site. In the course of his remarks, he stated that by the time the school was built, if it were commenced now, there would be about forty children in the locality. Further consideration of the matter was postponed.

17th June 1884 A school building will shortly be erected at Pahiatua (Woodville Examiner)

21st June 1884 The time for receiving tenders for the Pahiatua school is intended [Think that should be extended] till June 2nd The plans after this date will be at the Post Office Pahiatua,

22nd July 1884 We hear that the Pahiatua school building is " knocked on the head," and will not be gone on with meantime.

30th July 1884 Wellington Education Board On the motion of Mr. Beetham, it was resolved to call for fresh tenders for the erection of a school at Pahiatua, with altered specifications

13th September 1884 Pahiatua article included All the front sections on both sides except two have already been sold, and the township has quite a respectable appearance, there being a dozen' houses including the hotel, most conspicuous amongst them being the house just built for Mr. McCardle. Wo have also the prospect of a school in the near future, which is a want that is badly felt. To give you an idea of the progress made since February 1881, when the only resident was the groom at Macara's stables and roadman four miles distant, with nothing to be seen but dense bush ; there will be at the end of this fall roughly about 4500 acres of bush down, with a fixed population of 130 people. We have two general stores, and for industries we have Messrs. H. Mans and A. W. Sedcole , brickmakers, and J. H. Corbett, sawmiller.

26th September 1884 ho Wairarapa Star regrets to learn that the Education Board has utterly failed to appreciate the requirements of the population in the Forty-Mile bush. Instead of inviting tenders for a school capable of anticipating the growing necessities of a district that is adding rapidly to its population through the progress of settlement, they have prepared plans for what is termed a No. 1 school at Pahiatua. Such a building is little better than a whare. It consists of a schoolroom '2O feet [6.09 metres] by 20 feet, with a small room and kitchen attached for the teachers' private accommodation. Forty children are said to be waiting the opening of the school.

26th September 1884 Wellington Education Board With regard to the school buildings to be erected at Pahiatua and Dalefield, the committee decided to call for improved plans and tenders

3rd October 1884 Fresh tenders are invited for the direction of schools at Pahiatua and Dalefield, and for repairs to the Eketahuna school, The plans of the Pahiatua school can be seen at this office, at the post office Pahiatua, of the Eketahuna School at the Daily office and post office Eketahuna, and of the Dalefield school at Mr Booth's store, Carterton, In the new Pahiatua plan the schoolroom is smaller than in the old one, but the building is larger as two living rooms are now included in the specification.

10th October 1884 For the third time tenders are called for the Pahiatua school. So much for centralisation. The Town Boards fail to grasp the requirements of country districts, hence the delay and frittering away of money in advertising three times what should have been done with once. I suppose the next delay will he, they, the Board, will discover this has not been constituted a school district, to all appearance this generation of children will have grown up by the time it is ready.

29th October 1884 Mr Sedcole is the successful tenderer for the erection of the Pahiatua School Cost £235

14th November 1884 Mr Ford, second assistant. teacher in the Masterton public" school, is reported by the Woodville Examiner" to be likely to have the offer of the new Pahiatua school

10th February 1885 A public meeting was held in the school room on Monday evening to consider the best means of opening the school, when it was finally resolved that the school be opened with a tea and concert in the evening, There being any quantity of talent, both local and musical in the district, the affair is likely to come off with éclat, the ladies having determined to do their level best. The gentlemen not to be outdone, have arranged to have a Working Bee on Saturday the 14th inst, after which is is expected the school ground will-look quite respectable. A committee was formed of those present to wait on those who were absent and persuade them either to work or pay a fair value in cash, and as it is not likely anyone will under-value himself, the committee will nett a nice 'little sum to assist the ladies in their labor of love,

14th February 1885 Teacher Pahiatua School ; salary, .£140 and £20 house allowance.

25th February 1885 Teacher, Pahiatua, five applicants, D M. Yeats

16th March 1885 A concert Is to be given at Pahiatua on the 24th inst,, in the connection with the school opening. The Masterton String' Band have promised their assistance and the members of it will take the lion's share of the programme

17th March 1885

PAHIATUA SCHOOL.

OPENING CELEBRATION.

GRAND TEA AND CONCERT in connection with the above,

TUESDAY, 24th MARCH. Tickets 2s, to be had on application to the Committee, or at the Examiner Office. J. H. CORBETT. Secretary

20th March 1885 The Pahiatua school, under Mr Yeats, was to have been opened to-day

23rd March 1885 The public school at Pahiatua will.be opened to-morrow, when there will be a. tea meeting, and a musical entertainment in the evening. This Masterton String Band leaves to-morrow morning for . the purpose of assisting at the ceremony, which, in a new settlement, is naturally considered to be a very important one

26th March 1885 OPENING OF THE PAHIATUA SCHOOL.

(From our own correspondent.)

On Tuesday was celebrated what will be a red letter day in' the annals of the settlement, After a long and weary time of waiting, our school was at last declared finished, and ready for use. The master elect, Mr Yeats, being already on the ground, :no time was lost in getting to work. On Monday the children turned up to the number of 28, who were duly registered and classified.. The only fault about the school is, that it is too small; we ought to have had seating room for 100. The committee who had the management of the affair, under the leadership of Mr- J. H. Corbett, have acquitted themselves with honor. The opening consisted of tea for the children at 3 p.m., for adults at 5 p.m., and an entertainment at 8 p.m. All praise is due to the ladies of the district for the manner in which they came forward, and it will be some time before the recollection of the good things supplied will fade from the memory of those who partook of them. Then came the entertainment, which was varied, consisting of an address from Mr McCardle, music, recitations, readings, and songs. . The Masterton Band deserve _the thanks of the district for the liberal 'manner in which they assisted, and the treat they gave us in the shape of good music and songs, contributed by Messrs Papworth and Bradbury. Amongst our Woodville visitors Mr Haggen, who is always to the fore in forwarding the interests of the bush districts, gave a humorous reading in broad Scotch. Mr T. Miller's song "Come under my plaidie" was given in true Scotch style. Recitations by Mr W. Corbett, " the wreck of the Nancy brig," and Mr H. King "The sale of old bachelors" were well rendered. The recitation by Master A. W. R. Sedcole, "The Spanish Champion," was almost faultless. Mr Papworth,' in his comic song, brought down the house, while Miss M. J. Sedcole and Mr Bradbury highly deserved the applause that was bestowed upon them, The readings of Messrs Haggen, A. W. Sedcole, and Yeats were well given and duly applauded. The affair came off without a hitch, and, what is better, is a financial success. Miss Jessie Corbett presided at the piano throughout.

7th April 1885 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(From our own Correspondent.) A meeting of the above Committee was held on Monday April 6. Present Messrs J. H, Corbett, Bell, H. Sedcole, Crewe, Manns and A, Sedcole.

Resolved.—That all religious bodies have the use of the **school** free.

Resolved—That for the purpose of a freethought lecture the charge be 5s, Resolved.—That tenders be called for cleaning the **school.**

Resolved—That for the purpose of an entertainment, except for benefit of school or charitable purpose, there be charged 10s.

Resolved,—That for the purpose of calling ordinary meetings a notice posted on the school should suffice.

The Chairman reported that he had interviewed the Board of Education re pump and bell, and that they would soon be up

29th April 1885 Wellington Education Board £150 was voted for a residence at Pahiatua

1st May 1885 The Pahiatua Committee asked the Education Board to erect a teacher's residence and vote £40 for clearing and fencing of the school ground. It was decided to call for tenders for the erection of a building. The application about the levelling and fencing of the ground was deferred.

16th May 1885 Tenders are invited by the Education Board for the erection of a teacher's residence at Pahiatua, The building, when finished will consist of a square four roomed cottage, without ornamentation of any kind; but its compactness and finish will, no doubt, give it a better appearance than some of the other houses in Pahiatua.
18th May 1885 Plans for Pahiatua Residence at Examiner Office, Woodville, and the Daily Office, Masterton.
20th May 1885 Since the Pahiatua School has been opened by Mr Yeats the average attendance has kept up well and the children are making excellent progress. Of forty names on the roll since the opening the average attendance has been kept up to 39, until last week when notwithstanding the inclement weather it fell off by one only
27th May 1885 Wellington Education Board Pahiatua residence, Thomas Miller Tender accepted
29th May 1885 Inspector's report Pahiatua School—Percentage of passes, 100. " The school is generally well conducted." Master, Mr Yeats,.[Eketahuna got 65%]
2nd June 1885 Mr Thomas Miller's tender for erection of the teachers' residence was accepted by the Board of Education at its last meeting and the work will be gone on with at once At present the only road to the school is the track, with a temporary bridge over the creek, made by the contractors for the school building. It is time something was done in the way of a road, for the children have to puddle through mud and water now, but what will it be when materials for the new budding are being carted along at this season the year'. Besides, part of the present track in on private property and might be closed at any time. Something should be done in the matter, and at once. A concert is being arranged, most likely to take place on the 26th of June, the proceeds of which are to go towards . the purchase of a harmonium, which in much needed for church .services and for the Sunday-school, which has been opened by Messrs Yeats and Miller and Miss Corbett…….
4th June 1885 Wellington Education Board Tender Pahiatua school, residence-Crimp and Jensen, £200; T. Miller, £191 19s (accepted).
24th June 1885 Wellington Education Board Certain additions to the Pahiatua residence were also approved
26th June 1885 A public mooting vu held in the school on Tuesday night, but owing to the short notice given not many were present. Mr Miller was in the chair. The first matter that came under consideration was the formation of a public library and it was resolved that a library for the district be formed. A committee for the carrying out of this object was elected consisting of Messrs Davie, Yeats, C. Avery. Whitcombe, Crimp, Millar and Rose, who are to meet on Tuesday night to make all preliminary arrangements and draw up rules. Mr Yeats accepted the office of librarian, and the subscription was fixed at ten shillings per annum payable half-yearly in January and July……..Some discussion afterwards ensued about the site chosen for the teachers' residence. Strong feeling was shown, and opinions couched in rather strong language were expressed. It is a very great pity when public matters cannot be calmly discussed without party spirit and personal animosity making their appearance. In the end matters stood just as they did before with regard to the site ; it is to be hoped that personal relations were no more strained by the discussion.
3rd July 1885 ho first of a series of concerts got up for the purchase of an organ was given in the **school** on Friday night. Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather it was well attended, u

number of visitors from Woodville, Kumeroa and Eketahuna being present. Mr Yeats was in the chair……

24th July 1885 The School Committee met lost night and got' through the usual amount of business in about the usual time. Our. worthy master has returned, looking all the better for his holiday, and I think on the whole, the children are glad to get to school again, if not; the parents are glad to get rid of them.

1st July 1885 Woodville news On Friday evening there was a concert at Pahiatua, a rising township about 11 miles away, on the Masterton-road. It was for the purpose of purchasing an organ for public use in the schoolroom there, and a large party of Wood villa vocalists went down to help at it. The concert was fairly successful, considering the weather, and our local folks returned very much pleased with their trip.

29th July 1885 Wellington Education Board and the School Committee of Pahiatua was requested to recommend a pupil teacher for the school. The Board also agreed to send more desks to the school.

30th July 1885 At the last meeting of the Education Board Mr Beetham drew attention to the bad state of the roads leading to the Pahiatua - school, but the Board was of opinion that it could do nothing in the matter.

21st August 1885 On Wednesday last, after choir practice, a handsome music stool was presented to Mr Corbett by Mr Yeats, our school, master, in the name of the concert committee, as a slight acknowledgement of his services and assistance in getting up the concerts that have been given lately. What we shall do when he and his family leave the district, ns lhey.tontcnipl.no doing, your correspondent knoweth not.

28th August 1885 Wellington Education Board Pahiatua —Miss Mary Sedcole was appointed pupil teacher ; the Inspector to report in reference to her qualifications as sewing mistress

15th September 1885 On Monday week, Mr Lee, the Inspector of Schools for the Wellington District, examined the Pahiatua, School and expressed himself highly pleased with the results achieved by the master, Mr Yeats, in the short time during which the school has been in work

27th November 1885 Wellington Education Board and £5 was voted for shelves and cupboards for the teacher's residence at Pahiatua

4th December 1885 The Premier came to Pahiatua and the children had a half holiday from school

11th December 1885 It is intended to form a ladies' lawn tennis club at Pahiatua, and steps are now being taken out to carry out the project. Lawn tennis is splendid exercise for ladies, and on that score alone the proposal should receive every support.

22nd December 1885 The Pahiatua School was closed on Friday for the holidays and will re-open on January 28th.

1886

1886	67	Pahiatua	Yeats	Duncan M		Headmaster	£200	$37,398
1886	67	Pahiatua	Reese	Marion		Assistant Female	£80	$14,959
1886	67	Pahiatua	Sedcole	Margaret J		Female Pupil Teacher	£25	$4,675

28th January 1886 Wellington Education Board Expenditure Pahiatua fencing and clearing £40 Additions £300

9th February 1886 A special meeting of the Pahiatua School Committee was held on Tuesday night, called, owing to a letter from the Education Board, to consider what additions would be required for the school. It was decided to ask for accommodation for one hundred more scholars, as, taking into consideration the rapid growth of the district, in all probability such number would be reached in another year. It was also decided, in view of fifteen new pupils in a few days, the school being overcrowded now, to suggest to the Board the use of some temporary building as a relief, the porch having to be used as a class room, whenever practicable. Still no further action has been taken towards a road to the school, and winter will soon be on us, with the prospect of contractors' plant and building material constantly passing

2nd April 1886 The Pahiatua School Committee met on Monday night. A tender was accepted for the enlargement of the school, and it was decided to erect swings, &c., for the use of the children

30th April 1886 Pahiatua. There was a large attendance of householders at the Annual meeting for election of School Committee on Tuesday night. The Secretary read the report in which the chief points were—The necessity for a new bridge across the creek, and the fencing in of the ground. The head teacher read a report of the year's work, showing the great increase in attendance from 31 to 76, impressing on parents the necessity for the regular attendance of their children, and advocating the formation of a school library. The reports were adopted on the motion of Mr Campbell, seconded by Mr McCardle : the latter saying that he had much pleasure in testifying to the good work done in the school. A vote of thanks to the retiring Committee ; in replying to which the Chairman, Mr H. Sedcole, referred to the death of Mr J. H. Corbett, the first Chairman of Committee. After this Mr Yeats was voted to the chair., and the election of new members was proceeded with resulting as follows : —A. Reese, 42 ; 11. Sedcole, 31: Crimp 26 Naylor, 23; Birnie, 21; Stewart 19 Howlett, 19; Shelbourne, 15 ; Crewe, 11; A. W. Sedcole, 10 ; Miller 10. The first seven were accordingly declared duly elected.

It was carried on the motion of Mr Gregory, that a committee of seven be appointed to raise sufficient funds to erect a footbridge for the children. On the motion of Mr A. W. Sedcole the newly elected committee was chose for the purpose. It was left to Mr Yeats to get up a concert for the purpose of raising funds to commence a school library. After the business of the meeting was concluded, Mr McCardle took the opportunity of saying a few words about the railway extension from Kopuaranga to Eketahuna…….

At the School Committee meeting held afterwards, Mr Reese was unanimously elected Chairman for the year, and the 3rd Monday in each month was chosen for the regular meeting day.

30th April 1886 Wellington Education Board On the motion of Mr Beetham, it was resolved that tenders should be called for additions to the Pahiatua and Belvidere schools

28th May 1886 Mr W Benton awarded the contract at Pahiatua

12th June 1886 A fatal accident happened at Pahiatua to one of Mr H. Sedcole's sons at about five o'clock on Thursday evening. He fell off a timber-waggon and broke his neck, causing instantaneous death. Deceased was between six and seven years of age,

15th June 1886 PHIAPTUA [Sic] SCHOOL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

The first annual prize distribution in connection with the Pabaitna [Sic] school took place on Friday. There was a good attendance of parents and children, and although the weather was rather unfavorable great interest was taken in the proceedings. Mr Reese, chairman of the School Committee, occupied the chair, and in a few well-chosen remarks introduced the subject of the day's proceedings. He called on Mr McCardle to deliver the prizes.

Mr McCardle thanked the Committee for having given him the honor of distributing the prizes and believed it had been done because he had been identified with Pahiatua from the first. He looked on that school as one which would yet be one of the largest in the district. He then distributed the prizes. Special prizes were given by Mr A. W . Sedcole, Miss Sedcole, Mr D M. Yeats, Mr H. Sedcole and Mr Haggen. Mr Yeats's prizes were awarded to those pupils who had made the highest aggregate marks in the quarterly examinations of their classes, while the prizes for the most popular boy and girl in the school, were awarded on the votes of the children themselves. Amongst the boy's then was a tie between J. Miller and S. McMillan but on the second voting the latter was the victor. The prizes having been distributed, Mr Yeats impressed on tin parents and children the necessity of regular attendance if satisfactory results were to be attained and pointed out that the fault was often rather that of the parents. Under the regulations they were supposed to turn out children like a batch of loaves.

Mr Miller proposed a hearty vote o thanks to the teachers and said he had great pleasure in being present. Ho referred in a highly complementary manner to the work done by Mr Yeats since he had taken charge of the school and pointed out that he required not only the sympathy of the children but that of the parents in order to be successful in his work. He' had great pleasure in speaking highly of Mr Yeats and of his discipline He was sure the prizes had been awarded with full justice by the teachers. He asked them to give hearty votes of thanks to their teachers, Mr Yeats and Miss Sedcole.

The votes were carried by acclamation

Mr Yeats, in returning thanks referred to the pleasure he had in teaching the children.

On the motion of M Reese, three hearty cheers were given for the donors of special prizes, and thanks were returnee by Mr Haggen.

Mr McCardle took the opportunity of referring to the memory of the late Mr Corbett, who had been for some time chairman of the committee and had worked up the concert which provided tin money for the prizes. He proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and members of the School Committee

The following is the prize list; — Pass Prizes.

Standard IV. —Lottie Sedcole, Jane Miller and John Miller

. Standard III. —Maud Crimp, Samuel McMillan, John Boyden, Edward Naylor Walter Baucke , and Albert Pawson.

Standard II. —Rose Skipper, Frederick Dew.

Standard I.—Sarah Rose, Jessie McCardle, Bertha Barlow, Alice McMillan, James Sedcole, Alick McCardle "Willie Miller, Harry Groves, Henry Treweek , Willie Purcell, Gustav Barlow Willie Rioux.

Special Prizes. Mr Yeats' prizes for quarterly examinations;

Standard V. —Adam McCardle.

Standard IV. —Jane Miller.

Standard 111. —Samuel McMillan.
Standard I. —David Sedcole.
Upper Infants.—Amelia Crowe
General Improvements. —Helen Crimp
Mr A. W. Sedcole's prizes for good conduct and neatness. —Lottie Sedcole
Thos. Hall (regular attendance as well),
Miss Sedcole's prizes for general neatness :—Katie Reese, Alice Avery.
Mr Haggen's prizes for best liked girl and boy. —Jane Miller, Samuel McMillan
13th August 1886 The Board of Education are more alive to our wants than the Government, as the school is being rebuilt to accommodate 132. The master says he will re-open with 100 on the roll, and work up to 150 without further enlargement, as the teaching staff has been increased, and with a master, mistress, and pupil teacher, greater economy of space can be effected.
24th August 1886 Mr Yates, the popular schoolmaster of Pahiatua, was married on Saturday to a daughter of the late Mr James Brown, better known as " Snyder Brown," an able journalist, and for a long time editor of the Poverty Bay Herald. We wish Mr Yates and his bride long life and prosperity. Some of the Pahiatua people intend presenting the happy couple with a handsome clock on their arrival home.
25th August 1886 The question of retaining the teacher at Pahiatua was considered. The committee wrote that they wore willing to give him a further trial, and the Board resolved that he should he, allowed another chance.
26th August 1886 Consideration as to whether the services of the present teacher should be retained at Pahiatua school, or not, resulted in the former being agreed to, as it was represented he had recently got married
3rd September 1886 From the Star we learn that the inhabitants of Pahiatua have presented Miami Mrs Yeats with a handsome marble 14-day clock, with glass shade; cruet, with cut-glass bottles ; salt cellars ; biscuit barrel—the last three being oak and silver; and a complete dinner service. On the clock was the following inscription, very neatly executed : " Presented to D. M. Yeats, Esq., by the residents of Pahiatua, on the occasion of his marriage. 21st August 1886. Tempus Fugil." Mr McCardle made the presentation, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Crewe for her preparations
[Note I could find no hint of what caused doubt about Mr Yeats because he seemed to be well liked and upstanding in the community]
1st October 1886 Miss Reece appointed
21st October 1886 Part of a long rambling article entitled the Back Country of Wellington included A little more than 18 months ago the school contained the names of 25 children, the average attendance being much below that number. On the day of my visit to the district there were 103 names on the register, and the average attendance was 90. These facts and figures speak for themselves……..
as 1 have already said, well filled, the average attendance being large It is under the care of Mr. Yeats, formerly of the Te Aro School, who, while being a strict disciplinarian, is yet of so kindly and genial a disposition that the very children he is obliged to punish most love him. and parents have the utmost confidence in him as an instructor of their offspring. Until recently Mr, Yeats was the village doctor as well

as pedagogue and in that capacity he did good service ; but lately two Woodville medicos have taken to visiting Pahiatua twice a week, and the medicine chest of the schoolmaster is no longer required for other than private purposes

Schoolmasters are frequently men with grievances. The Pahiatua schoolmaster is an exception to the rule. He has only ono complaint to make, and this the Education Board will assuredly remedy when it is mentioned. Mr. Yeats has recently taken unto himself a wife — happy man! — and has a nice house and nearly every convenience. He desires but ono thing— alas! he has no scullery and has to use his sitting-room for pots, kettles, boilers, hams, and such like requisites of a well - ordered home. The Board promised him a scullery before he was married as an inducement to become a ?; but afterwards they forgot that scullery and have given him cause for the only complaint ho can possibly think of.

22nd October 1886 There are 102 children on the roll of the Pahiatua School, with an average attendance of 88. Miss Reese has commenced her duties as assistant teacher in the school.

22nd October 1886 Wellington Education Board The Pahiatua Committee applied for no-additional schoolroom maps'. It was decided to provide a map of Australia for the Pahiatua and other country schools which require it

An application was received from the Pahiatua Committee for a vote for fencing : ' and draining the school ground. It was resolved to ask the Committees to forward an estimate of the cost.

28th October 1886 A man came in from the Puketois on Thursday last, having met with an accident while bush-felling, It appears ho was clearing supplejacks from around a tree with a hook, and the weapon glanced off the wood oil to his forehead, just above the left eye, inflicting a nasty gash. The man went to Mr Yeats for assistance and we are informed that it was almost a miracle that-the hook did not pierce the eye, in which case 1033 of sight must have followed. Mr Yeats carefully dressed the wound and the man returned home. -Pahiatua Star.

24th November 1886 The teacher of the Pahiatua School asked that the Christmas vacation should be reduced to two weeks, so as to make up for the time lost during the past winter. _ The application was supported by the Committee, and the Board decided to grant it

. A letter was read from the Pahiatua Committee giving an estimate of the cost of fencing and draining the school property in their district. The Board decided to invite tenders for the work.

1886/2155	Jane Rutherford	Browne	Duncan Meanis	Yeats	
1887/13948	Yeats	Esma Montague	Jamie Rutherford	Duncan Mearns	-
1890/14823	Yeats	Douglas Mearns	Duncan Jennie Rutherford	Duncan Mearns	
1926/2554	Yeats	Duncan Mearns	77Y		

1932/2849	Yeats	Jane Rutherford	72Y

1887

1887	101	Pahiatua	Yeats	Duncan M		Headmaster	£240	$47,030
1887	101	Pahiatua	Reese	Marion		Assistant Female	£80	$15,677
1887	101	Pahiatua	Sedcole	Margaret J		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	

26th January 1887 Wellington Education Board No action was taken with regard to the application of Mr. D, M. Yeats, of- Pahiatua; for remuneration for instruction of a pupil teacher

26TH April 1887 School Committee The Pahiatua school committee was elected' as follows Reese , 84, Stewart 40, Burnie 34, Naylor 30, , Wills 28, Crewe 27, H. Sedcole 25. Mr Crewe was elected chairman.

27th May 1887 Wellington Education Board he matter of the erection of a new school at Pahiatua was postponed until another meeting

27th May 1887 A petition (signed by the parents of-55 children) was presented by Mr W. W. McCardle from the settlers of Pahiatua, praying for the erection of a new school in , that district. The Chairman thought it would be better to enlarge the present school than to erect little schools all over the district. One of the disadvantages the Board labored under was that every little community desired to have its own school and the - result was that there was often no properly organised educational institution in any district. He was quite certain that the present educational system would break down unless the public took -cognisance of the necessity for centralising the schools. The-requests for little schools all over the Colony were a burden which the Boards could not bear, and they were obliged to-so place all new schools that they would serve to supply the country for-a considerable radius. Further consideration of the matter was postponed in order that plans of the proposed site might be furnished, and that the views of the Pahiatua School-Committee should be heard on the subject.

[This was the case when the Marlborough Education Board went bankrupt and had to be taken over by Wellington Education Board in 1915. They had only 1 school Blenheim who brought in more money government money than was spent on it]

22nd June 1887 Yeats.—At the school house, Pahiatua, on the 19th instant;, the wife of D. M. Yeats of a daughter

1st July 1887 John Miller was the only pupil to pass the Public Schools Drawing examination

19th July 1887 ()n Friday last a severe accident occurred to Mr John Bourke, of Hawera.[Later called Hamua] He was building a boat for the purpose of crossing the river, and as he was dressing the timber with an adze the tool caught his foot with great force, cutting through the flesh of his ankle and penetrating deeply into the bone. Dr. Williams was sent for it once, and attended Mr Bourke at the residence of Mr Yeats, in Pahiatua

19th August 1887 On Wednesday last a little boy two years old, the son of Mr Barnett a recent arrival from Christchurch, now residing at Pahiatua, was playing in the main street when the horses of a heavily laden timber waggon knocked the little fellow down and the wheel passed over him, severely crushing his foot. Mr. Yeats went to see the child, but seeing it was a serious case telegraphed for Dr. Williams who was quickly in attendance. The little fellow had a narrow escape of his life, but is now progressing well

1888

1888	103	Pahiatua	Yeats	Duncan M		Headmaster	£225	$44,091
1888	103	Pahiatua	Reese	Marion		Assistant Female	£75	$14,697
1888	103	Pahiatua	McKenny	Cecilia		Female Pupil Teacher	£15	$2,939

26th January 1888 Wellington Education Board Estimate for year New School at Pahiatua £300 and residence £250

9th February 1888 The Rev Father McKenna celebrates Mass on Sunday next at the Pahiatua School, at 11 a.m.

6th March 1888 The Pahiatua Star records the following pleasing incident :— One of Mr. McCardle's little sons, who attends the public school, had the misfortune to have his savings (a purse containing 10s) burned during the fire on Sunday morning Mr. Yeats mentioned the fact at school next morning and asked the scholars if they would like to make good the loss their schoolfellow had sustained. The children were delighted at the idea, and during the dinner hour several scholars went home and procured their donation, and the contents of the lad's purse were reinstated. This is the proper way to help one another.

2nd April 1888 Wellington Education Board The Pahiatua Committee applied for funds to erect a shelter shed, and also that the Board should pay £1 per week for the purpose of conveying children from the Village Settlement to the school. It was decided that the Inspector, who is about to visit the locality, should bring up a report on both matters,

24th April 1888 Pahiatua School Committee election last night was very quiet, only about ? householders being present. The following were elected viz Messrs McCardle (Chairman), Reese, Naylor, Bainton, H. Sedcole, Greville, ' and Waller.

4th May 1888 The number of children on the roll of the Pahiatua school is 149. 90 were presented in standards and 75 passed. The percentage passed of those presented was 95. The inspector reported on arithmetic and drawing as very creditable, and the whole of the school work as good. Mr Yates is to be congratulated on the great success attending his work.

27th June 1888 Plans of the new school at the Pahiatua settlement were approved, and it was decided to call for tenders for the erection of the building as soon as the site has been cleared by the settlers

25th July 1888 Wellington Education Board The sum of £5 was voted towards the removal of closets[Closets being toilets, surely shifting rather than removing] and erection of shelter sheds at Pahiatua,

27th July 1888 Drawing Examinations First Grade Freehand Pahiatua H Burnie, W C Buckle, J Miller, T McHenry, K Reese, J C Sedcole, D P Sedcole

Scale Drawing H Bowie, J Miller, James Miller, T McKenny, A McKirdy

25th August 1888 The Woodville and Pahiatua schools, are closed owing to the prevalence of scarlatina.

26th September Wellington Education Board Miss Mary Sedcole resigns and Miss McKenny appointed pupil teacher in the Pahiatua School

14th December 1888 Your readers should not forget the concert that takes place to-night for the purpose of giving the school children a little recreation.

17th December 1888 The entertainment in aid of the fund for the children came off on Friday evening, and notwithstanding the inclemency of- the weather, was a success, several of the

front seat ticket holders having to take sittings in the back. The first item on the programme was calisthenic exercises by the junior division of girls, which was much appreciated. After this a very interesting debate took place, 4 ‘ Are school prizes beneficial to the cause of education." As this is one of the leading questions of the day much interest: was enjoyed by everyone, the school children who took part having learnt their pieces thoroughly- This concluded the 'first part of the programme. The second part commenced with a farce entitled “ The Little Pickle, or none so blind as those who will not see,” the characters being Uncle, Harry Spargo; Aunt, Theresa McKenny; Farmer, Hector Gardner; Schoolmaster, John Miller; Jack the Pickle, Frank McCurdy; Pedler, James Sedcole ; Polly, Emma Dew. This was- the most enjoyable item of the evening. At the close Mr Yeats thanked those present for their attendance. A word of praise should be said in favor of Mr and Mrs Yeats for the manner in which they have brought the children forward in this matter, and as this was the first entertainment of this kind ever held here it was very good, Something like £9 was taken at the doors-

19th December 1888 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(From Our Special Reporter.) A meeting of the above was held on Saturday last. Present— Messrs McCardle (chair), Greville, Sedcole, and Waller. The Headmaster's report was read as follows: — I beg to report that my roll number is 135, average 101. As this is my last report for the year there is one thing I wish to mention, irregularity of attendance during the present quarter in particular; and 1 am sorry that I must include the children of one or two of the committee in this complaint. The son of one member has been absent more than twice as often as he has been present, and another although living very near the school has allowed his two boys to stay at home on wet days, and I think all other times when they wished. Making all allowance for bad weather and occasional work at home, I am fully satisfied that there has been more irregularity than need have been. This is by no means encouraging to me nor is it fair either to the children or their teachers. In salary I shall most lively lose at the rate of £20 a year for the next six months through the irregularity, this will depend on the average of next week, one bad day in which will decide the point. Certainly with 135 on the roll, if parents did their duty by their children there would be no difficulty in keeping an average of considerably over 100 a day. While on this I should like 10s to be allowed me to get the school buildings thoroughly scrubbed, windows cleaned, and walls washed during the holidays, it would take a woman two days. There is a leak in my kitchen which I would like seen to at once.

Accounts amounting to £1 13s were passed for payment.

21st December 1888 Wellington Education Board In consequence of the license held by the assistant teacher at Pahiatua having expired, and as she had failed to obtain a full certificate, the Board decided not to retain her in their service

31st December 1888 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A meeting of the above was held in Mr Crimp’s Temperance Hotel on Friday evening. Present; Messrs McCardle (chair), Reese, Greville, Naylor, Vile, Walker, and Sedcole, The Chairman explained that the meet was called for the purpose of considering the report by Mr Yeats, the headmaster, re Miss Reese to the Education Board.

Mr Yeats said he would like to say something before entering into Miss Reese’s efficiency. She came with a two years qualification. She wrote to the Inspector-General and asked him

for a renewal, which was not granted The first intimation he had of the fact of Miss Reese being dismissed was in the paper. As regarded efficiency, he had examined Miss Reese's class on Wednesday and Thursday and found one or two inefficiencies which he thought could be easily rectified. The difficulty was that Miss Reese could not enter as a qualified teacher.
The Chairman said perhaps Mr Yeats could suggest something to the committee.
Mr Yates said he could suggest nothing, unless that an application be made to the Inspector-General for a, renewal of license, as it rested entirely with him and he might grant renewal for another year. The Act required certificated teachers where they could be got.
Mr Vile: Is Miss Reese willing retain her position.
Mr Reese : Yes.
Mr Yeats said Miss Reese had stated that she did not intend to go up for examination in January next.
Mr Reese thought it was the headmaster's place to do all in his power to push teachers forward.
Mr Vile asked Mr Reese if he thought that Miss Reese would try to qualify herself if she got an extension of time.
Mr Reese: Most decidedly she would.
Mr Reese said that had Mr Yeats told Miss Reese of the danger of not competing she would have gone in for the examination.
Mr Greville asked if the examination of her class was satisfactory last quarter.
Mr Yeats: Yes, quite satisfactory.
A letter was read from Miss Reese stating that she intended to go up for examination but had not been informed at what date it was to take place. She also stated that she did not intend to go up for the drawing examination this time but intended to devote all her time for the teaching examination. Had she been informed of the risk she was running she would have competed.
Mr Yule proposed, Mr Naylor seconded, that Miss Reese, having been under a misapprehension with reference to her qualification as teacher, this committee ask the Education Board to grant her an extension of time, so as to give her an opportunity of retaining her position as teacher— Carried,
Mr Greville proposed, Mr Sedcole seconded, that tiffs committee is still further of opinion that Miss Reese, having given every satisfaction as a teacher, and as her examination of last year was favorable and beneficial to the school, she should be retained—Carried.
A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr Crimp for the use of the room on the occasion.
Mr Black said he had received a letter from Mr Warren, stating that as he would be them on the evening of the 9th January he would be willing to give a lecture on Dickens for the benefit of the school and it was understood Mr McCardle take the chair. The meeting then adjourned.

1889

1889	105	Pahiatua	Yeats	Duncan M		Headmaster	£225	$40,907
1889	105	Pahiatua	Roebuck	Fanny M		Assistant Female	£60	$10,909

1889	105	Pahiatua	McKenny	Cecilia		Female Pupil Teacher	£15	$2,727
1889	105	Pahiatua	Millar	Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£15	$2,727

11th January 1889 Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a large attendance to hear Mr W. H. Warren, of Wellington, give his celebrated readings from Dickens, in aid of erecting sheds for the public school. Mr McCardle was in the chair and fulfilled his duties in a very satisfactory manner. The first part of the programme was an overture by Miss Falla, which was well rendered and received with much applause. Mr Warren then presented himself and read " Bob Sawyer's Party," which kept the public at intervals in roars of laughter. Mr and Mrs Mills then sang a duel, which was well rendered and was well received. Miss Falla and Mr Warren then sang a duet entitled " What are the Wild Wav, s saying," to which an encore was demanded by the audience. Miss Falla responded and sang " Maid of Athens,', playing her own accompaniment. A portion of " Christmas Carols " was next read by Mr Warren, pleased the audience immensely. Miss Falla then sang " The Blind Girl to her Harp," which was the gem of the evening and received loud applause. The last item on the programme was " David Copperfield," by Mr Warren, where he again showed his abilities as a muster of Dickens's works. Hearty votes of thanks to Mr Warren and the chairman brought the evening's entertainment to a close. Something like ±G was taken at the doors which will no doubt go a good way towards building the sheds for the school. The entertainment closed with a dance

16th January 1889 The Pahiatua School Committee passed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Warren for his lecture in aid ,of the school funds. Messrs Reese, Sedcole and Vile have been appointed a committee, with power to act, to see to the erection of shelter sheds.

30th January 1889 The Inspector-General insists on the services of Miss Reese being dispensed with at Pahiatua.

30th January 1889 Mr. W. W. McCardle attended as a deputation from the Pahiatua Committee, urging the Board to retain Miss Reese as assistant in the local school. It appeared that, under a misapprehension, she had not gone up for examination in order to thoroughly qualify herself, and the Education Department in consequence had struck her name off the list of teachers. The Chairman explained that the Board had taken no action in the matter whatever. The Board -decided not to interfere with the action of the Department.

1st February 1889 DISCHARGE OF MISS REESE. The Press says ;—Mr W. W. McCardle, representing the Pahiatua School Committee, waited on the Education Board the other morning with the object of having the services of Miss Reese, assistant mistress in the Pahiatua School, but who will have to resign on account of not complying with the regulation by going up for examination, retained. He explained that she had satisfied the committee, the master, and the parents, and her work had proved in every way satisfactory, and stated that neglecting to go up for examination had been purely a mistake, caused by some confusion with reference to the date. Mr McCardle also stated that the young lady was quite prepared to go up for the next examination and handed in a resolution from the local committee and an article in the local paper on the subject. The Chairman (Mr Blair) stated that with reference to confusion as to date, Miss Reese, with other teachers, had been repeatedly warned about qualifying herself, and the Board had no power to deal with the matter, as the department had taken it out of their hands, and he further stated that if Miss Reese's services were retained

she could only rank as pupil teacher. The Board considered the application later on in committee, when it was decided to take no action.

15th February 1889 Cecilia McKenny passed her 1st year examination as a pupil teacher

5th April 1889 I have heard that as the Town Board cannot get the school road done owing to "no funds" being available, the Coun.il intends to take pity on them. A notice of motion is to be brought forward to have the work done by the Council. It will bn seen by this that the Council intends to do something for the benefit of the children if the Board will not. It is to be hoped that this will be carried, as the work is wanted very badly especially as the winter is drawing so near.

15th April 1889 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(From Our Special Reporter). The usual monthly meeting of the above was held on Saturday evening last in Mr Stewart's hotel, when there were present —Messrs McCardle (chair), Vile, Waller, Sedcole, Reese, and Greville.

The headmaster's report was read stating that the average attendance for last week was 128, number on the roll 150. Mr Lee, the school inspector, will examine the school on Monday and Tuesday. The various standards have done very good good work with one or two exceptions. He had in hand the sum of £7 for the purpose of erecting gymnastic requirements which would be handed over to the committee as soon as the work is put in hand. The report was received.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr Reese, seconded by Mr Sedcole, that the Chairman, Messrs Greville, Vile, Waller, and Sedcole be a sub-committee to draw up It was resolved that the Secretary write to all 'denominations who used the school for services asking them to pay up by Saturday next. Accounts amounting to £5 were passed for payment when funds were in hand. The committee then rose.

24th April 1889 PAHIATUA SCHOOL.

About fifty householders turned up on Tuesday evening for the purpose of electing a new school committee and in the absence of Mr McCardle, Mr Reese was voted to the chair on the motion of Mr Waller, seconded by Mr Greville.

He called upon Mr Waller, the secretary, to read the annual report.

The Chairman then asked if there were any remarks to be made on it.

Mr Naylor, in reply, stated that he hoped a better committee should get in this time.

Mr Vile moved that the report be adopted and said that be agreed with what Mr Naylor had said. Mr McKenny seconded the proposition and in doing so he did not think that the past committee had worked as well as they ought to have done. The report was then adopted.

The following nominations were then received : —Messrs Reese, Naylor, Vile, Richmond, McCardle, Greville, F. G. Moore, A. W. Sedcole, J. Orr, McKenny, Jessop, and Rearey,

Messrs Baucke, Whitcombe and Waller declined nomination.

Mr Yeats was appointed scrutineer. The following was the result McCardle 45, Greville 26, A. W. Sedcole 18. F. G. Moore 10, Reese 26, Richmond 25, Vile 18, Naylor 5, H, Sedcole 4, McKenny 3, Orr 4, Jessop 4.

The following were then declared duly elected : Messrs McCardle, Reese, Greville, Richmond. A. W. Sedcole, J. Vile and F. G. Moore. Mr McCardle was appointed chairman and Mr Richmond secretary and treasurer

26th April 1889 The following children have passed in their examination in the various standards

Standard VII: Jane Miller.

Standard VI: Helen Birnie, T. McKenny, Kate Reese.

Standard V; H, Gardner, F. McCardy, Thomas Orr, H. Spargo, E. Vile, G. Yule, R. Birnie, and M Stenberg.

Standard IV : L. Gardner, James Sedcole, D. Sedcole, Alice Avery, E. Gardner, Fanny Knight, and Jessie McCardle.

Standard III; Wilfred Black, Frank Baucke, Alex. Birnie, C. Crewe, C. Crimp, O. Hyde, J. Jeffery, H. Kennedy, W. Miller, E. Dew, L. Hall, B. Hyde. A. McLoughlin, B. Mills, Alice Sedcole, E. E. Sedcole.

Standard II: Maurice Avery, S. Stenberg, W. Bayley, W. Futcher, W. Hall, J. Lankey, J. Mills, C. Skipper, R. Taggart, M. Baron, R. Birnie, M, Bly, J, Boyden, L. Futcher, F. Gardner, K, Gluson, M. Hughes, Ruth Knight, N, Wakeford, L. Wakeman, and Alice Wiles, R. Gardner.

Standard I.—Harold Croad, W. Jefferys, John Jensen, Frank Hyde, Herbert Oatham, Fred Sedcole, James Stewart, David Taggart, George West, Harry West, Frank West, Thomas Vile, Robert Yule, Arthur Fulcher, H. Naylor, A. Madigan, E. Williams, Rose Bayley, Milly Black, Ethel Black, Nellie Futcher, Jessie Greeson, Robina Jeffery, Nellie Mills, Lizzie McCool, Gertrude Firmstone, Mary Kennedy, Ethel Reese, Kitty Stewart, Robert Lankey, A. Bottomley, Eva Hull.

26th April 1889 Robert Lee's inspection report Pahiatua, — Arithmetic and drawing are strong subjects. There is evidence of much intelligent teaching. Writing in Standards 2 and 3 is defective. I am much pleased with the school as a whole.

1st May 1889 The new assistant school mistress, Miss Roebuck is expected to arrive by this afternoon's coach from Wellington

6th May 1889 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(From Our Special Reporter)

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above took place on Saturday evening in the school-room, when there were present: Messrs McCardle (chair), A. W. Sedcole, Richmond, Vile and P. G. Moore.

Mr McCardle returned thanks to the committee for making him chairman in his absence,

CORRESPONDENCE,

From secretary Education Board, asking the Committee to forward estimates of the cost of improvements. —Messrs Sedcole, Greville and Richmond were appointed a committee to draw up the necessary estimate.

From same, re the temporary appointment of Miss Roebuck as assistant-mis-tress.—Resolved that a letter be sent to the Board thanking them for their prompt appointment of an assistant to the school.

From same, re capitation, also forwarding cheque for £6

Accounts amounting to £2 10s were passed for payment.

The headmasters report was then read. It stated that last month's average was 120, with 160 on the roll. As the school, is at present entitled to another pupil teacher, he asked the Committee to recommend to the Board the temporary appointment of-Jane Miller. It has

been the custom to give prizes after Mr Lee's annual examination, so it would be well to take the matter into consideration how to raise funds for the purpose. They had hitherto been in the habit of giving a prize to each scholar who has passed the standard examination, but as this year 89 had passed the cost of this system would be more than could be met. Another plan would be to give to those only who are credited with strong passes by Mr Lee. or to make special prizes for those who have done especially well in any one subject, according to the examination schedule.

PUPIL TEACHER,

Mr Sedcole proposed that the recommendation of the headmaster re the appointment of Jane Miller as pupil teacher to the school be adopted. — Seconded by Mr Moore and carried

PRIZES,

Mr Sedcole Mr Richmond seconded, that die Committee meet on some convenient evening to discuss the matter with Mr Yeats re prizes «.o the children. —Carried..

FIREWOOD,

Mr Sedcole proposed, seconded by Mr Moore, That tenders be called for the supply of three cords of rata, and two of tawa 2ft 6 inches long, tenders to be in by 18th instant. —Carried.

It was resolved that Messrs Sedcole, Richmond, and Greville, be a committee to accept tenders for the supply firewood.

VISITING COMMITTEE,

Mr Vile moved, seconded by Mr Richmond, That two members be appointed a visiting committee, the names to run alphabetically for each month.-Carried.

Footpath to school. Mr Sedcole moved that a letter be sent to the Town Board, asking them to take immediate action re-forming the footpath to the school from the main road. In moving this he said he was prepared to put np a fence of two wires to protect the path from being trampled down by horses —Seconded by Mr Vile and carried. The meeting then adjourned.

10th May 1889 To the Editor.) Sir, —Your contemporary, the Pahiatua Star, had a leaderette last Tuesday as to the uselessness of School Committees in genera), and, indirectly, of the Pahiatua Committee in particular. In the course of toe article there appears the following extraordinary statement recently an assistant teacher has been appointed to the school, but not a single word has passed between the Board and the Committee as to the appointment." Where the writer obtained his information I cannot say; certainly not from the Committee. It must have been evolved out of his inner consciousness. Had the Star reporter been punctual in his attendance at the meetings of the Committee, he would have heard a letter from the Board read, containing the temporary appointment of a mistress, until a permanent appointment could be made, it being optional with the Committee to make it permanent or not. In conclusion, I would suggest that the writer in question before again discussing the use of School Committees, should, at the very least, obtain accurate information as to what takes place at the meetings, instead of launching out into such a meaningless and misleading statement as the above. —I am. etc., FAIR PLAY, Pahiatua**,** 10th May 1889.

29th May 1889 Wellington Education Board Miss Jane Miller appointed pupil teacher at Pahiatua

3rd June 1889 Pahiatua School Committee

The usual monthly meeting of the above was held in the schoolroom on Saturday evening when there were present Messrs Richmond, Vile, Reese, Moore, and A. W. Sedcole. In the absence of Mr McCardle, Mr Reese was voted to the chair.
The Head-master's report was then read. The average attendance for last month was 155 with a roll number of 155. Miss Roebuck has been acting a month as assistant, and he advised the committee to recommend the Board to appoint her. Her work and discipline were good. Sewing was a special feature in her qualifications as she held good certificates for that branch of teaching as well as one for the last work shown by the pupil teachers of fourth year, at the Glasgow exhibition of 1888. The midwinter holidays were to commence on the 28th inst, but with the committee's consent he should like to dismiss on the 27th so as to let him away. Jane Miller had been appointed pupil teacher as requested.
It was resolved, That the appointment of Miss Roebuck be recommended to the Board, and that the school break up on the 27th. The remainder of the report was adopted.
The report of the sub-committee to see about additions and alterations of the out-houses were then read. They suggested that the shelter shed be floored with rough 8 x 1 Rimu boards laid upon 3 x 2 joists, and that at least three loads of gravel be spread immediately in front of it. The cost of the improvements proposed would not exceed £5. Report adopted.
Messrs Sedcole and Richmond were appointed a committee to see into the ways and means of doing the necessary work.
CORRESPONDENCE. From Education Board, approving of the appointment of Miss Jane Miller as pupil teacher, and stating that her salary had commenced from the first of May.
From E. Naylor, Pahiatua, stating that seeing the Board has sent up a new oven he would offer the sum of 5s for the old one. —Offer of Mr Naylor for the old oven and Messrs Vile and Groves' account for carting and laying the same to be sent to the Education Board.
After the meeting adjourned, the committee met Mr Yeats to discuss the ways and means of getting prizes for the children, when it was decided to give two or three of the elder ones a book for the purpose of canvassing the town for money to get the prizes.
7th June 1889 At a meeting of tire Town Board a few weeks ago a letter was read, from the school committee asking them to put in hand the work in connection with the school road as soon as possible, as the road will not be fit for the children if any heavy rain should fall. The letter was held over till the next meeting. The meeting was held on Monday last and nothing has been said or done in the matter. It will be remembered also that a sum of money had been promised by the Council for the work. What is the use of the County granting these sums if the Board will not try to do something in the matter ?

8th July 1889 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
From Our Special Reporter) The ordinary monthly meeting of the Pahiatua School Committee came off on Saturday evening, when the following gentlemen were present:— Messrs A. W. Sedcole, Richmond, Greville and Moore. It was resolved on the motion of Mr Richmond, seconded by Mi- Moore, that Mr Sedcole take the chair. CORRESPONDENCE. Two letters were read from the Education Board re the Mangatainoko School site, and asking the Committee to select a site, as they had been 'informed by Mr Jessop that the present one was a water hole, —Mr Richmond stated that on receiving the letter, he, in company with Mr Vile, went down and found that there were some piles put in the ground and that they had

told the contractor if the hole was filled up, the present site would be sufficient. —It was resolved that Mr Moore should go down with Mr Sedcole and report upon the matter.

Headmaster's report. The headmaster's report was then read. The average attendance for last quarter was 109, roll number on 30th June 140. He was going to ask the Board to erect a wash-house as a porch to the teacher's residence if the Committee would recommend the application. Shingle was also required at the back door. A sum of £7 16s was handed over just before the present committee came into office for the purpose of erecting gymnastic apparatus. It would be better to carry out this work than to have the money standing idle. He asked that arrangements be made for the distribution of the same. Miss Roebuck applied for a work table.

The Chairman stated th.it Mr Richmond and himself had made arrangements to have the alterations to the outbuildings done with the contractors at a reasonable price and the work would he put in hand next week. The Chairman thought that it would be as well to adjourn the consideration of a porch to the master's house till Mr Yeats arrived home. After a little discussion over the matter Mr Greville moved, seconded by Mr Richmond, Education Board .—Carried

Mr Greville thought that it would be as well to have the gymnastics erected. —The Secretary was instructed to write to the Education Hoard re plans for gymnastic apparatus, that the sum of .£7 I6s had been subscribed towards erecting gymnastics apparatus and asking if the Board would subsidise the amount, and that Messrs Richmond, Sedcole and Moore be a committee to draw up a report on the state of the school grounds and to forward same to the Board.—Carried,

It was proposed by Mr Greville, seconded by Mr Moore" that the Chairman of the Town Board be asked to let the committee have the use of the Town Hall on Monday 15th inst in the afternoon for the purpose of distributing the school prizes. —Carried. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Education Board for the sum of £1 for table for school.

ACCOUNTS. It was decided on the motion of Mr Greville seconded by the Chairman, that the sum of £2 be paid to McInnes Bros., and that the remainder of the accounts stand over till funds were in hand.— Carried.

A telegram was read from the Education Board re taking timber off the reserve for Mangatainoko school and asking the Secretary to stop any one from taking the timber away. —Left lo Messrs Sedcole and Moore to report upon.

Messrs Richmond and Vile were appointed to sign cheques for the committee.

1st July 1889 Mangatainoka School in a long article included r Waller stated that he had been to Wellington about the matter and he had been asked to convene a meeting of householders to see if they should have a committee of their own to manage the school affairs instead of having the Pahiatua Committee to do it for them. He had also been accused of having been one sided. Mr Black had been opposed to the building of the Mangatainoko school ever since it was first talked of, but for what reason he could not understand. Letters were then read from the Education Board about the school.

19th July Two members of the Pahiatua School Committee A W Sedcole and F G Moore wrote a long report on the Mangatainoka school for the Education Board

22nd July 1889 The annual distribution of school prizes in connection with the district school came off on Thursday afternoon in the Public Hall. There was a large number of parents and

friends present. Mr McCardle being absent from town, Mr Reese kindly consented to distribute them. Before the prizes were handed to the children, the head-master got the scholars to give several recitations which were well rendered. There were about 00 or 70 prizes given away to the various children. The contractor for the Mangatainoko school is making rapid progress- and is expected to have the school finished in the course of a few weeks.

2nd August 18989 Wellington Education Board Consideration of an offer by Mr J. Hughes to lease one of the Board's sections **at Pahiatua** was deferred.

5th August 1889 The ordinary monthly meeting of the above Committee was held on Saturday evening, when the following Committeemen were present Messrs Richmond, Sedcole, and Moore.—Mr Sedcole was voted to the chair.

REPORT. The head-master's report was read, and stated average attendance for July was 120, number on roll, 152. Mr Sedcole stated, on behalf of the visiting Committee, That seven loads of metal had been placed in the school yard, also that two loads had been left at Mr Yeate's gate.

Mr Moore asked the Secretary how many times Mr McCardle had been absent. —The secretary: Three times.

Mr Sedcole moved that a special meeting be held on Saturday next at 7 p.m. for general business, and that the secretary draw np a balance-sheet showing the assets and liabilities of the committee, and that the secretary ascertain how often a member is allowed to be absent without losing his seat.—Seconded by Mr Moors and carried.

26th August 1889 We regret to hear that Mr Yeats, our local schoolmaster, has been for the past few days laid up with quinsy

27th August 1889. A proposal was made at the Hawkes Bay Education Board that a secondary school be built at Woodville.

9th September 1889 PAHIATUA. {From Our Special Reporter.) The schoolmaster, Mr H. Wilson, who was appointed by the School Committee on Saturday night, is a Batchelor of Arts. [Wrong school appointed to Mangatainoka by Pahiatua School Committee]

9th September 1889 The ordinary monthly meeting of the School Committee was held on Saturday evening at the schoolroom, Present - Messrs McCardle (Chairman) Reeve, Sedcole, Richmond, and Moore,

CORRESPONDENCE. From Education Board, asking the Committee to fix boundary between the Pahiatua and Mangatainoko School Districts.—The Chairman moved, seconded by Mr Moore, That Messrs Richmond, Sedcole, and Reese confer with the Mangatainoko Committee re boundaries, and report at next meeting,— Carried.

From Education Board, recommending the appointment of Mr Henry Wilson as' headmaster for the Mangatainoko School, and stating that Mr Wilson was at present assistant master in Masterton, also forwarding qualifications.—Mr Richmond moved, seconded by Mr Sedcole, That the appointment of Mr H. Wilson to the Mangatainoka school be approved.—Mr Reese 'thought that the Education Board should have consulted the Mangatainoko Committee', as he did not see what the Pahiatua Committee had to do with it, and moved an amendment, which was seconded by Mr Sedcole pro forma. That the letter be referred to the Mangatainoko Committee to deal with.—Mr Sedcole said that the Mangatainoko Committee

were not a proper elected Committee. At present the school was in the Pahiatua district.—The motion was carried, and the amendment was declared lost.

A letter was also read from the Board asking the Committee if they had any objection to a provisional committee being formed for the Mangatainoko school.— The Chairman moved that the Committee sees no objection to a committee being appointed for the Mangatainoko school. —Seconded by Mr Sedcole and carried. REPORT. The head-master's report was then read as follows l have to report that my average for last month was 109, number on roll 152. Considering the fine weather, the attendance should have been much better, but a number of the children have been kept home lately to assist in work of some kind. As it is entirely against the intention of the Education Act, and the interests of the school and children themselves, should it continue, it might be advisable to think over putting the compulsory clauses in force. I refer chiefly to the children residing in the township. Mr Lee paid a visit of inspection on the 21st of last month and spent most of the day in the school. He expressed satisfaction with the condition of the school and the work being done. On Wednesday last the first annual Grade Examination in drawing took place, under the supervision of the secretary. Forty-five papers were worked in the different subjects. The Secretary stated that he had received £5 from the Education Board for the shelter-sheds which had been paid into the Bank, also the sum of 21s from the English Church for use of school room for services.

TENDERS. Mr Richmond moved, Mr Reese seconded, That tenders be called for the erection of gymnastic apparatus for the boys and a swing for the girls, and that Messrs Sedcole and Richmond open same, Mr Reese moved, Mr Moore seconded, that tenders be called for the erection of a porch at the master's house.

PRIZE MONETS. Mr Sedcole asked that the headmaster supply a statement of the receipts and expenditure for the money collected towards purchasing school prizes and report at next meeting. He thought the committee should have a say in the way of expending the money in future.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr Vile but Mr Sedcole objected to leave being granted to any member as they should attend to their duties.

20th September 1889 The sub-committee appointed by the local school committee to open tenders for the supply of stationery, met on Wednesday evening. There were two tenders in, namely Messrs Haggen and Ridd. Mr Haggen's being the lowest was accepted. Good news for the settlers in the village settlement! The Mangatainoko school is to be opened about the first of November next, so that parents who have children will be able to send them. It is expected that there will be fully 150 children attending the school at its opening.

26th September 1889 Wellington Education Board New Schools.—An application made by Mr L. Libeau that a new school should be opened at Kaitawa was referred to the Pahiatua Committee

7th October 1889 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.(From Our Special Reporter). The ordinary monthly meeting of the above was held on Saturday evening when the following members were present: — Messrs McCardle (chair), Richmond, A. VV. Sedcole, Greville and F. G. Moore.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The headmaster's report was then read. He reported the average attendance for last month at 96, and roll number at 146. A new blackboard was wanted for the school. he was sorry that

through misadventure ho had caused anxiety to Mr A. W. Sedcole and his friends as stated in the Star report of last meeting. The amount collected for school prizes was £5 1s, amount spent £.5 9s.

Mr Greville moved, Mr Richmond seconded that the report be adopted, and that the portion referring to Mr Sedcole be expunged from the report, which was carried. VISITING COMMITEE'S REPORT, On Thursday the 26th ult. I visited the school and found than everything was going on satisfactory. The head master being busily engaged with the quarterly examination of the children. he asked me to apply for another black board for the school as the present one was broken. I would suggest that this committee drain the school ground, when funds are available, leading from the school to the master's house, for this reason, that as soon as there is a little rain the playground is flooded. As there is a good fall from that to the creek it would not cost very much. I would also suggest that this committee apply to the Council for the £5 votes' that was voted by them towards making a footpath from the main road to the school. This work to be done to the satisfaction of the County. Engineer. It will be remembered that this sum was voted to the Town Board for them to do the work, some few months back, and I think if the committee had had it in their hands the work would have been done long since. F. G. Moore, Visiting Committeeman.

Mr Sedcole stated he had come over at the request of Mr Moore to see the school ground, and in places it was covered with water. He would suggest that when the Committee were in funds that a box culvert be put in across the tennis ground, the cost of which would be about £4; this would keep the school ground dry. The tennis ground on that particular day was covered with water as well.—The visiting committee's report was the adopted.

Correspondence Frond. From Mr May staling that a concert would be held on the 10th inst, for the benefit of the school children and asking that a committee be set up to confer with the promotors of the concert. Mr Richmond was appointed ,

.From Education Board asking for a report in reference to a school .or Kaitawa, also forwarding a petition from Mr Libeau.—Mr Sedcole moved, and the Chairman seconded, Thai Mr Libeau be communicated with and asked to be present at next meeting of the School Committee.—Carried,

From Custom house, re Mr Jessop not being granted a license. The Chairman stated that he had received this letter last month but did not bring it forward. He would like a proposition on the matter. Mr Greville moved, Mr Richmond seconded, that the Custom House Officer be informed that no letter had been sent by the Chairman of the Pahiatua School Committee as to Mr Jessop's character.

Mr Sedcole moved that a vote of thanks he accorded to Mr J. Godfrey for his endeavors in getting up a concert in aid of the school treat, seconded by the Chairman and carried.

NEW BOUNDARY. Mr Sedcole stated that Messrs Richmond, Reese, and himself were appointed a committee for the purpose of drawing up a new district for the Mangatainoko school, but Mr Reece had not turned up. He suggested that the new district be called the Pukemiku district,, and that its boundaries be as follows Bounded on the North by the Manawatu and Tiraumea Rivers, on the West by the Mangahao River, on the South by the southern boundary of Blocks III and IV, Mangahao Survey District from the Mangahao River to the Mangatainoko River, thence by the northern boundary of section VII and VIII, Mangahao, to the Torotea Road and by the Torotea Road to the western corner of section 33,

Block 17, Makuri, thence on the east by section IV, Block VII Mangahao, and sections 14, 9,7, 5, end da, Block IV, Malawi, and section 2, Block J, Makuri, thence along the northern boundary of section I, Block IV, Makuri, and section I, Block I, Makuri, to the Tiraumea River. The report was adopted. An account for 10s was passed for payment, and the meeting adjourned,

18th October 1889 The entertainment in aid of foods for the school treat took place last night and was only fairly well attended. Shortly after eight o'clock Mr Yeats,, schoolmaster, took the chair, and in a few words called upon the first item on the ' programme. Everything went off fairly well, excepting interruptions by the larrikins. The following ladies and gentlemen took part: Misses Falla, James, Roebuck, Mills, and Mesdames Clark and Mills Messrs Yeats, Devonshire, Black, Mansell, Roe, and Mills. The whole concluded with a farce entitled " Don't judge by appearances," of which the following took the characters:—Major Pepper, Mr Roe; John Plump, Mr Mills; Frank ' Topham, Mr J. Godfrey; Diana, Mrs Miss, Angelini, Miss Larsen. All knew their parts thoroughly. . The amount taken at the door was something like which will go a good way towards the purpose for which the affair was got up.-;' I believe that it is the intention of some of our townsmen to take proceedings'. against the young men who were frequently interrupting the performance last evening and it is time something was done to put this sort of thing down. These people no doubt took the liberty of Constable Cooper's absence.

4th November 1889 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above committee was held on Saturday evening. Present; Messrs W. McCardle (chair), Richmond, Sedcole, Moore, Reese, and Vile.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT. The headmaster reported the attendance at 110, and the roll number at 133, after taking off the number going to the Mangatainoko school. He had received a communication re the holidays on the 11th and 22nd instants. The report was adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE. From G. Gardner and J. Gower, asking for use of the Mangatainoko school on Sundays as a Sunday school.—Request granted.

From Education Board, re a provisional committee for the Mangatainoko school, and asking that a sub-committee be appointed to arrange boundaries. Mr Richmond moved, the chairman seconded, That Messrs Sedcole, Moore, and the mover be a committee to see Mr Walker and others re the boundaries of the school districts. From Education Board, re fencing by Mr Stenberg.—Letter received, and that the Secretary write to the Board asking them to furnish them with the information required. Mr Reese moved, Mr Sedcole seconded, That the Chairman confer with the Education Board at its next meeting re a shelter shed for the girls.—Carried. MANGATAINOKO SCHOOL. Mr McCardle stated that on Monday last Messrs Wilson and Moore came to his residence, and that Mr Wilson had said he was in want of a pupil teacher. He asked the consent for Miss Wilson to act as assistant for the time being till the Education Board dealt with the matter, and he had agreed to have Miss Wilson appointed temporarily.—Mr McCardle's action was confirmed.

MANGATAINOKA REPORT. The master's report was read as follows : —I have the honor to inform you that I opened the Mangatainoko school last Monday, sixty children being present the first day, twenty-two others having been admitted since, so that now I have eighty two on the roll. Several matters require the immediate attention of the Committee. 1st. The

school is in extreme danger from fire from the totara logs and stumps being so close to it A grant should be at once applied for this work —or indeed it should be undertaken without waiting for supplies from 'Wellington. 2nd. There is no water on the promises, or anywhere dose at hand, so that if a fire should weak out there is absolutely nothing to put it out with. The children, too, have to go wandering away in search of a drink. 3rd. The out-office [Toilets] accommodation is anything but satisfactory. A more total disregard for feelings of delicacy in children I never saw. 4th. I am at a complete standstill for the want of appliances for the school. I have both written and telegraphed to Wellington for them but have received no reply. I should be glad if the Committee would urge the Board's attention to the matter. 5th. Provision should be made at once to increase the staff of the school. I mentioned a young lady's name to the Chairman and a member of the Committee for appointment. I wrote to Wellington about the matter but have received no reply. I would suggest that a subcommittee should be appointed to deal with the matter, with whom I could confer. Mr Reese moved, and Mr Moore seconded, That the Chairman and Messrs Richmond and Sedcole be a sub-committee to confer with Mr Wilson re his suggestion. —Carried.

Mr Sedcole suggested that when Mr Turnbull [Wellington Education Board Architect]arrived his attention be drawn to the school, and also to the necessity of painting the Pahiatua school outside. The meeting then rose.

8TH Nov 1888 Pahiatua [After visiting Mangatainoka]They also accompanied Mr Turnbull and inspected the Pahiatua School and master's residence. Mr Turnbull was satisfied that the buildings required repainting but doubted whether the Board would go to the expense. The addition to the master s house was considered satisfactory. Amongst other things that Mr Turnbull noticed about the school premises was a dead sheep lying in the creek close to the master's house which he thought was objectionable, and in a quiet way asked, " have ye had any typhoid here yet."

29th November 1889 On Wednesday evening as the school children were crossing home from school a son of Mr J. H. Walker's was severely injured by another boy named Neilson. The boy Nielson had since went to Mr Walker and apologised for his behaviour and Mr Nielson has promised to pay the expenses and apologised for the boys behaviour

4th December 1884 It is expected that Mr Naylor will be nominated to fill the vacancy caused through Mr A. Richmond's resignation from the school committee.[Went to Feilding]

9th December 1889 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above committee was held on Saturday evening last when the following were present : —Messrs Reese (chair), Vile, A. W. Sedcole, and F. G. Moore.

CORRESPONDENCE. From A. Richmond, resigning his position as secretary, treasurer, and committeeman.—Mr Sedcole proposed that Mr Moore be appointed secretary pro tem.

From Same, forwarding cheque of £4 4s 7d which had been raised by a concert in aid of school treat. Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Vile, that Messrs Sedcole and Moore be a committee to draw up report for next meeting on the state of the books. — Carried.

From R. Fennell, asking use of the Mangatainoko School for services.—Mr Sedcole moved, Mr Moore seconded, that the request be granted at the rate of 2s 6d per service.

Mr Vile moved as an amendment that they pay the sum of Is per service, which was seconded by the Chairman and carried on his casting vote.
From Education Board, approving of the temporary appointment of Miss Wilson [To Mangatainoka] From same, stating that Miss Feist, now certificated assistant at Otaki, had been recommended assistant to the Mangatainoko school. —Mr Vile moved, Mr Moore seconded, that the recommendation of Miss Feist be approved for the Mangatainoko school.
From V. W. Berre, asking for the use of both schools on the 13th and 14th for the purpose of exhibiting views. Mr Sedcole moved that Mr Reeve be asked to get the hall for Mr Berre, and that the Mangatainoko school be granted.
The head master's report was then read a« follows: —The average attendance for last month was 114, number on roll 145. Miss Roebuck has asked me to apply for leave of absence on Thursday and Friday, 19th and '20th. I also wish permission to build a buggy-shed within my own enclosure and should like a gate to be made in the dividing fence, as there is no way of entrance for a conveyance. Mr Sedcole moved that the report as read be adopted, and that the headmaster be informed that he can erect a gate at his own expense as the Committee had no funds to do the work. —Seconded by Mr Reese and carried.
NEW MEMBER. Mr Moore moved, Mr Sedcole seconded, that Mr Naylor be nominated to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Richmond. —Carried. MANGATAINOKO SCHOOL. The head master reported the average attendance at 93.4, roll number 112. Mr Vile moved, Mr Reese seconded, that the report be adopted and that Messrs Sedcole, Reese, and Moore be a Committee to give effect to the previous report of the headmaster.
Mr Vile moved, Mr Reese seconded, That Messrs Sedcole, Moore and Reese deal with the matters in connection with both schools.
ACCOUNTS. Several accounts were passed for payment, and 5s a week voted Mrs Jeffrey for cleaning school. Mr Vile moved, Mr Sedcole seconded, that Mr F. G. Moore be elected treasurer, and that the Bank be notified to that effect.
TREAT. Mr Sedcole stated that he attended a meeting of the Mangatainoko School in reference to an amalgamated treat and he had promised that the Pahiatua Committee would amalgamate. Mr Vile moved that this committee approve of Mr Sedcole's suggestion and that Messrs Sedcole, Moore, and the mover be a committee to carry out the treat and that Mr A. W. Sedcole be appointed treasurer. Seconded by the chairman and carried. The meeting then adjourned.
13th December 1884 A meeting of the Committee appointed to carry out the arrangements in connection with a treat for the children was held on Wednesday evening at Mr Vile's office. Mr Vile was voted to the chair. Mr A. W. Sedcole stated that Mr J. Hughes had given permission for the treat to be held in his paddock. Mr Marsh moved Mr James seconded, That the treat be held on New Year's Day in Mr Hughes's paddock. It was also resolved that the largest children in the school have pence books to go round for contributions. It was resolved that a charge of 2s be made for adults and Is for children for the whole day, and half-price for the half-day. The picnic will start about ten o'clock in the morning, and judging from the Committee appointed it will be a great success
16th December 1884 As the examination of the pupil teachers takes place on Thursday and Friday next both schools will close on Wednesday for the Christmas holidays instead of Thursday as proposed.

18th December 1889 The application of the Pahiatua committee for fencing was deferred, pending a visit to the district by the architect .
20th December 1889 It has been suggested that the Committee appointed to manage the affairs of the school picnic should do away with the idea of charging adults admission to the ground on that day, as some of the parcels and friends do not see why they should he asked to give and have to pay as well for the day's outing.
27th December 1889 Mr T. James, junr., has received a letter from the Education Board asking bun to call a meeting of the settlers in the Mangatainoko school district, for the purpose of forming a provisional committee, and staling that the now district would come into force on the first of January. The meeting is to take place on Monday week next.
30th December 1889 A meeting of the committee of the amalgamated school treat was held on Friday evening in Mr Vile's office when it was decided to charge the sum of 2s to all adults that have not subscribed or given to that amount or over, while those who have done so will be admitted free It is expected that the treat will cost fully £21.

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1890	115	Pahiatua	Yeats	Duncan M		Headmaster	£225	$42,446
1890	115	Pahiatua	Falla	Annie		Assistant Female	£60	$11,319
1890	115	Pahiatua	Millar	Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	$3,773
1890	115	Pahiatua	McKenny	Cecilia		Female Pupil Teacher	£15	$2,830

10th January 1890 The parents of children will be glad to see that the road to the school is to be improved at once, so that the children will have a clean place to travel in case of bad weather, instead of wading up to their knees in mud as in previous winters.
24th January 1890 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
A special meeting of the above was held in the schoolhouse on Wednesday evening when there were present Messrs Greville (chair), Reese, Naylor, and Moore. CORRESPONDENCE; From Woodville Jubilee Committee, asking for their support on Jubilee day. Received. The Chairman stated that as Miss Roebuck had resigned her position as assistant teacher to the school, and Miss Falla had applied, be thought it would be as well if the committee would recommend that she be appointed. Proposed by Mr A, Reese, seconded by the Chairman, and carried unanimously, That the committee recommend her to the position rendered vacant by the resignation of Miss Roebuck.
25th January 1890 A special meeting of the School Committee was held on Wednesday, 22nd inst, Present—Messrs Price, Naylor, Grebbel (Greville) and Moore. Mr Grebbel, who was voted to the chair, stated that the meeting was called in consequence of Miss Roebuck, assistant teacher, sending in her resignation. There, was one applicant for the position, Miss Annie Fowler (Falla), of Pahiatua, music teacher. As the testimonials sent in were very favorable and the lady was well known by the members, Mr Price moved, and Mr Moore seconded , that the application be forwarded to the School Board with their recommendation. Carried,
24th February 1890 Cricket match was played between Eketahuna and Masterton on Saturday, which resulted in a victory for the former by 90 runs, the bowling of Messrs D G. Fraser and

D. M. Yeats of Pahiatua being too good for the Masterton cricketers, especially that of Mr Yeats

29th January 1890 Miss Fanny Roebuck resignation approved by Education Board

30th January 1890 Assistant at Pahiatua wanted £60

[Note there are numerous references to a Pukemiku School in a number of articles. There is no record of a Pukemiku school in official records. I think the name was a reference to the Mangatainoka school as Pukemiku Road runs east of Pahiatua to Mangatainoka]

3rd February 1890 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above was held on Saturday evening when the following were present Messrs Greville, Reese, Vile, Sedcole, and Moore. Mr Reese was voted to the chair.

CORRESPONDENCE. From W. H. Warren, stating that sections 37 and 38, Kaitawa, suburban, had been withdrawn from sale, and at next meeting of the Commissioners which is to be held shortly the application would be considered.—Mr Vile moved that the secretary communicate to the Chairman of School Commissioners thanking him for taking the necessary steps to have the sections 37 and 33 withdrawn from sale for a school site.

From settlers of Ballance, asking for a school to be erected at Ballance at once, and stating that there were 23 children of school age. Mr Vile moved that the secretary forward the letter to the Board on behalf of the settlers and pointing out the necessity of a school for the place, stating that it was nine miles from Pahiatua, and six miles from the Pukemiku schools, also that there were two rivers to cross. —Mr Greville seconded.

The head master reported as follows : —My average attendance for the week ending 31st January was 87, number on roll 133. As I was told at the Education Office to make what arrangement I could for carrying on work without an assistant, 1 asked Miss Falla if she would take the place until an appointment was made, to which she consented. Notice was received last night by Miss Falla from the Education Board that she had been appointed as assistant in Miss Roebuck's place.—Report adopted.

Mr Vile brought up the question of nominating persons to fill the vacancies on the Board, as he thought that the school committees in the various districts should have a say in the nomination. He wanted to see the bush districts well represented. He stated that there had been an election and that this committee had not voted as they had not received any voting papers. He moved that the Chairman of the Board be written to asking why this committee had not received any communication from them re the election and nomination of new members for the Board, and that the secretary write for a copy of the Education Act—Mr Greville seconded.

Mr Vile stated that if he was returned for the committee next year he would be in favor of a paid secretary as the books had been so muddled up of late with one and the other and moved that the secretary write to the late secretary asking him to forward the books of the committee.— Mr Greville seconded.

Mr Vile moved that the secretary write again to the Board asking for payment of the February and November capitations of last year.—Mr Greville seconded.

Mr Greville moved that the secretary bring the copy of the Education Act at every meeting.—Mr Sedcole seconded. 10s for scrubbing school was passed for payment.

Mr Sedcole moved that the secretary prepare a statement of accounts and disbursements in connection with the Pukemiku school and to report at next meeting of the committee.—Mr Vile seconded. The meeting then rose.

17th February 1890 Both Jane Millar and Cecilia McKenny passed their pupil teacher examinations

21st February 1890 special- meeting of the Pahiatua School Committee was held on Monday evening for the purpose of voting for three 'members of the Board, when the following were present: Messrs Vile, (Chairman) Reese, Sedcole, Naylor and Moore. It was resolved to vote for Messrs Buchanan, Fraser and Hawkins. The Secretary was instructed to get the school pump repaired and the meeting adjourned;

28th February 1890 A horrible accident occurred last night to a lad aged ten years, a son of Mr A. Yuille, sawmiller, Pahiatua. The lad was holding a horse in a paddock with a rope tied round his arm, when the horse took fright and rushed of£ tearing off the boy's arm at the elbow. The boy lived only an hour after

28th February 1890 The Pahiatua school was closed to-day so that the children may attend the funeral of the late Robert Yule, Some of the children in the upper classes will carry the coffin to the burial ground.

12th March 1890 Miss Falla is about, to start a dancing class here for young ladies, and a meeting of those who intend joining was held last night to make arrangements

26th March 189- [Pukimeku School is certainly officially called Mangatainoka School] A special meeting of the above was hold at the school on Tuesday. Only three members were present—-Messrs Greville (Chairman), Gardiner, and James. The meeting was called for the purpose of considering a communication from the Secretary to the Board re the appointment of Mrs Neilson as assistant teacher. It seems that the committee, being highly satisfied with Miss Cole, who was temporarily appointed soon after the school opened, had recommended the Board to confirm her appointment. The following letter was received in reply " I am afraid the Board will not entertain "your recommendation re Miss Cole's " appointment as assistant teacher in your " school, but strongly recommend the " appointment of Mrs Neilson who has " been filling the same position at Mauriceville school most satisfactorily, but is " leaving in consequence of the (ailing off " of the attendance at the said school, "and if approved by you can commence " her duties with you 1st April." The point at issue was that Mrs Neilson has at present only a license to teach, and the committee could not reconcile the Board's action in this case with that in the case of Miss Reese at the Pahiatua school who only had a license to teach, but who had to go on the plea that there were so many certificated teachers out of employ and it was unfair to them. Finally, the ways of Education Boards were voted mysterious and part finding out. The weak point on the committee's part is that their nominee is not certificated. [Mrs Neilson actually shifted to open the Newman School very successfully]

27th March 1890 Wellington Education Board . It was. decided to transfer Mr C. Bary, at present in charge of the Pahiatua School, to the Newtown School, to take the place of Mr Bennett. [Mr Bary was actually at the Pahautanui School near Porirua]

11th April 1890 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The ordinary meeting was held on Wednesday evening. Present: Messrs Sedcole (chair), Naylor, Reese and Moore. The head master reported that the average for the quarter was 109 and for last week 117, number on roll 134.—The report was adopted

CORRESPONDENCE. From Ballance settlers complaining about the delay in forwarding any communications from the Education Board in reference to their school.—The secretary stated that he had seen one of the settlers and stated the reason he did not forward the communication was that it was mostly of Pahiatua business. —Mr Sedcole thought the letter was quite uncalled for for. The settlers at Pahiatua were two years fighting for a school before they got it.

From same, forwarding the names of parents who had children of school age and their ages.—Mr Reese moved that the Secretary write to Education Board urging them to have a school erected at Ballance as soon as possible and also forward the communication to the Board with the returns with a strong recommendation. —Seconded by Mr Moore and carried.

From Mr Lee stating that the examination would be held on the 22nd inst.

From R. S. Hawkins thanking the committee for support in the last election of members for the Board.

From Education Board asking the committee to forward the name of a person to fill the vacancy caused through the resignation of G. Beetham Esq.

From H. D. Bell, stating that he would allow himself to be nominated for the vacant seat on the Board. Mr Moore moved that Mr Hawkins be nominated to fill the vacancy Mr Naylor seconded. —Carried.

From Education Board stating that the annual meeting of householders would be held on the 22nd inst.

The balance-sheet was then read and adopted. Accounts amounting to £14 9s 6d were passed for payment as soon as funds were available.

Messrs Sedcole and Moore were appointed a sub-committee to draw up annual report.

24th April 1890 The inspector of. schools, Mr Lee, examined the Pahiatua school on Monday last, and to-day is inspecting the Mangatainoka school.

30th April 1890 PAHIATUA.

(From Our Special Reporter .) The annual meeting of house-holders was held in the Pahiatua school-house on Monday evening, when there were about 50 present. Mr F, G. Moore moved that Mr A. W. Sedcole take the chair. Mr Reese seconded.—Carried. The Chairman stated the object of the meeting, and read the following report : Wo have the honor to report that when your committee came into office on the 23rd April last, wo found the finances of the school at a very low ebb, in fact, there were really no funds, excepting a sum of £7 16s, the proceeds of an entertainment got up for the special purpose of obtaining gymnastic apparatus for the school. There was also a considerable amount due for closets and shelter sheds, which was further increased by the necessary expenditure caused by laying floors and spreading several loads of metal round them, and in the yard of the master's residence. We have also had erected a double swing in the girls' play-ground, and a horizontal bar for the boys at a cost of £9 12, being £1 16s more than the sum in hand for the purpose, and they now require a few loads of metal spread round them before the winter sets in. An additional room and a new oven had been added to the master's residence by the Board at a costs of £11 7s 9d. Approximately the assets are £16 and about three cords of firewood in stock, with liabilities

amounting to about £14 10s, The average attendance per month has been 108 on an average roll of 145. During the year a change has taken place in the staff, Miss Roebuck having resigned and Miss Falla having been appointed in her stead as assistant teacher. Miss Jane Miller also having been appointed pupil teacher. The result of the examination held by Mr Lee last week is very satisfactory, the percentage of passes being 91 against 88 last year. More would have been presented, but for the influenza which kept several at home. During the year a new school district has been formed and applications for two others are now before the Board. Mr Richmond resigned in December and Mr Naylor was appointed in his stead, During the year 13 ordinary meetings have been held and two specials. The following is the attendance ;—Messrs McCardle 6, Reese 12, Greville 6, F. G. Moore 14, Vile 9, Richmond 7, A. W. Sedcole 13, Naylor 5.

ELECTION. The following nominations were then received: —E. Naylor, A. Black, J. Dawson, G. Moore, A. W. Sedcole, H. Sedcole, W. Tosswill, J. D- Wilson and F. G. Moore.

Messrs A Reese, A, Birnie, W. Tosswill and D, Crewe were also nominated but declined to stand, The following is the result of voting A. Black, 32; G. Moore, 25; E. Naylor, 21; H. Sedcole, 21; J. D. Wilson, 18; J. Vile, 18; J. Dawson, 14 ; A. W, Sedcole, 13: F. G. Moore, 10. The first seven were declared elected.

A vote of thanks to the retiring committee was passed and the householders' meeting adjourned.

COMMITTEE MEEETING. The committee then met. Mr J. Vile was appointed chairman and Mr G. Moore secretary and treasurer. It was voted that the meeting be held the first Wednesday in each month at 7-30 p-m,.

9th May 1890 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

From Our Special Reporter.

The first ordinary meeting of the new committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present Messrs Vile (chairman), Moore, Wilson, Dawson, Black, Naylor, and H. Sedcole.

CORRESPONDENCE. From H. D. Bell, stating that as Mr Beetham had intended to stand he would withdraw, but would come forward on any subsequent occasion. From Education Board, forwarding capitation for last quarter, £5.

From same, forwarding election paper for the vacant seat.—Mr Black proposed, Mr Naylor seconded, That the committee vote for Mr Hawkins.

CHEQUES. Mr Sedcole moved, Mr Dawson seconded, That Mr Black sign cheques with the Treasurer.—Carried.

REPORT. The head-master's report was read as follows: —I beg to report that the average attendance for last month was 110, roll number 132. It has been customary to give prizes at this time, based upon the result of the Inspector's examination and my own weekly and quarterly marks during the year. It will be for your committee to decide if any will be given this year. I may state that there is no promise, as there was last year, since I told the children that they were not to make up their minds that prizes would be given. I require six new dusters and a fire shovel. The pump wants some repair as well as some gravel round the girls' swing, the top footpath, and a few loads round the back of my house.

Mr Black moved, That the master be asked if he would get up a concert in aid of the prizes and general fund.—Mr Sedcole seconded.—Carried.

The chairman moved, That Messrs Moore and Black be empowered to confer with the head-master re concert. Mr Dawson seconded.—Carried.
Mr Black moved, the chairman seconded, That Messrs Sedcole and Wilson he a committee to deal with the things required by the master. Mr Sedcole moved That the secretary be instructed to get postcards printed for notice to members of meetings.—Mr Wilson seconded.—Carried.
The Secretary stated that he found Wednesday evening very inconvenient and asked that the night of meeting be altered. —Mr Black moved, That the meetings be held on the first Thursday of the month instead of the first Wednesday. —Mr Moore seconded.
Accounts amounting to £7 were passed for payment.
9th May 1890 After the meeting of the local school committee on Wednesday evening Messrs Black and Moore waited on the headmaster with reference to a concert for the purpose of obtaining prizes for the school children, and the master stated that he would do his best in getting up a concert for that purpose but anything further will not be known for about a fortnight.
18th June 1890 A special meeting of ; the local school committee was held on Monday evening for the purpose of considering the question of school prizes. Mr Black was voted to the chair. Mr Yeats, the schoolmaster, stated that some £5 Is collected by the children for school prizes would only be sufficient for the pass prizes, there were also several special prices that would have ~ to be arranged for, which would be got from the entertainment that was to be held on the 4th July. ; The concert would consist of songs, recitations and gymnastic feats by the children. It was resolved that Messrs Black, Yeats and G. Moore select the books locally; that Messrs Vile, Wilson, Sedcole, and Black be a committee to make the necessary arrangements about the hall; that the price be fixed at 2s and Is to the concert and that the children should be admitted free. A letter was read from Miss Knight stating that she would be unable to clean the school after mid-winter holidays. It was resolved that the secretary invite applications to be in by next meeting.
3rd July 1890 The appointment of Mr T. Drysdale Wardlaw ns headmaster of the Waihenga School has been confirmed by the local School Committee, and Mr Wardlaw has received instructions to commence his new duties at the close of the midwinter holidays. Mr Wardlaw is at present assistant at the Pahiatua School, and his place will be taken by Miss Batt, of the Clyde quay School.[Miss Batt was at Eketahuna School not Pahiatua]
4th July 1890 Mangahao What has become of our school is a question that we should like to know ? Some few months ago Mr Tait, chairman of a meeting of settlers held for the purpose of considering the advisability of having a school erected, wrote to the Pahiatua committee asking them to try to , have a school erected, and from what I ; can hoar a letter was sent to the Education Board pointing out the necessity of a school, also the distance they were from any other school, but as far as I know nothing more has been done. We intend calling another meeting shortly to consider the matter again
4th July 1890 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
The ordinary monthly meeting of the above was held last evening when the following were present —Messrs Black (chair), Dawson, Sedcole, Naylor, Wilson, and G. Moore.
HEAD MASTER'S REPORT. was then read as follows I beg to report that the average attendance for quarter ending 30th June was 103, number on roll 139, average for last week

103, number on roll 139. The midwinter holiday's begin on Monday next the 7th, and we reopen school on the 21st. I wish to suggest the advisability of planting some shelter and ornamental trees on the playground. Mr McCardle at one time promised to present trees for the purpose but the matter has been forgotten since then. Report adopted.
A long discussion ensued as to the advisability of planting the school ground with trees when a sub-committee consisting of Messrs Black, Wilson and Dawson was appointed to ascertain the cost of trees and to report at nest meeting. The treasurer reported credit at bank at 8s 4d.
Mr Moore proposed that the committee appointed to interview the members of the Education Board on their visit to the district, bring up the matter of the missing capitation —Mr Sedcole seconded.
Mr Black proposed, Mr Baylor seconded, that Messrs Sedcole, Wilson and Moore be a committee to arrange about school cleaning.
Accounts amounting to £1 17s 6d were passed for payment when funds were available.
7th July 1890 SCHOOL CONCERT AT PAHIATUA.
DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES. {From Our Special Reporter). A concert in aid of the school prize fund was held on Monday evening in Mr Stewart's Hall by the school children, and was very well attended, considering the inclement weather. Some £8 was taken at the door. The concert consisted of songs, recitations, and feats by the children. Too much praise cannot be given to Mr and Mrs Yeats and Miss Falla for the perfection to which they had trained the children. After the concert, Mr J. Vile distributed the prizes which were as follows :
PRIZE LIST. Infant room.—Some 25 prizes were given.
Standard I. —Annie Avery, Ada Coe, Jean Birnie, Maud Parkes, Annie Price, Laura Wakeman, William Armitage, Charles Avery, Edgar Boult, William McCarthy, James McLaughlin, Charles Orr.
Standard ll.—Lily Best, Ethel Black, Annie Bottomley, Leah Caselberg, Betsy Christianson, Lilian Coe, Gertrude Firmstone, Nellie Futcher, Nellie Mills, Ethel Reese, Hannah McKay, Theresa Parkes, Kitty Stewart, Hugh Avery, William Coe, Arthur Futcher, John Jensen, Fred Sedcole, Robert Ritter, James Stewart, Frank Tidswell, Thomas Vile.
Standard III.—Agnes Baron, Robina Birnie, Jane Boyden, Edith Coe, Ruth Knight, Annie Kopke, Flora Marsh, Lucy Wakeman, Maurice Avery, Alexander Dawson, William Futcher, John Mills, Hamilton Moore, Frank Sedcole, Charles Skipper, Harry Vile.
Standard IV.—Emma Gregory, Elfleda Knight, Sarah McLaughlin, Elizabeth Mills, Agnes Naylor, Alice Sedcole, Alexander Birnie. Wilfred Black, Charles Hyde, Karl Kopke, Withe Miller, George Price, William Yule.
Standard V.—Fanny Knight.
Standard Vl.—Rosanna Birnie.
Standard VII.—Helen Birnie, Therese McKenny, John Miller.
Highest pass in school, Mr George Moore’s. SPECIAL PRIZE. Year’s marks ; Standard I.—Ada Coe, week and quarter. Standard ll.—Kitty Stewart, week and quarter. Standard III.—Lucy Wakeman, weekly, John Mills, quarterly. Standard IV.--Alex Birnie, weekly, Wilfred Black, quarterly. Standard VI—Rosanna Birnie, week and quarterly. Standard VII.—Helen Birnie. Mr E. A. Haggen’s prize.
SEWING PRIZES. Standard I, Annie Avery; St. 11., Kitty Stewart and Theresa Parkes equal • St. 111., Jane Boyden; St. IV., Elfleda Knight; VII, Rosanna Birnie—Mr Armitages.

MERIT AND PROGRESS PRIZES. Katie Reese, Joseph Dawson, Emily Christianson, Emma Sedcole, Cecilia Dawson.—Mr, Mrs and Miss Moore's prizes. After the distribution Mr Vile thanked those who took such an active part in making the- concert a success, especially the school master and his assistants.

8th August 1890 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(From Our Special Reporter.) The ordinary monthly meeting of the above was held lust evening. Present— Messrs Vile (chair), Black, Dawson, Wilson, Naylor and G- Moore.

An apology was received from Mr H. Sedcole he being unable to attend through sickness.

The headmaster reports the average attendance for the month was 102, on roll 147. Report adopted,

The Chairman moved, Mr Naylor seconded, that the secretary be instructed to procure all the articles mentioned in the report.

Correspondence. From Education Board forwarding £5 capitation grant. From same, stating that they did not think the members of the Board would visit the Bush Districts till after the winter was over to consider the building of schools in new districts.

From Secretary of Mangatainoko School Committee, asking for detailed accounts. The Secretary stated they had been furnished.

From Education Board forwarding £5 missing capitation.

From J. B. Tait, Mangahao, forwarding return of children of school age asked by the Board.—The Chairman moved, and Mr Dawson seconded —That the Secretary again communicate with the Education Board, urging upon them the necessity of a school at Ballance.

The Treasurer reported credit at Bank of £2 2s. Accounts amounting to £2, were passed for payment, besides £8 for school prizes.

PLANTING TREES. Mr Black reported on behalf of the sub-committee planting the school ground with trees. He estimated the cost at about £3. He moved that the ground be planted with trees. Mr Moore said he was sorry to have to oppose it on the grounds that he did not see where the money was to come from at present. There was only the nominal sum of £2O per annum from the Board which had to pay for stationery, school cleaning, firewood &c, If funds were available he would be in favor of the expenditure.

Mr Dawson thought it a pity to let it slide another season.

The Chairman thought it was rather late this season to plant. He would like it left over till next year and fix it for Arbor Day. Mr Black did not think it too late.— Motion withdrawn.

Mr Wilson reported that Mrs Cooper had taken over the school cleaning at 4s per week, Mr Dawson stated that a gentleman had promised to give two prizes of 10s each for the best sock darned and the best patch on the seat of a pair of trousers.

It was suggested that the visiting committee for the month should confer with the master about the matter. Mr Black was appointed visiting member for the month,

26th September 1890 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

From Our Special Reporter, The regular monthly meeting was held last evening in the School-House, Present-—Messrs A. Black (chair), J. Dawson, 11. Sedcole, J. Wilson, and Cr. Moore. The Teacher's report showed an average attendance for last month of 117 and last week 123 ; no on roll 140. Mr Black as visiting member suggested that the compulsory clause might be better enforced, and it was resolved that parents who do not send their children to

school be written to informing them that unless they do so at once they will be proceeded against. Accounts were passed for payment amounting to £1 17s 10d.'

6th October 1890 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

{From our Special Correspondent) The regular meeting of the School Committee was held on 2nd October. Present; Mr Vile (chair), Messrs Wilson, Sedcole, [J. Dawson, Naylor and G. Moore.

The master reported attendance for the quarter average 115, number on roll 150. He stated that the attendance had become very irregular. A list of 22 names was present of scholars whose attendance was exceptionally bad.

Mr Dawson 'visiting member reported that the accommodation was now far too poor, and it was resolved that the Board be requested to furnish more desks.

Accounts were passed for payment amounting to £11 18s 6d.

Mr E. Naylor was appointed visiting member for the ensuing month

10th October 1890 First Grade Art examination Pahiatua F stands for freehand, M for Model, G for geometry and b for scale

Pahiatua,— M. Avery, A. Dawson, E. Gregory, C. J. F. Hyde, R, Knight, A Kopue, J. H. Moore, Charles Skipper, S. Verry, f ; W. Black, f and s ; J. Dawson, f and g excellent) ; A. Sedcole, f (good) and g ; C. Verry, f (good) ; J. Miller, m ; Rose Bernie, g (excellent); Alexander Bernie, g and a (both excellent) ; E. Knight, g and s; T. M 'Kenny, g; W. Miller, g and s; J. E. Sedcole , g (good) ; D. P. Sedcole, g (excellent); E. Sedcole, g and s, W. Jule, g; George Prince, a (good).

7th November 1890 Pahiatua School Committee The committee met last evening. Present: Messrs Job Vile (chair), James Wilson, A. Black, and G. Moore.

Letter was read from Education Board that new desks are on the way.

From same that the Board Committee visit Pahiatua in November and meet School Committee re enlarging school.

The master reported irregular attendance asked that it be attended to at once.— Committee to see parents.

The Committee expressed surprise at no communication from the Board re recent drawing examination. An account from Mr C Ridd was passed payment leas certain items charged for chemicals an scientific requisites not authorised by committee.

6th December 1890 The regular monthly meeting of the School Committee was held on Thursday. There were present: Messrs J. Vile (chair), A. Black and H. Sedcole.

The Masters' report showed an average attendance for the past month of 118. Number on roll 150.

Accounts amounting to £1 4s were passed for payment. Mr H. Sedcole was appointed visiting member for the ensuing month.

31st December 1890 Mr D. M, Yeats, the headmaster of the Pahiatua School, has been removed to the Otaki School, and has been succeeded by Mr Lee, of that district

1891

1891	121	Pahiatua	Lee	Clement W		Headmaster	£205	$38,333
1891	121	Pahiatua	Reese	Marion		Assistant Female	£60	$11,219

1891	121	Pahiatua	Millar	Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£25	$4,675
1891	121	Pahiatua	McKenny	Cecilia		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	$3,740

2nd January 1891 PAHIATUA. SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

{From our own Correspondent)

A special meeting of the school committee was held on Wednesday, Present: Messrs J. Vile (chair), H. Sedcole, A. Black, J. Dawson, E. Naylor, J. D. Wilson and G. Moore. The Chairman read a letter from the Education Board stating that it was arranged to remove the head-master Mr to Otaki, and to transfer Mr Lee from Otaki to Pahiatua.

It was resolved to agree to the removal of Mr Yeats, but to obtain fuller information with reference to the proposed new master before accepting his appointment

5th January 1891 A. requisition is being signed in Pahiatua, urging the Education Board not to remove Mr, Yeats from that district.

7th January 1891 A petition has been forwarded 'from 101 residents of Pahiatua, praying that Mr Yeats be not removed.

8th January 1891 Pahiatua will shortly be brought within easy reach of Palmerston (for pedestrians and equestrians) by means of a track across the Tararua At the present time the nearest road from Palmerston to Pahiatua, is via Ashurst and Woodville, the distance to Woodville being seventeen miles, and thence to Pahiatua ten miles, or a total distance of twenty-seven miles. By the new line of road the total distance will be only twelve miles. This new route is almost direct as the crow flies……..

9th January 1891 SCHOOL COMMITTEE. From our Own Correspondent. The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday evening. Present—all members, Mr J. Vile in the chair.

The master's report showed average attendance 113, 149 on roll.

A letter from Mr Yeats was received expressing regret that the proposal had been made to transfer him to Otaki and calling attention to the fact that a large number of householders had signed a petition to the Education Board praying that he might remain.

Mr H. Sedcole was appointed visiting member for the ensuing month.

Accounts amounting to £1 5s 6d were passed for payment.

Mr Black moved, the Chairman seconded, that a treat be given to the school children about the beginning of February. Carried.

A letter from the Education Board was read reporting very strongly in favor of the proposed new master, Mr Lee. It was resolved that the change proposed by the. Education Board be agreed to, the ayes being Messrs Vile, Moore, Naylor, and Dawson, noes—Messrs Black, Sedcole and Wilson.

16th January 1891 PRESENTATION TO MR D. M. YEATS. [From Our Own Correspondent.) A pleasant little ceremony was performed last evening at the Town Hall in the presence of about 60 friends, the hero of the occasion being the retiring headmaster of the public school. Mr Reaney who occupied the chair, after a few remarks called on Mr Baucke to present Mr Yeats with a purse of sovereigns and an address on behalf of the residents.

Mr Yeats, in reply, said he was pleased to see so old a friend as Mr Reaney in the chair, as They both settled in Pahiatua at the same time and had worked well together. Referring to old times Mr Yeats oppressed great pleasure in leaving that the services ho had rendered as a

medical man, when no chemist or doctor were available, had been appreciated. He thanked his sympathisers and wished the town and school and, townspeople every prosperity.
Mr Greville said he well remembered first meeting Mr Yeats. It was on a Sunday. They sat on a log near to where Stewart's Hotel now stands and sympathised with each other over the fact that they had come to such a place. Messrs Black, Tattersall, Tosswill and Smith, speaking on behalf of various institutions in which Mr Yeats had been useful, expressed their sorrow at losing him.
Mr Yeats again thanked those present for their kind expressions of regard and all rose to sing " For he's a jolly good fellow."
Mr Yeats leaves to-day for Otaki
[Note the School Committee members seem to be absent from this occasion]
9th May **1914** RETIRING HEADMASTER
MR. D. M. YEATS, OF LOWER HUTT GREATER FREEDOM ALLOWED. After having completed his forty seventh year as an educationist, the present headmaster of' the Lower Hutt District High School, Mr. D. M Yeats, will sever his connection with the teaching profession on the 22nd of this month. Being of a genial disposition and possessing a wide and general knowledge of all matters appertaining to the education of the young, Mr. Yeats has won the admiration of both parents and pupils at Lower Hutt, and his retirement from the post he has held for the past twelve years will leave a gap that will be difficult to fill. A native of Scotland, Mr. Yeats received his early education at the- Aberdeen University, and for a short period after leaving this institution he engaged in tree-planting in India. At about the age of 21 he migrated to Australia, where, somewhat reluctantly at first, he joined the teaching profession, securing a position at a private school in Melbourne. Next he was appointed classical master at the Hamilton and Western District College and later took up a position on the Hobart High School. Eventually he decided to make New Zealand his home, and his first appointment under the Education Board was at Pahiatua. This was in 1885, and when he left for Otaki six years later the number of pupils on the roll of the Pahiatua school had increased from 26 to 180. When he came to take charge of the Hutt School the number of pupils attending was 240, while the staff consisted of four certificated and two pupil teachers. The building was totally inadequate, both as regards size and equipment, and teaching was carried out under extreme difficulties. In 1903 the new school was erected, and two years later the High School was established for secondary classes. During the years that followed the needs of the Hutt increased steadily, and in 1910 the Eastern Hutt side school was erected, being followed a year later by the establishment' of an infant building at the main school. During the past twelve years the total attendance increased to 723, this including the side school, which it has now been decided to make a main school with a separate headmaster and teaching staff. WHAT IS WANTED. In conversation with a Post reporter, Mr., Yeats touched upon various topics concerning education in the Hutt district. Two of the most urgent necessities, he said, were a day technical school in Petone and a high school to serve the ' needs of both Hutt and Petone. he was of the opinion that such institutions would greatly benefit the district, besides making it unnecessary for children to go to the Wellington colleges and technical school. Such institutions would give, an impetus to education, and would keep children longer at school than was the case at present. There were a number of children, he felt sure, who would take advantage of technical and high school education if the

facilities were made easier. Children left school altogether too young, a fact which he had tried to impress upon the parents. A boy's mother, for instance, might come and take her son away from school just a few' months before a proficiency examination. The boy would be told to 'study after working hours, and Under these circumstances it was a rare occurrence for a boy to obtain a certificate.' I

MPROVED .FACILITIES. ,' Comparing the education facilities of the present day with those of twelve years ago, Mr. Yeats said that the children nowadays were, provided with better opportunities than ever before. He welcomed the decision of the Education Board to convert the Eastern Hutt side school into a main school, as under the present conditions the headmaster had to leave too much to the assistants. Referring to the present syllabus, Mr. Yeats said that there had been a vast change for the better during recent years, the old "cast iron" syllabus having been done away with. There was more freedom allowed now, while the inspectors were hot bound down as formerly. He remarked incidentally that there had been more freedom granted to inspectors in the Wellington district than under any other board, this being chiefly due to Mr. Robert Lee, the first inspector in Wellington. The headmaster was now able to formulate his own scheme of work, and, as far as he- was concerned at least, the, inspectors had always been entirely satisfied. While approving of the system of physical instruction now imparted to boys and girls, he regretted very much the abandonment of the cadet companies. These were helpful to discipline and tended to smarten the boys up.

In conclusion Mr. Yeats said: "I am one of the few headmasters in favour of Bible-in-schools. For a long time I was opposed to the idea, but am quite satisfied, from the experience of other countries, that there should be no objection whatever to Bible teaching in the State schools."

16th January 1891 Mr C. W. Lee, the State schoolmaster, I hear has received official notice of his transfer to Pahiatua. His place is to be taken by Mr Yeats, of the last-named place. Mr Lee has been in charge of the Otaki school for about ten years, during which time the children under his charge have been brought on, judging from results, in a creditable manner. The percentage of passes at Government examinations being amongst the highest of any of the country schools in the district. Great regret is felt at his removal by a large number of the parents and residents of the place.

21st January 1891 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

From our own Correspondent. A special meeting was held last evening. Present: Messrs J. Vile (chair), J. Dawson, A. Black, G. Moore, J. D, Wilson, H. Sedcole.

A letter from the Otaki school committee was read stating that the disputes which had arisen at Otaki were not caused by any action of the master's but arose out of householder's differences. It was resolved that the letter be published.

It was resolved to ask the Board to sanction repairs to master's residence.

The meeting was then adjourned till Saturday next, when it is understood the committee will take steps to nominate and secure the return to the Board of two members from this district, ono of (them being a member of the Pahiatua committee.

29th January 1891 Wellington Education Board It was decided to re-cover and repaper the school residence at Pahiatua

31st January 1891 The School Committee met here on Saturday last for the purpose of nominating members to the Board. Three of the four gentlemen asked to allow themselves to

be nominated returned favorable replies. Mr McCardle's consent was not to hand, or I understand he would have been nominated. Mr Job Vile and Mr Samuel Bolton were the Committee's nominees, and these two, together with Mr McCardle, will be in all probability supported by the Pahiatua School Committee, there being three members required. There is a very strong feeling here that there should be more country members on the Board than there is at present.

2nd February 1891 he attendance at the Pahiatua school his increased from 91 to 130 since the re-opening

6th February 1891 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

From our Own Correspondent. * The regular meeting was held on Thursday. Present Messrs J. Vile (chair), H. Sedcole, A. Black, G. Moore, J. D. Wilson, J. Davison, E. Naylor.

It was resolved to sign a testimonial for the late Master.

A letter from the Education Board was received suggesting that a Reserve in the Mangahao be leased. The matter was left in the hands of the Chairman.

Master's report showed attendance had risen from 93 to 145. Mr J. Davison and the Chairman were authorised to invite tenders for work at the Master's house.

13th February 1891 Jane Miller passed her 3rd year Pupil Teacher examinations and Cecelia McKenny the second year exam

13th February 1891 School of design examination Duncan Yeats and Jane miller both passed with a good pass

16th February 1891 Mr de Mey, the drill instructor to the Wellington Education Board, is at present in the Pahiatua district [Drill as in physical drill, not military drill]

6th March 1891 In a review by the Inspectors of 1890 was this report listed in all schools report

Pahiatua Presented 134. Passed 76 Discipline and Order Good. Manners good

7th March 1891 Mr T Fleming to visit Pahiatua School on the 14th and 15th April

25th March 1891 Wellington Education Board Grants were made as follows : — Pahiatua, for the repair of the teacher's residence, £32

3rd April 1891 SCHOOL PICNIC AND SPORTS. The annual school treat was held on Monday in Mr Hall's paddock, which was kindly lent for the occasion. There were about 200 children and as many adults present. The Pahiatua Band gave their services which added to the enjoyment of the picnic.

SPORTS The Boys' Sports were well managed and will result in a fair profit which is to be devoted to the purchase of books for the School Library. The principal events were ; — Maiden Race 220 yds won by Avery 1st, Pawson 2nd; Obstacle Race 440 yds Knight; High Jump, Pawson (4 ft 2 in); Three-legged Race, Gardner and Avery 1st; Vile and Greville 2nd; Mile Walking Handicap, Greville 1st, Gardner 2nd; Hop Step and Jump, S. Dawson (32ft 9 in.); Handicap Hurdles 220 yds, Yule 1st, Pawson 2nd ; Mile Handicap under 15, Walthers 1st (6 min 10 sec.), Birnie 2nd; Pahiatua Junior Handicap run in three events 100, 440 and 220 yds, Avery 1st, Yule 2nd; Horse Trotting, Trengrove 1st, McCardle 2nd. A number of races were got up for the little ones who were awarded prizes in the form of toys kindly contributed by friends.

3rd April 1891 Miss Evans travelling teacher for Education Board will be at Pahiatua on the 22nd

6th April 1891 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
(From Our Own Correspondent) The regular meeting of the Committee was held on Friday. Present: —Messrs J. Dawson (chair), G. Moore, H. Sedcole, and J. D. Wilson.
Master's report. Number on roll 189, average attendance 143, highest attendance 159.
A circular from the Education Board was received inviting the Committee to nominate a candidate for the Board in place of the late H. Bunny,—Resolved that Mr McCardle be nominated.
A letter was received from the Board stating that the account for repairs to master's residence £31 2s Id was passed for payment. The master reported that Miss Evans would visit the school shortly to give specimen lessons in Kindergarten and invited the Committee to attend
It was resolved to hold a special meeting on 16th of April.
6th April 1891 he Junior Athletic Club, after payment of all prizes and expenses in connection with their sports on Easter Monday, had about £6 in hand, which has been handed over to. the school library fund.
27th April 1891 Miss Falla has resigned her position as mistress of the Pahiatua Public School,
28th April 1891 School Committee PAHIATUA. Dawson 30 Reese 28 Vile 27 Black 24 George Moore 24 E. Naylor 23 H. Sedcole 23 P. D. Wilson 18 F. G. Moore 12 W.J. Reeve 8 At a subsequent meeting of the Committee Mr Job Vile was elected Chairman.[The first seven elected]
29th April 1891 An application for an aided School it Makakihi, Forty mile Bush, pending the erection of a permanent school, was acceded to. Miss Falla, late of Pahiatua, was appointed teacher.
30th April 1891 Wellington Education Board ho request of the Pahiatua Committee for increased accommodation was acceded to.
9th May 1891 The Wellington Education Board invites applications for the appointment of head teacher at the Pirinoa school, head teacher at the Makara school, and , assistant teacher at Pahiatua.
11th May 1891 The Pahiatua School Committee met on Thursday last. Present:— Messrs. Vile (Chairman), Black, Dawson, Naylor and G. Moore, The head master reported the number of children on the roll for the month to be 185, the average attendance 144, and the highest attendance 173. It was resolved, that the Board be written to, informing them that it is utterly impossible for the Committee to supply school requisites out of capitation grant, and requesting them to provide the money in the future. It was decided to enforce the compulsory clauses of the Act. Capitation for March (£6) was received. Mr. Black was appointed visiting member for the month-
18th May 1891 An entertainment in aid of the funds of the Pahiatua school will be given in the Public Hall on the 25th inst.
21st May 1891 The population of Pahiatua has increased by five times during the last five years, according to the census.
29th May 1891 Wellington Education Board The Pahiatua Committee applied for a grant of £10 for repairs. It was decided that the matter should stand over until the building grant was available

1st June 1891 . The Pahiatua Committee applied for a grant of for repairs. It was decided that the matter should stand over until the building grant was available. An appointment to the vacant teachership at Pahiatua was recommended to the Committee.
26th June 1891 The Wellington Education Board hare decided to employ a carpenter to go round their school buildings and keep them in repair. This is centralisation with a vengeance and Mr McCardle voted for it. When the Pahiatua or Mangatainoka schools want repairs in future a carpenter has to come from Wellington at a cost of ;£1 a day travelling expenses, when local carpenters could do the work at a third of the cost.
26th June 1891 Miss Rees [Actually Reese previously sacked by the Wellington Education Board]
26th June 1891 The public school at Pahiatua has been closed, owing to the prevalence of typhoid fever.
29th June 1891 The closing of the public school on Wednesday owing to the temporary sickness of Mr Lee, the headmaster caused a feeling of uneasiness. Fortunately Mr Lee was well enough to be in attendance again on the following day. Dr Milne made an inspection of the infected localities on Friday, the result of which will be communicated to the Town Board.
3rd July 1891 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
{From Our Own Correspondent.) Pahiatua, This day. At the school committee meeting last evening there were present Messrs Vile, Moore, Naylor, and Black. The number on roll is 181, and average attendance 136. It was resolved not to enforce the compulsory clauses of the Act in consequence of sickness.
Inspector Lee reported the school floors were in a dirty state.—The committee thought the complaint unreasonable, as the children travel over dirty clay roads. Messrs Vile, Moore, arid the master were appointed a committee to deal with £6 4s 6d, balance of entertainment.
The day of re-opening is to to an Arbor Day for planting the school ground.
6th July 1891 The Inspector of Schools (Mr Lee) recently visited Pahiatua and commented upon the dirty condition of the school floor. And as a result the Committee has reduced the school cleaning account by two shillings a week
26th August 1891 Wellington Education Board The Pahiatua Committee asked for a grant for school stationery. The request was refused.
4th September 1891 Pahiatua School Committee
From our own Correspondent.
The usual monthly meeting of the School Committee was held on Thursday evening. Present —Messrs Black, Moore (Sec.), Sedcole and Dawson. Mr Black was voted to the chair. The inward and outward correspondence was read and received.
The teacher reported the average attendance to be 115.6. The weather and cold had been the cause of the falling off. The teacher in his report suggested that the compulsory clauses should be enforced.
Resolved that the committee hold over the question of enforcing the compulsory clause till next meeting.
The committee were of opinion that the master’s remarks referring to the publication of the Inspector's report were uncalled for as all documents that come before the committee are public property.

Resolved that Mr Lee be informed that the committee considered they were quite competent to decide what correspondence or reports should be made public.
A letter was read from the Board stating that they could not continue the former scale of committee's allowance. A new scale was enclosed and an intimation that all repairs and other expenses except new buildings would be a charge on the bonus allowed. Several accounts were passed and the meeting closed.
23rd September 1891 Wellington Education Board school buildings at Kaitawa and Ballance are to be erected and another class room is to be added to the present building in Pahiatua. These contracts will shortly be let.
1st October 1891 Wellington Education Board Mr C. W. Lee, of the Pahiatua School, applied for an increase of salary. It was decided to place the applicant under the regulations, which would have the effect of giving giving him an increase
2nd October 1891 Whooping cough is prevalent among the children in the Pahiatua district.
2nd October 1891 The Pahiatua School Committee met last evening. Present: Messrs Vile (in the chair), Sedcole, Naylor, Dawson, Black, and Moore; The attendance was reported as follows: average 131, maximum 151, on roll 214. It was decided to open the school at 9 a.m. in future. The enforcement of the compulsory clause was held over for a month, the parent of a boy who had absented himself and induced others to do so to be communicated with in the meantime. The teacher's offer to supply stationery at £1 per annum was accepted. It was decided to ask Mr McCardle to obtain necessary funds from the Board. A letter from Mr Tideswell complaining of the punishment of his son was referred to the master. Mr Vile was appointed visitor for :the month. Mr Moore has given notice to move that future meetings be held on Thursdays nearest full moon.
9th October 1891 The operetta of Red Riding Hood is being steadily practiced by the children attending the public school. Mr Lee expects to be able to produce the piece before the Christmas holidays.
22nd October 1891 Pahiatua, on Tuesday evening, by Mr J. D. Foley, in aid of the Pahiatua School Funds. The Hall was crowded, and Mr Foley's sketches were received in a manner conclusively proving that he is still as popular as of old.
23rd October 1891 A resident of Pahiatua, D. McGill, has commenced proceedings against the Education Board for the purpose of recovering a sum of 30s, claimed as being the Board's share for fencing two sections of land at Pahiatua, the Chairman and Secretary of the Board (Messrs. J. E. Blair and A. Dorset) gave evidence before the resident Magistrate this morning, to the effect that the Board had neither a title to or any interest in the land referred to, Mr. Dorset further stated that he had written to the claimant to this effect before the present proceedings were taken' Mr. A. de B. Brandon appeared as counsel on behalf of the Board.
6th November 1891 The monthly meeting of the School Committee was held last evening. Present: Messrs Vile (chairman), Naylor, Black, Reese, and Moore. The average attendance was reported as 140, maximum 156, on roll 212. Re Mr Tredwell's complaint, Mr Lee attended and denied its truth. The boy was not punished but was very unruly and would not obey the teacher in his class. The master was certain he did not do anything to hurt the boy.— The explanation was accepted. The use of the school was granted to the Chess Club. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Foley for a donation of £2 8s to the prize fund. It was resolved that in future the committee meet on the Thursday nearest full moon. It was also

resolved to ask the Town Board to erect a fence and hand rails on the bridge near the school. The chairman was authorised to get the necessary alterations made at the school grounds. Mr Black having been appointed visitor for the month, the meeting adjourned.

14th November 1891 First Grade Drawing Examination Wellington Education Board . Pahiatua. — A. Dawson, F. Flutcher, J. Jordan, L W. P. Reeve, Alice Sedcole R, Shanahan good.

25th November 1891 An additional pupil teacher was granted for the Otaki School, and it was agreed that Miss Miller be transferred thither from Pahiatua.

16th December 1891 Wellington Education Board The question of allowing pupil teachers at Pahiatua expenses to enable them to attend the examination centre was held over for a month.

19th December 1891 The ordinary meeting of the School Committee was held on Tuesday evening;. Present : Messrs Vile (chair). Dawson, Moore, Sedcole, Naylor and Black .

The masters report was read the attendance the month On roll 215 highest attendance 131, average 130.

Mr Black, visitor for the month, reported that he had visited the school . on Tuesday and found order in the school was not what he expected owing, it was stated, to the shortness of the staff.

A letter was received from the Board stating that Miss Miller had been appointed to Otaki and would have to leave at once, and that Miss Birnie would assist in her place till the end of the year. The Board, however, allowed Miss Miller, at the request of the Committee, to remain to the holidays.

The Committee passed a resolution agreeing to Miss Millers removal to Otaki, at the same time they considered the action of the Board most arbitrary in removing their teacher without in any way considering the Committee.

Applications were received from Miss Rosamond Birnie and Miss McKenna for appointment for the vacancy in the school.

On the motion of Mr Naylor' Miss Birnie was recommended to the Board for appointment.

Accounts amounting to £2 10s were passed for payment,

The Committee went into committee to consider a matter of friction between the master and an assistant, and after hearing both parties passing a resolution to the effect that as there appeared to be hastines (hastiness?) on both sides they should allow the matter to pass and endeavour to work amicably in the future.

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1892	161	Pahiatua	Reese	Marion		Assistant Female	£60	$11,129
1892	161	Pahiatua	Birnie	Helen		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	$3,710
1892	161	Pahiatua	McKenny	Theresa		Female Pupil Teacher	£15	$2,782

29th January 1892 The local school is starting with a, good attendance. Thirty new names have been added to the roll, which yesterday stood at 183. The new class room is not yet finished, and considerable inconvenience is felt, for there are 90 in the infants room. Even

with the additions there will only be seating room for 200, and that number will be on the books in no time.
2nd February 1892 The School Committee have received £7 from the Education Board for the purpose of removing and altering the closets, etc.
12th February 1892 The attendance at the local school demands more assistance. The number on the roll is 244, and an average of 89. The new classroom is not yet ready for occupation, and great inconvenience is felt, 85 children being crammed into a room seated for 40
15th February 1892 Pahiatua School Committee.
Special to the Examiner, ‘ Pahiatua, This Day. The School Committee met on Friday, Present Messrs Vile (chair), Naylor, Sedcole, Black, Dawson, and -Moore (secretary).
Master’s report, ; The master requested the Committee to apply for another pupil teacher and stated that it would only be fair on the part of the Board to grant them an assistant master. Compared with other schools they were considerably under officered having only one assistant mistress, one pupil teacher in second year, and one unclassed —this staff having an average attendance of 180.
On the motion of Mr Black, seconded by Mr Sedcole, it was resolved to apply to the Board for a male assistant teacher.
PROBATIONER. Miss Reese wrote, asking the consent of the Committee to her having her niece, Miss Katie Reese, to assist her as a probationer. Granted.
The Chairman reported that the sum of £7 was granted by the Board for the removal and alterations to closets, and that the work was in hand. After passing accounts the Committee adjourned.
11th March 1892 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
(Special to Examiner.) Pahiatua, This Day. The ordinary monthly meeting of the Committee was held last evening. Present—Messrs Vile (chairman), Black, Sedcole, and Moore.
CORRESPONDENCE. From the Board, stating that the school was entitled to another pupil teacher, and asking the committee for a recommendation. From the Board, asking the committee to nominate some gentleman to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr A. W. Brown.
Master's report. The head teacher reported as follows: Number on roll, 242 ; average attendance, 182 ; highest attendance, 197.
SEWING MISTRESS. Several letters were read from Miss Recce, assistant teacher, in connection with a difference of opinion which existed between herself and the head teacher on the conduct of the sewing lessons in school. The Committee decided to order the sewing to be discontinued until a sewing mistress could be appointed. A special meeting to be held in a fortnight for that purpose. RESIGNATION OF PUPIL TEACHER. Miss McKenna resigned her position as pupil teacher, she having received another appointment. —Accepted with regret. Applications were received for appointments as pupil teachers from Misses Rose Birnie and Theresa McKenna.[McKenny] The latter was chosen by lot, and her appointment was recommended to the Board.
GENERAL. The application of the head teacher for slates for the infants’ room was referred to the Board.

Mr Lee stated that it was definitely arranged to hold the entertainment on the 25th inst and asked for the assistance of the Committee. It was resolved to communicate with the Masterton Committee and others, with a view of securing the return of a country member.
Mr Sedcole was appointed visiting member for the month.
The Secretary was instructed to again write to the Board asking for a male assistant, and failing that, to appoint a male pupil teacher, in the place of Miss McKenna. ACCOUNTS. Accounts amounting to L2 12s 6d were passed for payment, and the Committee adjourned till Thursday, 24th instant.
22nd March 1892 On Friday evening next the children attending the local school will perform the operetta " Red Riding Hood," under the direction of Mr Lee. This entertainment would have been given at Christmas but for so many of the scholars being laid up with influenza. A rehearsal was held last evening in the hail, when the May-pole dances were very nicely performed.
24th March 1892 The operetta of Red Riding Hood will be performed at the Public Hall to-morrow (Friday) by the school children. The stage has been enlarged about, 8 feet to allow of the Maypole being danced, and generally to accommodate the chorus singers. The following will take the leading parts :—Red Riding Hood, Miss E. Turner; Wool, Master Black: Mother, Miss Reese ; Woodman, Mr Mills; Buttercup, Miss L. Caselberg; Rose, Miss N. Turner; Robin (a playmate). Master .Aston; Accompanist. Mrs Lee ; Conductor, Mr Lee. The scenery has been specially painted for the operetta by Mr F. Stewart. The Band will play selections and the music for the Maypole dancers. With fine weather, a full house may be expected.
30th March 1892 Wellington Education Board
Miss C McKenny resigned and It was decided to adopt the recommendations of the school committees at Petone, Pahiatua, Masterton, and Eketahuna, that pupil teachers should be appointed at the respective places named, and the matter of filling up the vacancies was left to the Chairman to deal with.
The sum of £10 was granted to Miss Ada Evans pupil teacher at Pahiatua, towards her lodging ,expenses [Ada Evans was actually at Porirua School not Pahiatua].
7th May 1892 (Special to the Examiner.) Pahiatua, Yesterday. The Inspector, Mr Lee, has been engaged on the examination of the Pahiatua School for the last two days, and to-day he will finish the higher standards. The following are the passes in Standards I, 11, and 111, the letter S indicating strong passes;— Standard I—Arthur Bentley s, Reginald Bentley, Willie Benzie, Edwin Keiley, Willie Lipshand s, Ernest Matthews s, Robert McOnie, Charles Mills s, Willie Prenter, Harry Turner, Ambrose Williams s, Mary Cleghorn s, Gladys Dawson s, Flora Futcher s, Mary Lyttle s, May Riley, Mary Moore, Annie Sedcole, Alice Turner, Kitty Turner, Elsie Wrigley s, Grade Wrigley s. Standard II—Arthur Boult s, Herman Bogle s, Peter Connell s, Sidney Cole s, Augustus Iorns, Harold Reese, Charles Swan, Walter Thompson, Clarence Williams, John Twomey, Ethel Armitage s, Millie Avery, Alice Bentley s, Amelia Benzie, Alice Bottomley, Nellie Hyde s, Nellie McLaughlin, Celia Turner s, Lizzie Yule, Alice Williams, Florence Riley s.
Standard III—Edward Aston, Jaspar Bogle, James Lyttle, George Hathaway, Hector Prenter, Stanley Reeve, Alfred Stenberg, Thomas Vile, Walter Williams, George Bentley, Annie

Avery, Jean Birnie, Millie Black, Ethel Britton s, Betsy Christiansen, Bridget Cooper, Ada Coe s, Nellie Futcher, Florence Swan s, Annie Walker, Laura Wakeman, Ethel Williams.
This Day.
The following are the passes in Standards IV, V, and VI:
Standard IV —Hugh Avery, Robert Benzie, William Coe s, Valentine Fraser, John Jensen s, Alexander Millar s, John Prenter, Frederick Sedcole, Charles Shanahan, Henry Vile, Ethel Black s, Maud Bennett, Lily Coe s, Leah Caselberg, Cice Dawson, Ruth Knight s, Nellie Mills s, Tessa Parkes, Ethel Reese, Kate Stewart, Edith Turner s, Emilia Williams s, Amy Williams s.
Standard V—Candy Crew, Alex. : Dawson, Hamilton Moore, John Thompson, Agnes Burrow Robina Birnie, Beatrice Hyde s, Lucy Wakeman s, Nellie Turner s, Minnie Williams s.
Standard VI—Wilfred Black, Alex. Birnie, James Connell, L. Reeve s,
7th May 1897 The examination of the local school was concluded yesterday with very satisfactory results ninety one per cent of those presented made creditable passes and a very large number were marked strong
13th May 1892 Pahiatua, This Day,
The usual monthly meeting of the School Committee was held last evening. Present Messrs Bogle, Reeve, Fraser, Godfrey and Moore (secretary,) Mr Fraser was voted to the chair.
MASTER S REPORT,
The head teacher reported the attendance for the month as follows : Number on roll, 235 ; highest attendance, 221; average for month, 189. The report dealt with the unsatisfactory cleaning of the school and asked that some improvements be made to the residence. It was resolved that Messrs Reeve and Godfrey be a committee to report on the cost of improvements to the teacher's residence. Resolved that the school cleaner be informed that the work must be done to the satisfaction of the master.
TEACHING STAFF, Mr Bogle drew attention to the strength of the teaching staff, and Mr Moore stated that the Inspector on his visit had been interviewed, and had implied that he would do what he possibly could to help the Committee to get an assistant master.— On the motion of Mr Bogle, seconded by Mr Reeve, the secretary was instructed to write to the Board re appointment of an assistant master, and at the same time draw their attention to the state of the present staff.
GENERAL, The Committee decide to take steps to enforce the compulsory clauses in respect of a number of scholars who had not attended for a considerable time. It was left to the visiting member for the month to ascertain if the final notices had been delivered to the parents, and also whether they had gone to any other schools. The master proposed that with the committee's consent the prizes should be given to the children at the Town Hall on May 20th.—This was agreed to. The sum of five shillings was granted to the teacher for extra stationery used at the examination. Messrs Bogle and Fraser were appointed visiting members for the month.
It was reported that the drinking water in the tanks was not fit for use, and it was resolved that the Chairman and Mr Godfrey have the tanks and spouting cleaned out.
ACCOUNTS. Accounts amounting to £1 10s were passed for payment, and the committee adjourned.

13th May 1892 The school ground wants a lot of improvements but the committee have no funds unless they get up some entertainment for the purpose. A few loads of metal are badly wanted at the entrance and round the doors.

18th May 1892 There is said to be a probability of a private school for girls being opened in Pahiatua in a few weeks

21st May 1892 The distribution of prizes to the children attending the Pahiatua School took place yesterday noon in the Town Hall in presence of a number of the parents and the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee. The following is the prize list. STANDARD II. Regularity.—H. Reese, F. Vile, N. McLaughlin, M. Armitage, V. McCardle, and W. Thompson. Diligence and progress.—N. Hyde, L. Yule, A. Bentley, A. Benzie, S. Coe, and C. Swan. Good Conduct.—Alice Bentley.

STANDARD III. Regularity.—C. Avery, A. Bottomley, C. Williams, S. Benzie, J. Barron, A. Walker, J. McLaughlin, R. Gregory, G. Bentley, S. Reeve, and B. Christiansen. Diligence and Progress.—J. Birnie, W. Williams and Laura Wakeman.

STANDARD IV. Regularity.—L. Caselberg and B. Reese. Diligence and Progress.—J. Jansen, C. Shanahan, L. Coe, E. Black, P. Sedcole, and F. Vile. Good Conduct.—Ethel Black.

STANDARD V. Diligence and Progress.—L. Wakeman, W. Futcher, R. Birnie and A. Barron, Sewing.—Mr Rees' prize was awarded to Nellie Turner.

STANDARD VI. Progress and Diligence.—L. Reeve. Dux of School.—L. Reeve.

23rd May 1892 Messrs Fraser and Godfrey have made a careful examination of the tanks and spouting at the school and find they are badly in want of being thoroughly cleaned out. This they have arranged for when the supply of water should be all that can be desired. The secretary of the School Committee has received back the balance sheet duly certified as correct.

25th May 1892 Wellington Education Board An application for an enlargement of the teacher's residence at Pahiatua, was referred to the carpenter for a report

Appointments of teachers for the Pahiatua, Fernridge, Featherston, and Eketahuna Schools were made, but it was resolved not to allow the names to be made public until the Committees have been consulted.

27th May 1892 At last the Pahiatua school is to have an assistant master, the name of a suitable young man has been sent to the Committee, who will probably hold a special meeting to consider the appointment.

28th May 1892 The School Committee have approved the appointment of Mr. Dunck, (Actually Darroch) of Carterton, as assistant teacher for the local school,

9th June 1892 Wellington Education Board Mr Robert Darroch (Carterton) to be assistant at Pahiatua

10th June 1892 At the meeting of the School Committee last evening, the question of the short allowances made to them by the Board was discussed, when it' was pointed out that this school creates a revenue in capitation to the Board of about £700 a year, and the expenses including teaching staff, etc., about £400, leaving a clear gain of £3OO. Now the Committee want to know what is done with this? Other schools must be in the same position. The allowances for cleaning, etc., are certainly at starvation point.

10th June 1892 Pahiatua School Committee.

Special to the Examiner.) Pahiatua, this day. The monthly meeting of the School Committee was held last evening. Present:—Messrs Vile (chairman), Black, Boyle, Fraser, Godfrey, Reeve, and Moore (secretary).

VISITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT. The Visiting Committee reported that considerable improvements were necessary around the school playground and closets.

Resolved that a quantity of carbolic powder be procured, that arrangements be made .for having the closets kept clean and the urinal repaired.

Repairs were ordered to be made to the boundary and division fences, and a wicket gate substituted for the present turnstile, new ropes to be fixed in the swings. Resolved that the Education Board be asked to erect a shelter shed in the girls' playground as it was urgently required.

Resolved that Mr Fraser be asked to prepare an estimate of the cost of levelling and gravelling the boys' playground.

GENERAL. The head teacher reported that Mr Darrock, assistant teacher had arrived, and commenced his duties.

A letter was received from the Secretary of Chess Club thanking the Committee for the use of the school for their meetings.

On the motion of Mr Black, seconded by Mr Boyle, it was resolved to write to Mr Lee, inspector, and ask him to explain how it was that the higher classes were stated to have done the arithmetic satisfactory when it was generally understood that a number of the children failed in arithmetic.

The tender of Ann Willoughby was accepted for cleaning the school at 8s per week. On the motion of Mr Black, seconded by Mr Godfrey, it was resolved that a schedule of the expenses of the school be sent to the Board pointing out that the Committee cannot meet their requirements without a grant from the Board.

Messrs Black and Godfrey were appointed a Visiting Committee for the month.

Accounts amounting to £3 10s 6d were passed for payment. Mr Ridd's account was referred to the Board for payment. The Committee then rose.

23rd June 1892 The School Committee found fault with the report of the Inspector at the late examination, in stating that the arithmetic in the higher standards was satisfactory, on the ground that several scholars had not done any of their sums correctly. Mr Lee now writes to the headteacher. and forwards the examination for his inspection, whereby it is seen that only an infinitesimal number failed, and on the whole . the passes were, as reported, satisfactory. Had it been otherwise there is no doubt Mr Lee would not have put it on record in his report

29th June 1892 Wellington Education Board The Board refused to grant £2 to Pahiatua for current expenses.

30th June 1892 Wellington Education Board n application from the Pahiatua Committee for a grant of £22, to meet current expenses, was refused. Mr McCardle was deputed to enquire as to the application of the Pahiatua Committee for a shelter shed for girls. Grants were made as follow : Pahiatua, 17s 2d (old account for chemicals);

8th July 1892 The boys of the Mangatainoko and Pahiatua schools played a football match on Monday last resulting in a tie

8th July 1892 Pahiatua School Committee.

(Special to the Examiner.) Pahiatua, this day. The ordinary monthly meeting of the Committee was held on Thursday evening. Present: Messrs Vile (chairman), Black, Bogle, Godfrey, Fraser, Reese and Moore (secretary),

CORRESPONDENCE. From the Education Board stating that no appointment was given to Miss Birnie, and that they were not aware she had been acting in the school, also declining any responsibility. A further communication was received that the Board would pay Miss Birnie for the time she had been in the school. From the Education Board declining to pay any subsidy to the school and pointing out that at last quarter they had a substantial balance.—The Board to be asked to grant £10 for sundry expenses in connection with repairs to play-ground.

master's report. The head teacher reported the highest attendance for the month 185, average attendance 167, number on roll 212,

GENERAL, Secretary stated that he had received a new cash book from the Postal Department in place of the one that had been damaged in transit through the post.

Mr Moore stated that he had not forwarded the resolution to the Inspector that was passed at last meeting. Mr Reeve said that the reports printed of the last meeting had conveyed an impression that the higher standards were a failure, and moved that in view of the fact that in Standards IV, V and VI children, with the exception of one in each standard, passed in attendance, the resolution moved by Mr Black at last meeting of the committee, was quite uncalled for, and likely to unjustly prejudice the head master in the eyes of the public. Mr Black seconded the resolution pro forma and said he had moved the resolution in justice to the school.

An amendment was proposed by Mr Moore, seconded by Mr Bogle that the resolution moved by Mr Black at the previous meeting be sent to the Inspector. The Committee divided—Ayes: Moore, Vile, Godfrey, and Bogle, Noes: Black, Keeve, and Fraser,

On the amendment - becoming the substantive motion, it was put and lost. Consequently the letter will not be sent to the Inspector.

Messrs Godfrey and Reeve were appointed visitors for the month. Accounts amounting to £5 10s were passed for payment. The Committee then adjourned.

27th Aug Wellington Education Board The Pahiatua Committee applied for a vote of .£10 for various expenses. Granted.

9th September 1892 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Pahiatua School Committee was held on Thursday evening. Present: Messrs Fraser (chair), Black, Godfrey, Bogle, and Moore (Hon, sec.) The head teacher reported the attendance for the month as follows : Number on roll 246, highest attendance 193, average attendance 170.

Referring to a paragraph in the head teacher's report that books and songs had disappeared, and that some reports had been improperly written upon, it was resolved that the master instruct the cleaner to come to him for the key and return it again when the school is cleaned.

The Secretary reported that the £ 10 granted by the Board had been received.

Miss Reese wrote in reference to a difference with the head master in the matter of the time-table adopted by her for the infants' room. The Committee resolved to reply to Miss Reese that they had no authority and refer her to the Board.

Accounts amounting to £2 were passed for payment. The report of the Visiting Committee stated that they found the work in the school going on satisfactorily. Messrs Bogle and Fraser were appointed visitors for the month. The Committee then rose.

8th October 1892 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Committee was held on Thursday evening. Present—Messrs Vile (chairman), Black, Fraser, Godfrey, and Moore (hon sec.)

The Head Teacher in his report sent a list of about 20 scholars who are very irregular in their attendance, and the Committee recommended that the usual summonses he issued against the parents.

A new clock had been obtained for the school.

A letter was read from Miss Reese stating that as recommended by the Committee she had written to the Board re the management of the infant school. A reply Was received by her stating that the Head Master must have sole control of the school, Miss Reese now asks the Committee to arrange for an inquiry into the matter as she found it impossible to conduct her class under the present arrangements.

The Committee resolved that a letter be sent to the Board asking them to hold an inquiry into the differences between the Head Teacher and Miss Reese, as there appeared to be considerable friction between the two teachers and the Committee believed that the school suffered in consequence. Miss Godfrey and Reese were appointed visiting members for the month. Accounts amounting to £7 10s were passed for payment and the Committee rose.

10th October 1892 The school teachers at Pahiatua do not get on well together. At the last meeting of the local School Committee Miss Reese wrote urging that an enquiry be held into the differences that that exist between the head teacher and herself. It was resolved to request the Education Board to hold the enquiry.

26th October 1892 Wellington Education Board and to defer an enquiry regarding the position of teachers in the Pahiatua School until next month

26th oct 1892 State School Drawing Examinations 4187 papers were works for the Wellington Education Board examination Pahiatua— A. Baron, L. V. Coe, C. V. Dawson, W. Futcher, A. B. Hyde (excellent), E. J. Reese, F. Sedcole, J. H. Thompson, M. G. Williams, A. R. Williams, E. Williams.

3rd November 1892 State Schools Drawing Examinations Pahiatua—Agnes Baron, Lilian Coe, Cecilia Dawson, William Futcher, Annie Hyde, Ethel Reese, Frederick Sedcole, John Thompson, Mary Williams, Amelia R. Williams, Emella Williams.

3rd November 1892 Wellington Education Board An enquiry into the position of teachers in the school at Pahiatua was arranged for next month.

5th November 1892 Pahiatua School Committee

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Committee was held on Thursday evening. Present Messrs Vile (chair), Black, Fraser, Bogle, Reese Godfrey, and Moore Hon sec.

The Head teacher reported attendance for the month. Number on Roll 245 ; Highest attendance 197; average 180. \

Mr Lee asked the committee to bear in mind the necessity for the baize [Oxford dictionary definition of baize =a coarse, typically green woollen material resembling felt, used for covering billiard and card tables] curtain in the new class room Report adopted. ,

Resolved that the Board be again written to re screen or partition.

The secretary to the Board wrote acknowledging the receipt of the letter recommending an inquiry into the difference between the Headteacher and assistant mistress and stating that it was decided to hold an inquiry but the date could not be fixed till next meeting.
A copy of a letter sent by the Head teacher in reference to Miss Reese was received and ordered to be on the table till after the inquiry.
The visiting Committee reported having visited the school and found everything apparently going on satisfactorily. Messrs Vile and Black were appointed a committee for the month . The chairman stated that it was intended to declare a half holiday on November 11, the date of the show and the committee decided that as the 9th was a general holiday they would recommend that the 3 days, 9th, 10th and 11th should be given as a holiday to the school.
Accounts amounting to £1 3s 9d were passed for payment,
3rd December 1892 Pahiatua School Committee.
(Special to the Examiner.) The ordinary monthly meeting was held on Thursday evening. Present:— Messrs Fraser, Black, Reeve, Boyle, and G. Moore (Hon Sec.). Mr Fraser was voted the chair.
The head-teacher's monthly report showed a falling in the average attendance. The report also stated that it was proposed to hold a concert on the 16th inst and requested the assistance of the Committee. The Committee granted the request.
In reply to a question the Secretary reported that he had not received any further communication from the Education Board in connection with the alleged grievance between Miss Reese and the head teacher.
After passing several small accounts the Committee adjourned.

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1893	125	Pahiatua	Reese	Marion		Assistant Female	£60	$10,870
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1893	125	Pahiatua	Birnie	Rose		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	$3,623
1893	125	Pahiatua	McKenny	Theresa		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	$3,623

19th January 1893 The Masterton School Committee meet this evening cix children from Pahiatua have recently been committed to an industrial school.
9th February 1893 Theresa McKenny passed her second year Pupil Teacher examinations
Helen Birnie 3rd year
23rd February 1893 Wellington Education Board The Pahiatua Committee wrote, recommending an increased salary for John Darroch, assistant master, and it was decided that ho should be placed on the same footing as regards salary as the assistants at Featherston and Greytown.
24th February 1893 The [Pahiatua] committee also asked for additions to the teacher's residence, on which question the chairman was instructed to consult the architect as to the cost.
19th March 1893 Wellington Education Board Tenders were ordered to be invited for the erection of a separate shelter shed for the girls at Pahiatua

26th April 1893 School Committee: Pahiatua. About 40 persons attended the annual meeting of householders, Mr J. Vile being voted to the chair. Mr G. Moore read the annual report showing that after some difficulty they succeeded in getting a grant of £10 from the Board towards their expenses, otherwise the Committee would have had to resign. The balance in hand was £1 16s 10d and there were liabilities amounting to £4 4s. The incoming committee would not be able to pay their expenses unless they got a supplementary grant. There were 240 on the books with an average attendance of 168.
The report was adopted, as was also the balance-sheet.
Votes of thanks were passed to the outgoing Committee.
The ballot for the new Committee upturned as under :—J. Dawson 29, W. Bogle 27, G. Moore 26, A. Birnie 26, D. G. Fraser 26, W. J. Reeve 21, H. H. Godfrey 15, R. P. Greville 14, W. Tosswill 12. The first seven were declared elected.
The meeting of the new committee was then held. Mr G. Moore was unanimously appointed Chairman, and Mr W. J. Reeve hon. sec., pro tan.
27th April 1893 Wellington Education Board Miss Rose Birnie to be appointed Pupil Teacher to the Pahiatua school
31st May 1893 Wellington Education Board and a curtain was ordered to be procured for effecting a division in the Pahiatua School. It was resolved to erect another shelter-shed for girls at Pahiatua,
2nd June 1893 Wellington Education Board Pahiatua £2
28th June 1893 The question of appointing Miss Reese permanently as assistant teacher at the Pahiatua School, was allowed to stand over for the present
27th July 1893 With regard to the applications from Jessie Hutchen (of Newtown), and Nellie Godfrey (of Pahiatua), for increases of salary, the committee recommended the board to consider the question of amending its regulations with a view to providing a more liberal salary to those pupil teachers who had obtained fail certificates [Nellie Godfrey was at Mangatinoko]
The Education Board have voted £10 for repairs to the Pahiatua School grounds
7th August 1893 Pahiatua School Committee.
A meeting of the Committee was held in the Schoolhouse on Thursday night. Present; Messrs Fraser (chairman), Godfrey, Reeve, and Dawson.
Accounts received, and held over till next meeting, as no funds were available.
Moved by' Mr Fraser, " That the Board of Education be again written to, urging the necessity of granting about £10 otherwise the Committee will have to resign for want of funds. Seconded by Mr Reeve, and carried.
Resolved that the £10 given by the Choral Society and the subsidy of £10 granted by the Education Board, be placed at fixed deposit for four months, as the work cannot be dene till the Christmas holidays. Messrs Benzie and Bogle were appointed visiting committee for the month.
Mr Reeve gave notice of motion for next meeting on- doing away with education boards.
31st August 1893 Wellington Education Board The Pahiatua: Committee applied; for a special grant of £10, for expenses incurred in carrying out the borough by-laws. The committee added that if they could not get the money they would be forced to resign. Consideration of the matter was adjourned tilt the next meeting

20th September 1893 The Pahiatua School Committee have threatened to resign unless the Education Board votes £10 required by them.
29th September 1893 Wellington Education Board An application by the Pahiatua school Committee for a special grant of £10 was left to the chairman to deal with
13th October 1893 [From our own correspondent] A special meeting of the Pahiatua School Committee was held last evening when there were present ; Messrs Geo. .Moore (chairman), D. G. Fraser, A. Birnie, Godfrey, Bogle, and W. J. Reeve (sec.) The Chairman stated that he had written privately to the Chairman of the Education Board urging upon him the necessity of a grant to the Committee, and the Secretary had sent down the accounts owing. A reply had been received to the effect that the secretary of the Education Board had been instructed to forward a cheque for £6, and also to inform them that the capitation due amounted to £6. Those two amounts would pay outstanding accounts but leave nothing to meet the expenditure of the current quarter.
It was resolved that all outstanding accounts be paid with the money in hand. and that the secretary prepare an estimate of probable expenditure for current quarter and forward it to the Chairman of the Board, with an intimation that the Committee are not disposed to incur the liability unless sanctioned by the Board as required by sub-section 7 of Clause -16 of the 1887 Act. \
It was further resolved that an endeavour be made to get the Borough Council! to reduce the cost of removing night soil.[Night Soil was the term for taking away all material in the toilet and dumping it in the proper place]
The Board asked for a recommendation upon a petition for an aided school at Scarborough [Later became Mangamutu] and it was resolved to report favorably on the petition.
26th October 1893 Drawing Examination {Names no longer listed) Pahiatua had 22 sit the examination of whom 9 passed Eketahuna 38-29
19th November 1893 The scholars at the Pahiatua public school issue a manuscript newspaper. The editress is Miss Lucy Beavis
22nd November 1893 Llewellyn Reeve qualified for a scholarship entitling free secondary school until the age of 16 with 429 marks. Wilfred Black got 257 marks

1894

1894	194	Pahiatua	Thomas	Joseph		Headmaster	£285
1894	194	Pahiatua	Wilson	Francis P		Assistance Male	£150
1894	194	Pahiatua	Petrie	Flora		Assistant Female	£80
1894	194	Pahiatua	Birnie	Helen		Female Pupil Teacher	£36
1894	194	Pahiatua	Birnie	Rose		Female Pupil Teacher	£32
1894	194	Pahiatua	Philip	William		Male Pupil Teacher	£25

31st January 1894 Wellington Education Board A fortnight's leave of absence on full pay was granted to Mr. Robert Darroch, Pahiatua, as he is suffering from diphtheria.
It was decided to ask the Pahiatua Committee for details of proposed expenditure
1st March 1894 Mr R. Darroch, who lias been temporarily appointed assistant teacher at the Masterton Public School, has been presented by the children of the Pahiatua School, where he was teacher, with a writing desk and a handsomely bound book.

2nd March 1894 Mr McCardle was authorised to take steps to have the leakage from the lavatory pipes at the Pahiatua school stopped.
12th March 1894 Mr C Lee headmaster of the Pahiatua State school, has hit upon a novel idea of increasing the attendance average, says the local Herald He has placed a blackboard in the porch and every day the percentage of attendance in each class is shown, together with the total attendance. The children take much interest in the record and there is much competition between the classes for the honor of holding the place of pride on the record board,
4th March 1894 WOODVILLE SCHOOL V PAHIATUA SCHOOL. On Saturday the above match was played, the Woodville team winning by six' runs.
28th March 1894 A recommendation from the Pahiatua Committee that Miss Reese should be appointed as a pupil teacher was referred to the inspector for his report. [Was not teaching for Wellington Education Board at the end of 1894]
20th April 1894 PAHIATUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION
The annual election of school committees for the Colony of New Zealand takes place on Monday evening next, and we presume householders will avail themselves of the opportunity of discussing matters affecting the interests of their particular schools. For many years past the election of a Committee at Pahiatua has been a keen fight between well-defined parties, and there is not the slightest doubt that the coming contest will be a bigger battle that any of its predecessors. The present Committee, as a parting shot, have advised the Wellington Education Board to remove the head teacher, as they do not consider he possesses sufficient ability to conduct so important a school; besides which, it is affirmed that the head teacher is continually at variance with his subordinates, the result being disastrous to good discipline. It is not for us to say that the charges made by the Committee are justified, but at the same time " where there is smoke there is fire," and as these disturbances appear to have been going on for a lengthy period, with no prospect of a better feeling existing between the master and his subordinates, it would be well that changes took place in the staff —what those changes should be we will leave to the householders to say on Monday night. They must lake a decided stand if their children are to receive justice at school, which cannot possibly be the case if constant bickering is going on among the teachers. We take it that a strong recommendation from the annual meeting of householders cannot be treated with contempt by the Education Board.
20th April 1894 Pahiatua School Committee Election.
A Pahiatua correspondent writes : There is to be ructions in connection with our School Committee election on Monday night. The headmaster has his scouts out, who are endeavouring to secure support for candidates with less pronounced views of the master's ability than the present Committee. The names of more than one clergyman are mentioned as being included on the master's ticket; and also a well-known solicitor " hev bin " making himself very busy trying to secure his own return on the same ticket. There'll be some fun here on Monday night.
24th April 1894 Pahiatua.
About sixty householders were present at the meeting last night, the Old Committee consisting of Messrs Moore, Dawson, Reeve, Fraser, Bogle, Godfrey, and Birnie were re-elected. Messrs Vile, Henderson. Taylor. Black, Rev Mr Phillip, Rev. Mr Davis and Haslett

were also nominated, but the old committee had a two to one majority. Mr Moore was reelected Chairman and Mr Reeve Secretary

25th April 1894 Wellington Education Board Messrs. Fraser, Bradey, and the mover should hold an enquiry at Pahiatua….. Leave of absence was granted to Miss McKenny, of the Pahiatua School, who is in the Palmerston Hospital suffering from typhoid fever.

26th April 1894 Wellington Education Board The ' Pahiatua School Committee forwarded a resolution asking that the Board would remove Mr C. W. Lee from the headmastership of the school on the ground of alleged friction between him and the other teachers. 'Mr McCardle moved that a committee be appointed to go to Pahiatua and investigate the circumstances, consisting of the Chairman; Mr Fraser; Mr Bradey and himself. This was seconded by Mr Buchanan and carried. The committee pay their visit on May 3rd next

30th April 1894 The result of the re-election of the Pahiatua School Committee on a direct issue will be awaited with great interest by parents and others. The Committee have pledged themselves to remove the head teacher, but how is this to be done ? We notice that the Education Board has appointed a Committee to enquire into the matter and report, but if the report is in favor of Mr Lee's retention, what then? _ All sorts of rumours are afloat in the event of such a contingency arising, but at this juncture we refrain from giving publicity to them. When the present head teacher arrived in Pahiatua, he took up his duties under great disadvantages, for it is well known that the community was divided on the question of the desirability of allowing Mr Yeats to leave. Such being the case, there is little doubt that some were more or less prejudiced against Mr Lee, but these events occurred several years ago and there has been .ample time for living down any prejudice. Instead of this,, the feeling has been intensified, and it would be well for the Board's Committee to go thoroughly into the matter in order to ascertain where the blame lies. It is held by some that the annual examination passes show good percentages, and this, in itself, is said to be sufficient proof of Mr Lee's capabilities as a teacher. Is this so ? We have heard so much about cramming for examinations that we are are not altogether in agreement with this suggestion. However, there seems to be unpleasant work for someone to perform, and the sooner it is done the better for all concerned.

2nd May 1894 At the meeting of the Board of Education last week leave of absence was granted to Miss McKenny, assistant in the Pahiatua school, who, it was explained, was suffering from typhoid fever. We regret to learn that the young lady has succumbed to the attack.

4th May 1894 Pahiatua School.

RESULT OF THE ENQUIRY. The Committee of the Wellington Education Board, Messrs Blair, Fraser, and Brady, mot at Pahiatua last evening to hold an enquiry into the circumstances connected with the school there. After full enquiry the Committee decided to recommend the Board to remove both the headmaster, Mr Lee, and the mistress, Miss Reese. The Committee found that the condition of the school was not satisfactory; and that out of a roll number of 300 the average attendance was only 200.

9th May 1894 Pahiatua School Trouble.

THE LADIES ON THE JOB. A meeting of mothers and guardians of children attending the Pahiatua School was held in the Town Hall last night. There were about 30 present, and had the weather not been boisterous it was stated the number would have been more than

doubled. Mrs C. Cooper was voted to the chair, and really made an excellent speech in opening the meeting, the object of which she said was to consider the action of the Education Board in deciding to dismiss Miss Reese, the infant mistress.

Several ladies spoke as to the good work Miss Reese had done in the school, and it was freely stated that had it not been for the constant friction between her and the head teacher, the result of her teaching would have shown to greater advantage than it did. We have not space for the remarks of the speakers, but the following resolutions, which were carried unanimously, speak for themselves :

Moved by Mrs Stratford, and seconded by Mrs Armitage, " That this meeting fully endorses the action of the School Committee in their endeavor to remove the present head master being of opinion that as long as he remains in charge the staff will continue disorganised."

Moved by Mrs E. P. Greville, seconded by Mrs Newport, "That this meeting views with astonishment and regret the result of the so-called enquiry by the Education Board, in so far as it affects the infant mistress (Miss Reese), in whom the parents and guardians of children have unbounded confidence as to her fitness for her present position; and desire to point out that Miss Reese has given them every satisfaction during the five years she has been a teacher at the school."

Moved by Mrs Armitage, seconded by Mrs E. P. Greville, "That this meeting desires to draw particular attention to that portion of the annual report of the Committee which refers to the friction between the headmaster and his staff, and desire to remind the Board that the Committee was re-elected by the householders to give effect to the foregoing recommendation —that the Committee resolved to request the Board to remove the head teacher."

Moved by Mrs Bentley, seconded by Mrs Budden , " That this meeting appeals to the Board that it should, in fairness to Miss Reese, retain her in the school, seeing that she has given no cause for complaint to the Committee or to the householders; and, considering the many well - known disadvantages she has labored under, she has performed her duties in a very satisfactory manner. We urge the Board to consider what the mothers here know—that Miss Reese devotes herself wholly and heartily to her work, with such effect that she has endeared herself to all the children she has ever had in her charge, and that nothing that could be suggested would be a greater injury to the school than the removal of this teacher,"

Moved by Mrs E. P. Greville, seconded by Mrs Hyde, " That the foregoing resolutions be sent to the School Committee with a request that they be forwarded to the Education Board, also that requisitions be sent round for mothers to sign to strengthen the appeals."

Mesdames Bentley, F. Greville, Shelbourne, Hyde, H. Benzie, and Stratford were appointed a committee to canvass for signatures. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair.

31st May 1894 The report of the Committee which enquired into the recent disputes at Pahiatua recommended that Mr C. Lee (head master) and Miss Reece (assistant) should receive three months' notice. The report was adopted.

11th June 1894 Pahiatua School Committee.

The monthly meeting of the above was held on Thursday night. Present; Messrs Fraser (in the chair). Godfrey, Reeve, and Bogle.

CORRESPONDENCE. A large batch of correspondence was read from the Education Board, including a letter requesting the Committee to notify to the secretary of the mothers' meeting that the Board regretted that it could not retain Miss Reese in the school. .

HEADMASTER'S REPORT. The headmaster's report showed the number on roll to be 270, average attendance for month 214, average attendance 250.

Inspector's report. The following is the report of the Inspector on the Pahiatua School: — No. presented 192, absent 71, excepted 17, failed 24, passed 144. Percentage of passes 50, percentage of failures 14. There has been a large influx of now scholars and changes in the staff, which accounts for some weakness in Standard III. The upper work of the school is sound and satisfactory, but in some classes the writing on paper should be more regular. The instruction of the infant classes is deficient and imperfect…….General management, tone, and order of the school are commended. Mr Wilson is a good assistant, and a very promising class teacher. Sewing was well taught and the work nicely presented by the Misses Birnie, pupil teachers. Resolved that the report be returned to the Inspector for correction, the addition in two columns of figures being wrong.

Report on Teachers. The following report by the committee appointed by the Board to enquire into the differences between the teachers at the Pahiatua School was read :

1. That Miss Reese be given three months' notice from the 1st instant.

2. That Mr C. Lee, head teacher, be given three months' notice from the 1st instant. Your Committee have to express regret that they feel compelled to make these recommendations. They fully recognise the estimable character of Miss Reese, but your Committee are satisfied that the position occupied by Miss Reece requires to be filled by a trained certificated teacher, as the rules of the Board require.

With reference to Mr Lee, the Committee desires to express their sympathy, the circumstances under which he has had' to discharge his duties have not been favorable to him. They recognise that he is a man of high character, who has been animated by the greatest desire to produce the best results; and in the department more immediately under his personal control it cannot be denied that he has obtained a fair measure of success ; and but for the incompatibility which has been developed hi tween the Committee and a large portion of the community (see account of election of school committee) and Mr Lee, there is nothing in Mr Lee's character or conduct of the school which would in any sense justify the recommendation which we ask the Board to admit. Under the circumstances, we further recommend that, so far as lies with the Board, that Mr Lee be given the first suitable employment in another school and district which the Board can offer him. Moved by Mr Bogle, seconded by Mr Fraser, and carried, That this Committee coincide in the action of the Board re the removal of Mr Lee and Miss Reese ; and that the Board be requested to invite applications by advertisement for the positions as soon as possible.

VISITING MEMUEUS. Messrs Bogle and Godfrey were appointed visiting members for tire month.

ADJOURNMENT. At the request of the Chairman (who was unavoidably absent) the meeting was adjourned until Thursday next, when the question of filling the vacancy caused by the death of Miss McKenny will be discussed with other matters.

27th June 1894 There are 21 applicants for the vacant head mastership of the Pahiatua School, and 10 tor the position of assistant.

27th June 1894 Wellington Education Board Mrs. Dawson attended in support of n petition from a meeting of mothers of Pahiatua praying for the retention of her sister, Miss Reese, as one of the teachers of the school. Mr. Bradey, one of the committee which had held an enquiry into the working- of the school, said there was a desire on the part of many residents that Miss Reese's services should be retained. Mr. Paterson said that he had heard her spoken of very highly by many Pahiatua people. Th o chief objection to her retention was that she was not certificated, but as she had received an offer of assistance in preparing for her examination, the Committee could ask that she should be kept on until the result of the examinations was known. Mr. Young moved for the resounding .of the motion of the Board dispensing with Miss Reese's services. Mr. Buchanan opposed the motion. The decision to dispense with Miss Reece's services had been arrived at after due consideration, and no new facts had since been brought forward to justify the Board rescinding the motion. Mr. Paterson spoke in favour of the motion. Mr. McCardle thought it would be a mistake to allow Miss Reese to remain at Pahiatua. He would, however, be willing to support a motion that she should be transferred to another school. She was an excellent teacher, but on principle she should not be allowed to remain at Pahiatua. Assistant Inspector Fleming said that all he could say in Miss Reese's favour was that she was exceedingly kind to the children. It was found that the motion could not be put without notice, and Mr. Young gave notice that he would move in the matter at next meeting

Master Phillips appointed Pupil Teacher at Pahiatua. Mr. Worboys was promoted from the head teachership at Mauriceville East to the charge of the Pahiatua School. The question of appointing an assistant mistress at Pahiatua was deferred

6th July 1894 Pahiatua, This day. At the Pahiatua School Committee last night it was decided upon the appointment of Mr Thomas, second master of Mount Cook School, Wellington, headmaster here.

25th July 1894 Pahiatua School.

THE CASE OF MISS REESE

[By Telegraph)

Wellington his Day . The petition to the Education Board, asking that the service;; of Miss Reese be retained as infant mistress at Pahiatua, was presented this morning by Mr Hogg, who addressed the members at length in support of the teacher. The Chairman opposed the proposal, maintaining that the school had suffered, and the children should have first consideration. After a very brief discussion Mr Young agreed, as several members were absent to postpone his motion to rescind the Board's resolution re Miss Reese till next meeting.

26th July 1894 Mr J. Thomas, at present first assistant at the Mount Cook School, to be head teacher at Pahiatua;….. Mr Wilson was also appointed assistant at Pahiatua, subject to the approval of the Committee

10th August 1894 Mr C. W. Lee, who is at present headmaster of the Pahiatua School, has, with the approval of the Committee, been appointed to a similar position at the Waihenga School., [Waihenga was the original name for the Martinborough School]

30th August 1894 Wellington Education Board Mr Young moved, according to notice, that the services of Miss Reese should be retained at the Pahiatua School. She had been very

popular with the children, and he thought the Board might allow her six or eight months in which to obtain the necessary certificates, The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.
The Secretary was requested to call for fresh applications for an assistant teacher at Pahiatua.
14th September 1894 Mr C,W, Lee, master of the Pahiatua School, leaves next week for the Wairarapa school to which he has been transferred.
3rd October 1894 Mr Thomas, the new headmaster of the Pahiatua school, entered on his duties on Monday.
19th October 1894 A Lady's Letter from Pahiatua included We have lost our school-master, Mr Clement Lee. Both he and Mrs Lee are greatly missed in Pahiatua . Some of the ladies presented Mrs Lee with a very handsome brooch, and before leaving the children of the public school presented a very beautiful silver teapot and sundry other presents to them. Mr Thomas, late of Mount Cook School, Wellington, has now taken charge. We hope to see things working smoothly.
28th November 1894 The wreck of the Wairarapa [On great Barrier Island] Pahiatua State School £1 10s 4d subscription to the funs
13th December 1894 Wellington Education Board The architect was instructed to prepare plans of an infants' room at Pahiatua.

1895

1895	222	Pahiatua	Thomas	Joseph		Headmaster	£285	$51,633
1895	222	Pahiatua	Wilson	Francis P		Assistance Male	£150	$27,176
1895	222	Pahiatua	Petrie	Flora		Assistant Female	£80	$14,494
1895	222	Pahiatua	Birnie	Helen		Female Pupil Teacher	£36	$6,522
1895	222	Pahiatua	Birnie	Rosanna		Female Pupil Teacher	£32	$5,797
1895	222	Pahiatua	Philip	William		Male Pupil Teacher	£25	$4,529
1895	222	Pahiatua	Falconer	Jennie		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	$3,623

30th January 1895 Wellington Education Board A grant of £8 8s was made to the Pahiatua School Committee for general purpose
13th February 1895 Pupil teacher examinations fourth year: Helen Birnie 3rd Year Rosanna Birnie. First Year Will H Philip all of Pahiatua
22nd February 1895 The Pahiatua Public School children hold their sports and picnic tomorrow, and also a cricket match with the Palmerston school boys on Wednesday week. A swimming competition between this Woodville, Mangatainoka. Hawera [Hamua] and Pahiatua Public Schools is also to be held, with a 100 yards race between Morley, Knight, Wilson, and others for the Bush Championship.
25th February 1895 The public school treat was a success but the weather interfered. The' Palmerston school boys defeated the local school by three wickets.
6th March 1895 There is grand weather for the Public School swimming sports at Pahiatua
8th March 1895 The first tournament between the Bush Schools was held at Mangatainoka on Wednesday. The Schools represented were the Mangatainoka , Woodville, Hawera, and Pahiatua. In most of the events each school entered three competitors

In the plate diving Wilson and Girdlestone tied three times for first place ; the fourth attempt put Wilson 1st, Girdlestone 2nd. The 100 yards was won easily by Palmer, who proved himself a fine swimmer. In the 25-yards he tied with Barrel for 3rd place, and in the final won by two feet.

The performance of S. Wilson was greatly admired by the onlookers. He secured three 1st places and one 2nd out of the five events.

The various events were watched with great interest by a large number of spectators, and they all produced keen contests, more especially ... the deep diving. The winner of the long dive went a distance of 23 yards. Following are the results :

PLATE DIVING. 1st, S. Wilson, Mangatainoka ... 3 [Points] 2nd, G. Girdlestone, Woodville 2 3rd, Millar, Pahiatua ... 1

100-YARDS RACE. 1st, W. Palmer, Woodville ... 3 2nd, Barrel, Mangatainoka... 2 3rd, C. Chapman, Woodville ... 1

50-YARDS RACK. 1st, C. Smith, Hawera, 3 2nd, S. Wilson, Mangatainoka 2 3rd, C. Newman, Pahiatua ... 1

LONG DIVE. 1st, S. Wilson, Mangatainoka ... 3 2nd, Wakeford, Mangatainoka 2 3rd, G. Girdlestone, Woodville 1

25-YARDS RACE. 1st, S. Wilson, Mangatainoka ... 3 2nd, C. Smith. Hawera 2 3rd, W. Palmer, Woodville ... 1

Points.—Mangatainoka, 15; Woodville, 8 ; Hawera, 5 ; Pahiatua, 2.

11th March 1895 The school excursion to Napier will be limited to 500 from Pahiatua, and 500 from Woodville. Mr J. Wright, of Kumeroa, who was in town on Saturday, will endeavour to arrange to bring in the children from that district.

13th March 1895 Evening Post Pahiatua, This Day. About 400 excursionists left here this morning for Napier, including settlers from all parts of the district

[Note: I don't know that there would be two different excursions to Napier and Wellington. The notes below are from the Evening Post also]

15th March 1895 The largest number of school children and parents ever brought into Wellington by one train arrived from the Wairarapa at five minutes to 11 this morning. All the schools between Pahiatua and Masterton were represented. Hundreds of children and parents were left behind, the train being unable to carry more than 900, and it is probable that another excursion will take place in about a fortnight, so as to allow those who were disappointed to-day an opportunity of visiting Wellington. The Pahiatua contingent left for Eketahuna by traps at 2 a m. and boarded the train there at 5 o'clock. In some of the townships there was such a rush for tickets that a ballot had to be taken to decide who should be left behind. Mr. A. W. Hogg, M H. R., accompanied the excursionists , who will leave on the return journey at 5.20 this afternoon. The Pahiatua party will not reach homo until after midnight. The Wangaehu children came down by the ordinary train and will return by the special tram. The greater number of the boys and girls were taken for a spin round' the harbour in the Duco.

26th March 1895 he Public School re-opened yesterday after being closed for a week through the creek nuisance

29th March 1895 Wellington Education Board The Chairman stated that, in company with the Board's. architect, he had inspected the Pahiatua School, which was said to be over-crowded,

and in his, opinion the building could not be altered with advantage- He recommended that an additional building for the accommodation of the infants would be erected in the grounds. The report was adopted.
20th April 1895 Inspector Fleming has inspected the Pahiatua School
26th April 1895 The following were elected : W. Bogle, G. Moore, J. Vile, J. C. Taylor, W. J. Reeve, J. M. Levin, D. G. Fraser, G.. Bottomley.
3rd May 1895 Pahiatua School Committee.
An application is to be made to the Wellington Education Board to have the election of the Pahiatua School Committee upset on the grounds of informality in the conduct of the ballot. The application is to be made under clause 10 of the School Committees' Elections Act, 1891, which provides that where the number of children attending a school exceeds 100 a ballot box must be provided. The neglect to obey this clause will form the basis of the application.
15th May 1895 Miss J Falconer appointed pupil teacher
29th May 1895 Wellington Education Board Plans for an infant school at Pahiatua were ordered to be completed by the next Board meeting
26th June 1895 Wellington Education Board A proposal by Mr. McCardle that tenders should be called -in Pahiatua for the manufacture of desks for the district was lost.
27th June 1895 It was decided to call tenders for the erection of the infant schools at Petone and Pahiatua
15th July 1895 Tenders are invited for the erection of an infants' school at Pahiatua.
31st July 1895 Wellington Education Board It was decided that a room for the Pahiatua infants should not be rented, but that the new infants' school should be erected as soon as possible
The following tenders were accepted: — Erection of Infant School, Pahiatua, Godfrey and Sons
25th September 1895 Wellington Education Board It was decided that new offices should be erected at Pahiatua, [The offices were the toilets where you went to do your business]
13th November 1895 Wellington Education Board Scholarship examination Adelina Elsie Phillip, Pahiatua, 14 years 11 months.'—English,. 131; arithmetic, 91; science, 108 history, 78 geography, 50; reading, 45; writing, 50: total, 533. Topped the Wairarapa candidates

1896

1896	223	Pahiatua	Thomas	Joseph		Headmaster	£285	$51,354
1896	223	Pahiatua	Wilson	Francis P		Assistant Master	£150	$27,029
1896	223	Pahiatua	Petrie	Flora		Assistant Female	£80	$14,415
1896	223	Pahiatua	Birnie	Ellen		Female Pupil Teacher	£39	$7,027
1896	223	Pahiatua	Philip	William		Male Pupil Teacher	£31	$5,595
1896	223	Pahiatua	Black	Ethel		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	$3,604
1896	223	Pahiatua	Falconer	Jennie		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	$3,604

13th February 1896 Pupil teacher examination 2nd Year Wm Philip Commended

26th March 1896 Wellington Education Board Constable Watty was appointed a truant officer at Pahiatua.
8th April 1896 The Pahiatua School Committee has accepted the appointment by the Education Board of Mr. Anderson, formerly of Tokomaru, to the charge of the Pahiatua School, under protest, the Committee desired to appoint its own nominee; [Mr Anderson was appointed to Balance School]
10th April 1896 Mr Lee to inspect Pahiatua on the 12th, 13th and 14th April
30th April 1896 Pahiatua County population 2524 In 1891 1583 a rise of 931
4th July 1896 Mr J Thomas of Pahiatua was elected to the committee of the Wellington Branch of the NZ Educational Institute
27th July 1896 A new School has been opened at Mangahao, and Miss Rose Birnie (late of the Pahiatua school) has been appointed mistress
[As a researcher all information for the Pahiatua School has dried up in Papers Past. This is strange for the major school in any district at the time]
30th September 1896 Wellington Education Board Inspector Lee was directed to report as to the need for certain works at Pahiatua and Masterton.
8th October 1896 3 candidates from Pahiatua were to sit the scholarship examination at Masterton School Carterton had 1 and Greytown 5
19th October 1896 The annual concert in aid of the library fund of the [Pahiatua] public school is to be held on Friday next,
5th November 1896 First Grade drawing Examinations held by the Technical School Wellington Pahiatua. —Maud Armitage, Peter Connell, Gladys Dawson, Helen B. Graham, S. A. Griffin, Alexander Jarvie, Charles Mills, E. Starkey, B. A. Vile
18th November 1896 Education Board Scholarships Charles J Shananan topped the Wairarapa Candidates with 531 Marks and qualified for a scholarship. Laura Wakeman scored 387 finishing 10th and was ahead of Nellie Hogg who went on to have a successful teaching career at Masterton

1897

1897	213	Pahiatua	Thomas	Joseph		Headmaster	£285	$50,841
1897	213	Pahiatua	Wilson	Francis P		Assistant Master	£150	$26,759
1897	213	Pahiatua	Birnie	Helen		Assistant Female	£80	$14,271
1897	213	Pahiatua	Petrie	Flora		Assistant Female	£80	$14,271
1897	213	Pahiatua	Philip	William H		Male Pupil Teacher	£45	$8,028
1897	213	Pahiatua	Black	Ethel		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	$3,568
1897	213	Pahiatua	Warren	Minnie		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	$3,568

16th February 1897 Inspector Lee to visit Pahiatua on 9th March
23rd February Teacher Examinations Helen Birnie Pahiatua passed her exams. William Philip passed Fourth year. Ethel Black and Jennie Falconer passed their first year examinations
24th February 1897 Wellington Education Board The application for the painting of the old part of the Pahiatua School was referred to Mr. Lee [School inspector] to report on. It was decided that the Board could not entertain the application of the Pahiatua Committee for a special grant for incidental expenses.

1st March 1897 At the meeting of the Pahiatua School committee on Thursday evening Mr Vile stated that he had sent Home for 300 metal tokens struck in commemoration of the Queen's record reign, for distribution amongst the schoolchildren

3rd March 1897 Mr Phillip Dawson's well improved homestead at Mangahao has changed hands. Mr J. Thomas, headmaster of the Pahiatua school, is the purchaser, says the Herald,

4th March Wellington Education Board An application for a special grant of 5s a week to the Pahiatua Committee was declined

30th March 1897 Wellington Education Board Inspectors report included At the end of Last year there were 100 schools in operation in the Wellington Educational District, six new schools having been opened during the year. There is still an increased demand for schools in the newly settled country around Pahiatua and on towards the East Coast

6th May 1897 School Committee Pahiatua. —Messrs J: Vile, Levin, Norton, Bottomley, Lewis, Fraser, Reeve, Marley and Hare. Mr Reeve was elected chairman, and Mr Lewis secretary.

26th May 1897 Wellington Education Board Inspector Lee, reporting on the Pahiatua School, recommended that Misses Warren and Black be not appointed pupil teachers and that Miss Petrie be appointed. After a brisk discussion it was resolved that the Inspector make a full enquiry respecting the action of the Headmaster, '

26th May 1897 Some discussion took place upon the question of a change recommended in the teaching staff of the Pahiatua School. The Head Master and the Inspector recommended a change, but the School Committee and a portion of the public wished the teacher in question (Miss Black) to receive another chance. Mr. Hogg said there was a strong feeling in the district that Miss Warren and Miss Black were not receiving justice. Mr. McCardle also supported the retention of Miss Black, asserting that this young lady was being got rid of merely because the Head Master wanted to make room for another teacher. Several members expressed their confidence in the judgment of the Inspector, and it was decided to instruct him to make enquiry as to whether or not justice has been done the pupil teachers by the Head Master and to report at a future meeting.

8th July 1897 Wellington Education Board In a long article on Scholarships The Rev J Paterson thought that high schools might be established at places like Masterton and Pahiatua

24th July 1897 Pahiatua, This Day. At a meeting of the School Committee last night three applications were received for the position of pupil teacher, and the Committee decided to recommend Miss Falla, of Wellington, for the appointment. [No Miss Falla was working for the Wellington Education Board at the end of 1897]

28th July 1897 Mr. Robert Lee, Inspector of Schools, submitted a report on matters relating to probationers at the Pahiatua School, recommending that the status quo should be allowed to remain until the end of the year, but that both Miss Black and Miss Warren should be notified that their services will not be further retained unless the Board is fully satisfied as to their fitness for the work.

29th July 1897 Inspector Lee reported that, acting under the Board's instructions, he had visited the Pahiatua School and made enquiries as to the matters touching the probationers. Misses Black and Warren, who had been the cause of the investigation at a previous meeting of the Board. On the admission of Misses Black and Warren, he was of opinion that no blame attached to Mr Thomas (the headmaster) in connection with the matter. He had simply done

an unpleasant duty. Irregularities had occurred in both cases. Miss Black was underage when selected, and Miss Warren was not recognised by the Board, but was selected by the School Committee. Although he made the recommendation with misgivings, he thought the Board should allow the status quo to remain until the end of the year, but that both Misses Black and Warren should be notified that their services would not be further retained unless the Board was fully satisfied as to their fitness for the work.
Mr McCardell took exception to a portion of the report. Miss Warren had been recommended by the committee and appointed. The Chairman said the Board had merely acquiesced in the matter after the committee had employed her for some time.
The Rev James Paterson thought the report a fair one and moved that the recommendations it contained should be agreed to was carried.
10th August 1897 Miss Birnie, pupil teacher at Pahiatua school is to be promoted to an assistantship at Manakau
26th August 1897 It was decided to leave an application by Miss Flora Petrie (Pahiatua) for an increase of salary in the hands of the chairman.
18th December 1897 Second Grade Drawing Examination Freehand Pahiatua. — John Gilford (good), Mary Ann Murphy, Emmeline Knox, Frederick Norton, Minnie Warren, Laura Walsham.
Model Pahiatua— Ethel Black (excellent), Mabel Sicely, Minnie F. Warren.
Perspective Pahiatua — Alice Petrie, William H. Philip, Mabel Sicely.

1898

1898	208	Pahiatua	Thomas	Joseph		Headmaster	£285	$48,821
1898	208	Pahiatua	Vacant			Assistant Master	£150	$25,695
1898	208	Pahiatua	Petrie	Flora		Assistant Female	£100	$17,130
1898	208	Pahiatua	Birnie	Helen		Assistant Female	£80	$13,704
1898	208	Pahiatua	Philip	William H		Male Pupil Teacher	£50	$8,565
1898	208	Pahiatua	Black	Ethel		Female Pupil Teacher	£25	$4,283
1898	208	Pahiatua	Warren	Inez		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	$3,426

27th January 1898 Wellington Education Board Technical School Committee. The committee further recommended that the application of Mr Jones to establish drawing classes at Pahiatua and Mangatainoka for instruction of teachers and students be agreed to. The report was adopted.
2nd February Drawing Examination results
Model Drawing Alice Petrie Second Class Pass
Freehand Drawing Pahiatua First Class Pass Laura M Laura M Wakeman, Alice Petrie. Second Class Pass Ethel J Black, Mabel H Sicely
9th February 1898 Three hundred excursionists left Pahiatua this morning for Masterton, including adults and children.
16th February 1898 The Pahiatua school organ is lost, and the committee is on the hunt for it.
The Pahiatua school excursion paid well, and as the committee had to guarantee £2O it is going to ask for a refund of half the takings over that amount. Don't they wish they may get it ?

The Pahiatua school committee is taking steps to form a Country Schools Association, as they think the City Schools Association has too strong an influence for the good of the country schools

22nd February 1898 A school cricket match is likely to take place on Saturday between Mangatainoka, Pahiatua, and Masterton, against the Lower Valley schools.

23rd February 1898 The salary of Mrs. Flora Petrie, who is in sole charge of the infants at the Pahiatua School, was increased from £80 to £100

7th March 1898 Inspectors Visits Mr Robert Lee and T R Fleming Pahiatua 5th and 6th May

17th March 1898 Pahiatua, This Day. At a meeting of delegates of the Forty Mile Bush School Committees held in Pahiatua yesterday it was decided to form a Country School Committees Association. It is expected to start with a membership of 30 Committees in this district. Mr. W. J. .Reeve was elected President, arid Messrs. Craighead and J. B. "Whyte Vice Presidents.

31st March 1898 Wellington Education Board The Board has been seriously hampered in its efforts to meet the demands of the rapidly increasing population in the city and in the new settlements springing up in the Pahiatua and Wairarapa North counties. A very large portion of the annual building grant is needed to keep pace with the growing population……..

29th April 1898 School Committee Pahiatua. Messrs Bottomley, Fraser, Lewis, Marley, Kennedy, Reese, Young (secretary), Levin and Reeve (chairman).

30th June 1898 Pahiatua is to be the first country district in which the Truant Officer for the Education Board will conduct prosecutions of negligent parents.

4th July 1898 In the football match Masterton School Boys v. Pahiatua and Mangatainoka, played at Pahiatua on Saturday, Masterton won by three points — Masterton 6, Pahiatua 3.

2nd August 1898 The return match, Masterton School v. Pahiatua and Mangatainoka, will be played at Masterton on Saturday next,'

22nd August 1898 Woodville Express: I think Woodville can lay claim to holding the football record for the world. The local schoolboys met and defeated the Pahiatua boys on Saturday by 51 points to nil

6th October 1898 Wellington Education Board The Chairman was authorised to…..act in regard to a grant of £10 required by the Pahiatua Committee;

20th October 1898 Tuesday was a busy day at the Education Board's offices, owing to the examination of 136 candidates for scholarship honours taking place there. The children were portioned off into three rooms—71 in charge of Mr Lee, 42 under the supervision of Mr Fleming and 23 overlooked by Mr Varnham. Examinations are also being held at Masterton, Pahiatua and Otaki.

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 be 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 Millington has made a capital impression, and there is no doubt the valuable work she is performing will be greatly appreciated. Miss Millington will take the southern schools, beginning at Masterton in April and during the winter months

28th October 1898 Wellington Education Board The Pahiatua Committee _ applied for a grant of £130 to enable it to purchase an acre of land. Deferred till the chairman visited the spot.
1st December 1898 Wellington Education Board The Chairman reported, as authorised, on a number of requirements at different schools in the Forty-mile Bush….He recommended the Board to purchase an acre of land to extend the Pahiatua School ground at a cost of £130 but stated that £50 or £60 more would be required to place the ground in order. On the motion of Mr McCardle it was decided that the ground be purchased.
19th December Wellington Education Board Technical Education Art Examination
K Cade Freehand, model. O reeve Freehand, K Stewart Freehand, L Wakeman Model (Excellent)

1899

1899	228	Pahiatua	Thomas	Joseph		Headmaster	£285	$50,570
1899	228	Pahiatua	Webb	James S		Assistant Master	£150	$26,616
1899	228	Pahiatua	Petrie	Flora		Assistant Female	£100	$17,744
1899	228	Pahiatua	Birnie	Helen		Assistant Female	£80	$14,195
1899	228	Pahiatua	Black	Ethel		Female Pupil Teacher	£32	$5,678
1899	228	Pahiatua	Knox	Emmeline		Female Pupil Teacher	£32	$5,678

25th January 1899 Wellington Education Board The appointments of Mr. Webb as assistant at Pahiatua and Mr. Lynskey as third assistant at Clyde-quay/ were made at the request of the respective School Committees.
14th February 1899 Pahiatua, This Day. The Foxton school children to the number of 300 arrived here by special train to-day and were entertained by the local school children and teachers.
23rd February 1899 The Pahiatua School Committee is arranging for an excursion to Foxton on 13th March, Mangatainoka probably falling into the arrangement
8th March 1899 A large excursion train from Pahiatua passed through Woodville en route for Foxton at an early hour this morning.
9th March 1899 into a request from Pahiatua for fencing and lavatories
9th March 1899 Yesterday some three hundred children and adults, accompanied by a brass band, journeyed from Pahiatua to Foxton by special train. Heavy rain the night previous stopped a number from going,
8th April 1899 Mr T R Fleming will inspect Pahiatua on 27th and 28th April
25th April 1899 School Committee Pahiatua School— Messrs. A. Fraser, McKinnon, Levin, Proctor, Taylor, Lewis, Hawkins, Clark, and Marley. Mr. Fraser was elected Chairman.
27th April 1899 Wellington Education Board The chairman was authorised to inquire into a request from Pahiatua for fencing and lavatories
3rd August 1899 Wellington Education Board . It was decided to transfer a female teacher from Kaitawa to Pahiatua.
8th August 1899 Mr Philip, of the Pahiatua School, has been appointed to take charge of the Makomako School.
31st August 1899 Wellington Education Board The question of subsidising Mr. Turner's drawing classes at The Pahiatua School was left in the Chairman's hands

31st August 1899 Miss Olive Dorset is to be transferred from the Scarborough [Later became Mangamutu] School to the Pahiatua in the capacity of pupil teacher.[In December Olive Dorset was not at any Wellington Education Board school. In 1901 she was at the Wairere School]

11th November 1899 NZEI Wellington Branch Miss Davidson (Roseneath School) and Mr. Jones (Pahiatua School) were elected members of the branch.

November

14th December 1899 Wellington Education Board It was decided that the following works should be carried out during the summer vacation: Pahiatua, residence, washhouse and porch; Pahiatua, school, inside painting, fencing;

1900

1900	235	Pahiatua	Thomas	Joseph		Headmaster	£285	$49,550
1900	235	Pahiatua	Webb	James S		Assistant Master	£150	$26,079
1900	235	Pahiatua	Petrie	Flora		Assistant Female	£100	$17,386
1900	235	Pahiatua	Birnie	Helen		Assistant Female	£80	$13,909
1900	235	Pahiatua	Bray	Hinemoa F		Female Pupil Teacher	£36	$6,259
1900	235	Pahiatua	Brown	Winifred		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	$3,477

6th January 1900 South Kensington Science and Art Department examination results

Art: Perspective Alice Petrie First Class

Freehand Drawing Pahiatua candidates —Winifred Brown and Olive Reeve, first class Winifred Davidson and Minnow Warren, second class.

Model Drawing Pahiatua candidates—Laura Wakeham and Ethel Black, first class.

April

12th March 1900 Wellington Education Board painting and shifting lavatories, Pahiatua School, P. Connell, £33 15s;

24th April 1900 School Committee Pahiatua School Committee: — Rev. McCaw, Messrs. Marley, Miller, Connell, Robinson, Proctor, Greville, Epps, and Bisdee. Mr. Greville was elected Chairman, and Mr. Proctor Secretary.

11th May 1900 Miss Olive Dorset, pupil teacher in the Pahiatua School, has been recommended by the Wairere committee to the charge of its aided school. the chairman of the board has approved of the appointment, and Miss Dorset will enter on her now .duties on the 21st inst.

31st May 1900 Wellington Education Board The Clerk of Works was ordered to report on applications from Pahiatua for £15 for drainage and metalling,

28th June 1900 Wellington Education Board The Board refused to accede to an exchange of teachers at Pahiatua. Miss Brown was appointed a pupil teacher at Pahiatua, subject to passing the Requisite examination.

30th August 1890 Miss Hinemoa Bray was transferred from Hastwell to Pahiatua to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Knox.

3rd September 1900 The Woodville school boys on Saturday drove to Pahiatua to play a football match with the Pahiatua school team. Woodville won the match by 16 points 3 to nil, J. Somerville and D. Greig each scoring two tries and S. Eccles and A. Oliver kicking a

goal each. Mr W. H. Hawkins acted as referee. The Woodville boys spent a very enjoyable day.

6th September 1900 The application of Miss Bray for a transfer from Hastwell to Pahiatua to succeed Miss Knox (resigned) was granted

October

22nd November 1900 he Truant Inspector (Mr J. Varnham is at Present paying Pahiatua a visit he has already issued twenty notices to parents who have neglected to send their children to school

13th December 1900 Wellington Education Board. The application of James Webb, assistant at Pahiatua, for leave of absence from 18th inst. was refused; also an application that the school should be closed a week before the regular holidays.

20th December 1900 A wedding in which considerable interest was manifested, was celebrated at the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, The contracting parties were Mr J. Webb, assistant -master of the Public School, and Miss Amelia Williams, eldest daughter of Mr F, F. Williams, of Kaitawa, The happy couple, who were the recipients of numerous presents, will spend their honeymoon in Christchurch\\

1901

1901	241	Pahiatua	Thomas	Joseph		Headmaster	£285	$48,114
1901	241	Pahiatua	Webb	James S		Assistant Master	£150	$25,323
1901	241	Pahiatua	Petrie	Flora		Assistant Female	£100	$16,882
1901	241	Pahiatua	Birnie	Helen		Assistant Female	£80	$13,506
1901	241	Pahiatua	Petrie	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher	£50	$8,441
1901	241	Pahiatua	Brown	Winifred		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	$3,376

10th January 1901 PAHIATUA", This Day. (Mr. F. Wilson, master of Roseneath School, Wellington, was married here yesterday to Miss Ethel Wood, of Pahiatua. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson left by express train for their home the same day. [Mr Wilson ex teacher at Pahiatua]

18th April 1901 Census return County of Pahiatua.— Present population, 3601, as against 3208 at the previous census. Borough of Pahiatua, 1210, .is against 1158 at the previous census, total present population of the county and borough, 4811, as against 4366 at the previous census

25th April 1901 School Committee Pahiatua.- —Mr J. Levin (chairman). Rev McCaw, Messrs S, C. Bisdee, Epps, W. Munns, H. Burson H H Hughes, W. Lewis and F. G. Moore (secretary)

27th June 1901 Wellington Education Board An application was received from Pahiatua for improvements to a section recently purchased there. The Chairman stated that when the section was purchased the Board was assured that no expenditure on it would be required. The request was refused

27th June 1901 The first of a number of articles on Teachers' salaries included the Pahiatua School had an average attendance of 228, and the headmaster received £285; he would be reduced to £257. At a commission hearing

13th July 1901 PAHIATUA, This Day. The district school has to be closed Owing to a dangerous epidemic among the children.

25th July 1901 Wellington Education Board It was reported that the Te Oreore and Pahiatua Schools had been closed on account of scarlatina.
27th July 1901 The disease of scarlatina recently so prevalent is now well under control mill is passing away, the School Committee have therefore decided to reopen the school on Monday next
29th August 1901 Wellington Education Board Miss Alice Petrie, as pupil teacher at Pahiatua; Miss Katherine Cade to replace her at Mangatainoko
that the Pahiatua Committee be asked for information as to how it proposes to expend money collected, and on which it asks for a subsidy
5th October 1901 he annual examinations for the scholarships offered by the Wellington Education Board are to be held Simultaneously in Wellington, and at Masterton, Pahiatua, and Otaki on the 15th, 16th. and 17th instant……B List (three scholarships of the annual value of £35, open to schools beyond the city boundaries with an attendance of over 200)—Pahiatua, 4, Carterton, 2; Masterton, 7, Petone, 8 ; Brooklyn, 5.
1st November 1901 Bertha Reeve 453 and Sylvia Wakeman 396 were well down the scholarship lists for class B Top Mark 553 and 2nd 480
6th December 1901 The pupil teachers' examination in - this district will be held on Friday , and Saturday, the 20th and 21st inst., at . Wellington, Masterton, and Pahiatua . - This is the first time Pahiatua has been , made an examination centre, that course having become necessary owing to the large number of schools in that district. The Rev. Mr. Marshall will act as supervisor at Pahiatua, and the Inspectors at Wellington and Masterton,.
17th December 1901 The Pahiatua School Picnic is to be hold on Friday at Konini, If the weather should prove fine a pleasant holiday will be spent.
20th December 1901 The Pahiatua School Picnic will be held after holidays because of the bad weather
30th December 1901 Wellington Education Board Shannon: Miss Helen Birnie, mistress, at £95 (to fill Miss Gallagher's place). Pahiatua: Miss Daisy Cederholm, assistant, at £80 (to fill Miss Birnie's place

1902

1902	257	Pahiatua	Thomas	Joseph		Headmaster	£285	$46,988
1902	257	Pahiatua	Webb	James S		Assistant Master	£155	$25,555
1902	257	Pahiatua	Petrie	Flora		Assistant Female	£115	$18,960
1902	257	Pahiatua	Cederholm	Daisy O		Assistant Female	£80	$13,190
1902	257	Pahiatua	Brown	Winifred		Female Pupil Teacher	£30	$4,946
1902	257	Pahiatua	Burge	Hilda		Female Pupil Teacher	£30	$4,946
1902	257	Pahiatua	Dougherty	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	$3,297

1st January 1902 When the Hon C. H. Mills performed the ceremony of hoisting the flag at the Pahiatua School in February lie urged upon the children the necessity for kind and courteous behaviour towards each other in the playground. He also promised to give prizes to the best-diked among the scholars. The headmaster, Mr J. Thomas, has now written to Mr Mills stating that a vote of the children was recently taken to decide who was the most popular boy or girl in the school. It was in this nay ascertained that the two most popular children were Percy Hare, a boy of sixteen, who is a specially good cricketer, and a little girl,

Ada Taylor, six and a half years old. These children will each receive a prize book from Mr Mills, whose thoughtfulness is much appreciated by the teachers and scholars.
28th January 1902 The Pahiatua School opened yesterday after the holidays.
30th January 1902 Florrie Petrie £115 James Webb £155
4th March 1902 Miss Birnie, who had been teacher at the State School here for a number of years, left this morning for Shannon, where she will occupy a similar position.
18th March 1902 The proposed social to be given to Miss Birnie, for many years teacher at the Pahiatua School, now transferred to Shannon, on Friday, the 21st, is postponed till the 31st,
3rd April 1902 Miss Birnie, late of the Pahiatua State School staff, was presented on Monday evening by the School Committee, on behalf of the parents and children, with a handsome dressing-case and travelling bag.
16th April 1902 Technical school examination Of candidates from Pahiatua, Bertha Reeve wins 2nd class in freehand drawing of ornament, and Winifred Brown 2nd class in model drawing
30th April 1902 School Committee PAHIATUA, Messrs G. B. Clark (chairman), J. B Hunter, W. Munns, J. Hornblow, J Levin, J. D. Wilson, T. Burton, J. Epps (secretary), and the Rev. J. McCaw.
29th May 1902 Wellington Education Board It was agreed to ask the clerk -it works to examine the' teacher's residence at Pahiatua. the building having been reported as in need of repairs
31st May 1902 The Coronation The Coronation Committee has adopted the following programme for Coronation Day: — United religious service, 11 a.m. ; procession, saluting the flag by school children and volunteers, the planting of four oaks in the main street, patriotic songs and recitations, a military display, and bonfires and fireworks.
26th June 1902 Wellington Education Board The headmaster of the Pahiatua School asked that the residence be remodelled to suit the requirements of his family.
31st July 1902 Wellington Education Board Messrs J. Thomas and J. Chatwin, headmasters of the Pahiatua and Mangatainoka Schools, have written to the Education Board criticising the recent appointment of< a headmaster to the Thorndon School as a subversion of the Board's policy of giving teachers with country experience preference to assistant teachers in city schools for vacant headmasterships, and also stopping the way to promotion to country teachers, many of whom had suffered loss owing to the new classification. A discussion on the subject took place at yesterday's mooting of the Board', from which it was gathered that the consensus of opinion amongst members was that in this case the best-qualified applicant had succeeded. Mr Young hinted that personal considerations had prevailed, and in response to an interjection, ho said that the least said about the election of the last Thorndon School Committee the better. Mr Leo, while asserting that the candidate with the best qualifications bad received the appointment referred to, said there were several instances in the service where men who had honestly earned promotion had not received it, and had been passed over when opportunities for promotion had presented themselves. It was resolved to acknowledge Messrs Thomas and Chatwin's communication as having been "received."
1st September 1902 Woodville Examiner The local school boys met and defeated Pahiatua at Pahiatua on Saturday by 9 points to 8

11th September 1902 At the School Committee meeting last evening, indignation was expressed at the Education Board's action with reference to urgent repairs needed to the master's residence, and which the Board has consistently ignored. It was pointed out that the local school was one of the largest in the district., and the master's residence one of the most wretched. The Board is to be again approached on the matter.

30th October 1902 Wellington Education Board An application that the Pahiatua. School should be closed on the day of the Palmerston show was agreed to, subject to the approval of the committee

The Board authorised certain alterations at Pahiatua schoolhouse

4th November 1902 Scholarships class B Children attending schools beyond Wellington (excluding Petone) with average attendance exceeding 200- Mabel C Ransom Pahiatua 619 Sylvia E E Wakeman Pahiatua 581 William W Jacob Pahiatua 519 John Russell, Brooklyn, 483 J Lundon Pahiatua 433

1903

1903	264	Pahiatua	Thomas	Joseph		Headmaster	£285	$47,222
1903	264	Pahiatua	Webb	James S		Assistant Master	£170	$28,167
1903	264	Pahiatua	Petrie	Flora		Mistress	£115	$19,054
1903	264	Pahiatua	Brown	Winifred		Female Pupil Teacher 3	£40	$6,628
1903	264	Pahiatua	Larsen	Richard		Male Pupil Teacher 3	£40	$6,628
1903	264	Pahiatua	Burge	Hilda		Female Pupil Teacher 2	£30	$4,971
1903	264	Pahiatua	Dougherty	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher 2	£30	$4,971

22nd January 1903 Six Queen's scholarships for Victoria College William W Jacob scored 1333 marks finishing 21st in a long list. 4 candidates sat the exam at Pahiatua

4th February 1903 Pupil Teacher Examinations Passed 2nd Year Winifred Brown. First Year Hilda Burge

11th February 1903 Woodville School Committee. It was decided to apply to the committees of the Kumeroa, Heretaunga, Maharahara West, Ballance, Victoria, Mangatainoka, Makairo and Pahiatua schools, asking if they would join in with Woodville in the establishment of a high school, and, if so, how many pupils (giving names) would be likely to attend.

5th March 1903 Mr "Webb, assistant master of the Pahiatua school, is popular with his pupils. After he had given a recitation at a school concert in Pahiatua on Monday night he received a shower of bouquets from the children

9th March 1903 Pahiatua is agitating for a district high school.

10th March 1903 The School Committee approached the Education Board some time ago with reference to the establishment of a District High School in Pahiatua. The secretary has received a reply to the effect that Mr Inspector Fleming will be in the district on the 25th and asking that arrangements be made to meet him and fully discuss the question. The letter further states that the Board will ho only too pleased to fully consider the question after the inspector lias made recommendations.

26th March 1903 Wellington Education Board The resignations of Mr D. Cederholm, of Pahiatua, and of Miss Florence Legg, of Clyde quay, Wellington, were accepted. [Actually Miss Daisy Cederholm who went to Featherston]
31st March 1903 Miss Daisy Cederholm, teacher of our local school, has tendered her resignation to the Education Board, she will be missed, as she was liked both by parents and children.
2nd April 1903 Hester Robins, of -Masterton, lias passed an examination in connection with the South Kensington Art School, in freehand drawing, second-class. Mabel Rawson and Sylvia Wakeman, of Pahiatua, passed in freehand, first-class.
7th April 1903 I regret to have to record a sad drowning fatality which occurred at Plimmerton on Monday morning. Mr T. W, Manifold's (Clark and Manifold) wife and family have been spending a week at the seaside. Mr Manifold wont down to spend Sunday with them, returning yesterday morning, leaving them all well. On his arrival at the station he received a wire informing him that his two youngest boys had been drowned. He just had time to step into on his way back to Plimmerton. much sympathy is expressed at the loss he has sustained. On it becoming known it cast quite a gloom over the town.

It has been raining almost continually here for the past six days.

24th July 1903 The Pahiatua State School re-opened on Monday, after the mid-winter vacation. A committee meeting was held in the evening. It is said that some startling revelations will likely be heard shortly.
24th July 1903 Wellington Education Institute included: The membership .of the Wairarapa branch is increasing slowly. Four meetings have been held during the year, the attendance averaging about 25 per cent, of the membership. At the annual meeting, held on 30th May 1903, Mr. J. Thomas, of Pahiatua, was re-elected president.
25th July 1903 Pahiatua The public School Committee sat till a late hour, on Wednesday evening, investigating an alleged charge of impropriety against a male teacher (Mr J. Webb), referred by a parent. After a searching enquiry, a resolution was unanimously passed, exonerating the teacher from blame, and sympathising with him in the charge
11th August 1903 Mr. A. D. Riley, Director of the Technical School, last Saturday, at Masterton, gave the first of a course of six lectures on the subjects of drawing (hand and eye work) in connection with the primary school syllabus. A course will 'also be delivered at Pahiatua beginning about the 19th September
19th August 1903 At the monthly meeting of the School Committee, held on Monday evening, the Secretary reported that the capitation grant for June quarter had not come to hand, and that there were several outstanding accounts to pay, the Committee being financially in a bad way. A resolution was carried asking the Education Board to forward on the capitation grant and to ask them to consider an increase of the same, so as to do away with the necessity of raising funds by means of entertainments in order to pay the expenses in connection with the school.

1st October The Pahiatua District High School is to open to-day, with Mr H. Thomas (Headmaster State School) as Provisional Headmaster. [Actually J Thomas…. 1st Mention in Papers Past of the school becoming a District High School]
30th October 1903 In reference to the application for a school at Range road, between Pahiatua and Palmerston. Mr Fleming reported that a portion of the settlement was in the Wanganui educational district, and that only three children were in the Wellington district. It was decided to recommend the settlers to apply to the Wanganui Education Board.

1904

1904	317	Pahiatua	Thomas	Joseph		Headmaster	£267	$44,246
1904	317	Pahiatua	Webb	James S		Assistant Master	£170	$28,150
1904	317	Pahiatua	Petrie	Flora		Mistress	£120	$19,871
1904	317	Pahiatua	McCaul	Enid I		Assistant Female	£85	$14,075
1904	317	Pahiatua	Jennings	Edward I		Assistant Master	£80	$13,247
1904	317	Pahiatua	Brown	Winifred E		Female Pupil Teacher 4	£55	$9,107
1904	317	Pahiatua	Dougherty	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher 3	£45	$7,452
1904	317	Pahiatua	Burge	Agnes Hilda		Female Pupil Teacher 3	£40	$6,624
1904	317	Pahiatua	Wedde	Elizabeth F		Secondary		

3rd February 1904 Wellington Education Board The inspectors, in reference to the cookery classes, stated that they had no information whether the department intended to continue the capitation grant of 15s or to reduce it to 10s, as stated in the regulations, and until they had definite information on .this point, they were unable to make definite recommendations. In the meantime, they recommended that Miss Millington should complete her course to the schools in the Pahiatua district, which ended on March 31st,
26th February 1904 Wellington Education Board Additional proposals were made by the inspectors in regard to the expenditure of the £200 grant for classes for instruction of teachers in drawing and handwork under the Manual and Technical Instruction Act. They recommended that £35 of the amount be allotted to a science class under Mr. Foster— £25 for salary and £10 for apparatus, and that £25 be devoted to the establishment of a class at .Pahiatua**,** under Mr. Jones, of Mangamahoe, and Miss Petrie, of Pahiatua. The Inspectors hoped later in the year to recommend the establishment of classes in woodwork and cookery for teachers. They recommended that the drill classes be continued
29th March 1904 Wellington Education Board annual report for 1903 included: The Pahiatua District. High School was Opened for December quarter only, instruction being given in algebra,. Latin, book-keeping, shorthand, botany, geometry, history and geography.. The quarter's return showed 19 pupils in attendance
30th March 1904 Wellington Education Board In a general discussion that followed, it was asserted that the Mangaramarama school would be built as soon as a site was obtained, though Mr Buchanan expressed a doubt whether the best place for a school in the district was at the Mangaramarama site, which was rather near to Pahiatua. Finally, it was agreed that the site of two acres in question be bought at a price of £40.

27th April 1904 The annual householders meeting of the Pahiatua Public School was held, on Monday evening, in the schoolroom. There was only a very small attendance, partly owing, no doubt, to one of the candidates for the Mayoral chair speaking in the Theatre. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. The following were elected members of the Committee for the ensuing year :—Messrs G. B. Clark (chairman), F. Bacon, F. Burson, D. Patchett, J. Wilson, D. Davidson, T. Manifold, J. B. Epps (secretary and treasurer) and Rev. J. McCaw.
24th May 1904 The scholars of the Public School are to assemble to-day as usual and salute the flag in honour of Empire Day. The Mayor and several other gentlemen will address the children, after which the school will be given a holiday.
27th May 1904 Empire Day was ushered in with steady rain and was only celebrated by the school children saluting the flag and the singing of the National Anthem. The Mayor (Mr D. Crewe) and the Rev. James McCaw gave short addresses, after which the children were dismissed for the day.
17th June 1904 A large number of school children followed the mortal remains of their little play-mate, Maribel L. Milligan, to its resting place, on Thursday afternoon.
22nd June 1904 Since writing my last, Death has once again been in our midst and has carried away Maribel (May) Milligan, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Milligan. The little sufferer was taken ill with peritonitis on the 14th inst. and passed away at 6.15 a.m. on the 15th. The funeral which took place on Thursday last was largely attended by the playmates of the deceased and by the friends of her parents, who have the sincere sympathy of the whole community in their sad and sudden bereavement
28th June 1904 At a meeting of the School Committee, held on Friday evening, it was decided to obtain fifty pairs of Indian clubs, hundred and fifty pairs of dumb-bells for j the use of the children, and a microscope and type-writer for the High School classes.
1st July 1904 Wellington Education Board PAHIATUA SCHOOL. A report from the Inspector (Mr F. H. Bakewell) on the Pahiatua school was read to the meeting. Mr Bakewell stated that he had inspected the building under offer from the trustees of the Presbyterian Church there for increased accommodation for the secondary classes. It is quite close to the school, but otherwise he considered it only moderately suitable. . It was without fireplaces and was only partially lined. The only possible place where additions could be made to the present building was the front. Some of the rooms also required altering. The whole matter was one of sufficient importance to warrant a personal inspection by members of the Board.
Mr Lee said he thought that now Pahiatua had been provided with a district High School its needs had not been sufficiently attended to. In fact in most cases during the past two years the equipment of schools had been altogether lost sight of. He thought that the Board should set up a committee to confer with the inspectors in the matter of ascertaining what were the most pressing needs of the several schools so far as their working condition was concerned.
The chairman: All this for the want of ways and means!
A small committee was eventually set up to visit Pahiatua and frame a recommendation on the subject.
6th July 1904 Football The Petone School boys defeated the Combined Schools team by 38 points- to nil.
19th July 1904 Wellington Education Board The Board decided to advertise, for applications for the position of assistant teacher at the Pahiatua District High School at £125 a year'

31st August 1904 Wellington Education Board District High School Committee recommended for Pahiatua:
Extra salaries to be paid for 1903 – June 1904 That the sum to credit of salaries account be divided among headmaster, first assistant, extra assistant in proportion of three, two, one
That the teacher of secondary subjects be paid at the rate of £140 per annum
7th September 1904 Wellington Education Board The Wellington Education Board has appointed Alisa E. Wedde, of the Girls' High School, Napier, to the position .of teacher of secondary subjects in the Pahiatua District High School. Miss Wedde was a teacher in the Wellington district before going to Napier [Was teaching at Mount Cook Girl's at the end of 1903, so wasn't long at Napier]
30th September 1904 Wellington Education Board After the chairman's address (reported elsewhere), deputations were received. In the deferred matter of additional accommodation at Pahiatua. the report of the committee recommending the same was adopted, and Mr Allan moved that the Board rent a room at .£30 a year for temporary high school premises, and that Government be asked for a grant to pay the rent. This was adopted
22nd October 1904 The number of pupils on the Pahiatua District High School Roll is 379, and the average attendance is 322. The Committee passed a resolution not approving of the idea of a school camp, in reply to a letter from Colonel Loveday.
28th October 1904 n answer to the circular sent out by the Wellington Education Board, the Eketahuna School Committee have decided that it is undesirable that School Cadet camps should be held. The Pahiatua Committee have arrived at a similar decision.
31st December 1904 Master W. Jacob, son of Mr N. Jacob, of this town, won the £10 Turnbull scholarship at the Wellington College. Master Jacob gained a year's scholarship while a pupil of the Pahiatua School, about two years ago

1905

1905	325	Pahiatua	Thomas	Joseph		Headmaster	£279	$44,187
1905	325	Pahiatua	Webb	James S	D1	Assistant Master	£185	$29,258
1905	325	Pahiatua	Petrie	Flora	D1	Mistress	£125	$19,769
1905	325	Pahiatua	Jennings	Edward I	E2	Assistant Master	£100	$15,815
1905	325	Pahiatua	McCaul	Enid I	E3	Assistant Female	£100	$15,815
1905	325	Pahiatua	Dougherty	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher 4	£55	$8,698
1905	325	Pahiatua	Burge	Agnes Hilda		Female Pupil Teacher 4	£50	$7,908
1905	325	Pahiatua	Bland	Elsie		Female Pupil Teacher 1	£30	$4,745
1905	325	Pahiatua	Wedde BA	Elizabeth F	B3	Secondary		

31st January 1905 Charles Small, of Alfredton, has won the National scholarship awarded to the schools having an average attendance of under forty. Alice Norton, of Pahiatua, has won the Board's scholarship in the class for " B " schools, and C. S. Gordon, Dalefield, and Dorothy Drew in the class for " D " schools.
Alice Norton got 478 and the next candidate from the Hutt School got 408
25th February 1905 The Education Board has decided to have estimates made of the cost of new rooms at the Carterton School, to replace the rooms which have been practically condemned. In connection with the Pahiatua School, the chairman reported to Thursday's

meeting of the Board that ho had visited the school and made some suggestions, with a view to providing accommodation for secondary classes, by converting the present infant-room for this purpose and erecting a new infant-room on the Board's reserve, on the opposite side of the road. The Education Department is to be asked to meet the cost of the new building, the Board defraying the cost of any necessary alterations to the existing room. Estimates are to be prepared accordingly, so that the Board will know what expenditure it will have to face.

1st March 1905 The Pahiatua School children accompanied by patents and friends passed through Woodville to-day en route for Palmerston.

7th March 1905 The Pahiatua District High School purpose holding a jumble sale in a fortnight's time. His Worship the Mayor (Mr D Crewe) has kindly offered his lawn and grounds for the occasion. The Pahiatua Brass Band has also offered their assistance. .In addition to the jumble sale, the scholars will give exhibitions of manual exercises. Afternoon tea and refreshments will be provided

22nd March 1905 Pahiatua news Swimming sports in connection with the local school were held in the Mangatainoka river on the 15th inst. The affair went off very well, and it. is to he hoped that the success of the gathering will give a fillip to the agitation now in progress here for municipal baths.

29th March 1905 . A jumble sale and gymnastic display by the school children, which took place on the 22nd inst. in the grounds of Mr D. Crewe, Mayor or Pahiatua, proved very successful, and the funds of the _ High School, in aid of which the affair was organised, will benefit considerably there-by

31st March 1905 Wellington Education Board An application from Pahiatua that portion of the school reserve should be granted for a swimming bath was held over until further information was obtained.

4th April 1905 The net proceeds from the recent jumble sale was £26 11s lOd, but the result would have been larger had it been better carried out. It was a mistake to allow the children's exercises to take up so much time, as it was about time to come away before the selling of goods was proceeded with, the prices realised being very small, there being little competition

5th April 1905 Wellington Education Board It is hoped that additional accommodation necessary in the District High Schools at Masterton and Pahiatua, will be provided for by special grants during the current year

28th April 1905 Wellington Education Board In regard to the Pahiatua and Petone district high schools, capitation allowance is to be made on attendance in separate buildings

3rd May 1905 A ladies hockey club has been formed in Pahiatua, with Miss Wedde as captain and Miss Reeve as secretary.

16th May 1905 Wellington Education Board Pahiatua, £5 for school apparatus, the committee contributing £5;

2nd June 1905 J Thomas Pahiatua elected to council of the Wellington Acclimatisation Society

30th June 1905 Wellington Education Board Part of a long article on Wellington Education Board funds included: The Mount Cook girls' and infants* schools, and the Pahiatua and Carterton schools would have to be rebuilt almost immediately, 'nit there was not a penny to build them with. He thought they should put aside the three per cent, in the bank, whore It -

would bear interest. They could not blame the Government, if a crisis arose, because the Government had given the money, and set forth clearly how it was to be expended.

9th August 1905 Miss Brown, formerly of Pahiatua, is acting temporarily as mistress at Te Horo. [Pupil Teacher at Pahiatua 1900-1904]

29th September 1905 Wellington Education Board Miss Cade given 2 weeks leave of absence.

November On the motion of Mr. Vile, the Chairman and Mr. Hogg were deputed to wait } upon the Minister of Education and urge upon him the necessity of providing means for increasing the accommodation at the Pahiatua School. The enlargement of the school was rendered necessary through the elevation of the institution into a District High School and an increased attendance

4th November 1905 Miss Katherine Cade of Pahiatua to be Mistress at Mangatainoka [Katherine Cade was promoted from a position she already held at Mangatainoka. She was never teaching at Pahiatua School]

1906

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1906	280	Pahiatua	Petrie	Flora	D1	Assistant Female	£130	$20,203
1906	280	Pahiatua	McCaul	Enid I	E3	Assistant Female	£125	$19,426
1906	280	Pahiatua	Jennings	Edward I	E2	Assistant Master	£100	$15,541
1906	280	Pahiatua	Bland	Elsie		Female Pupil Teacher 3	£55	$8,548
1906	280	Pahiatua	Burgess	Emily		Female Pupil Teacher 2	£35	$5,439
1906	280	Pahiatua	Thomas	Nina		Female Pupil Teacher 1	£25	$3,885
1906	280	Pahiatua	Avery BA	Rose E	B3	Secondary		
1906	280	Pahiatua	Wedde BA	Elizabeth F	B3	Secondary		

29th January 1906 John Dougherty won a scholarship for Class A schools in the Wellington Education Board area for schools with over 200 pupils

1st February 1906 Pupil Teachers who were successful in achieving acceptance into Wellington Teachers training college Included Alice Dougherty and Hilda Burge of Pahiatua both teachers at Pahiatua School

1st March 1906 Agricultural Education for Wellington Education Board included At Pahiatua there is no room in the school building which could be utilised as a laboratory, nor is there any vacant ground space, though a very suitable site could be obtained in the grounds attached to the house formerly used as a teacher's residence

25th April 1906 School Committee Pahiatua. — Messrs. G. H. Smith (chairman), A. H. Dallaston (secretary), Crewe, McRobie, Burgess, Woollass, Patchett, Prosser and Wilson

2nd May 1906 Woodville Central A and P Association meeting received. Pahiatua Technical School Committee, asking committee to receive a deputation on the matter of establishing a Technical School in Pahiatua.—Referred to the annual meeting.

30th May 1906 A deputation from Pahiatua will wait on the Wellington Education Board tomorrow regarding the Pahiatua High School. The present school at Pahiatua is on a small section and is in a bad state of repair. The committee has also another section in the town, but

neither alone would make a suitable site for a district high school and technical school. The committee will ask that the Board's vote of £I3OO be increased to £2OOO, to enable it to exchange its section for a seven-acre patch on the Terrace, upon which to erect a new and suitable building.

31st May 1906 Wellington Education Board Another deputation was introduced by Mr. Vile. . lie explained that the board had granted a sum of £1300 for the Pahiatua High School, but it was felt by the local authorities that the present site was unsuitable for the expenditure of the amount mentioned. Consequently it was urged that a very desirable site of seven acres, close to the town, could be purchased for £910. Good buildings could be erected there, and the total cost, it was estimated, would be £2000, involving an increase of only £700 in the board's grant. It was stated that this question had come about through the proposal to start a technical school at Pahiatua, and it was considered that the two matters should be taken together. It was suggested that the board could dispose of the old site. A portion of the present building was six years old, and the remainder was twenty-two years of age. The chairman said that the chief inspector's opinion was the same as his own that the statement submitted was a very fair one. The board would consider the matter.

1st June 1906 A deputation from Pahiatua waited on the Education Board yesterday afternoon to urge the necessity of acquiring a new school site at Pahiatua rather than spend the £I3OO grant on the present premises. Mr McRobie, who headed the deputation, read a resolution that had been passed by the School Committee, which stated that the present school property was disconnected, It was at the side of a creek that was used by the town as a sewer, and cases of diphtheria, occurred every year. Most of the buildings were old and out-of-date. Four sites had been offered as an alternative, and one had been selected that was in every way suitable. The soil was rich, and the place was well away from the traffic. It consisted or some seven acres, which could be acquired for £910 ,'while they had every reason to believe that the present property, land and buildings, could be sold "for £IOOO. Land was rapidly increasing in value, and if the Board did not now secure a new site, it would be met with a serious difficulty in the future. Another speaker said that a new school could be erected for about £2OOO, and as there was a strong movement to give facilities for technical education, it was necessary to have increased accommodation. The chairman thanked the deputation for the fair statement they had made and said it would be for the Board to apply for a grant for the purpose named.

4th June 1906 Correspondence Woodville Examiner: THOSE MEAN THEFTS. (to the editor). Sir, — I was much surprised to learn that you had published a local to the effect that thefts were made from the Woodville District High School footballers' pockets on Saturday last at Pahiatua. The boys of the Pahiatua District High School would be as keen as myself, and perhaps a little more able to expose a trick of this kind, and that is why I am sorry we were not informed until four days after the alleged occurrence, and then only third hand.—l am, etc., J. S. Webb. Pahiatua, May 30.

[Mr Webb was not half so astonished as the unfortunate kiddies who lost their tin.— Ed. Ex.]

16th June 1906 Mr N. McRobie, late of Wellington, and how part proprietor of the Pahiatua Herald, has been nominated by the Pahiatua School Committee as a candidate for one of the three north country seats on the Wellington Education Board.

29th June 1906 Wellington Education Board Declined Pahiatua, application for special allowance for heating

6th July 1906 Yesterday, Mr R. Lee (chairman of the Education Board) and Messrs Buchanan, Hogg, Feist, and Vile, as members of the Board, visited Pahiatua and inspected the present school together with the new site on the terrace to the east of the township, which the local committee proposes to secure, if possible, as a site for a new school, that will take the place of the present one. They were met by the chairman and one of the members of the committee, who conducted them over the ground. The visitors expressed themselves quite satisfied with the suitability of the proposed new site, but intimated that the decision ultimately would have to rest with the Education Department, to which representations on the subject would be made.

27th July 1906 THE PAHIATUA PROBLEM.

Regarding the Pahiatua School, the committee believed the present site was unsuitable, and should be abandoned in favour of a new site of seven acres, which could be obtained at a cost of about £130 an acre. They believed that £1000 was enough to defray the cost of the site, and this sum could be realised from the sale of the present site and buildings. In that case the sum of £13OO, already promised for additions to the present school, would be available for the erection of the new school. — Messrs Hogg and Feist moved the adoption of the report.

Mr Allan resisted the proposal, on the ground that there were matters of more pressing urgency that required attention, and that seven acres was rather a liberal present to make to any school. -Mr T. W. McDonald thought two acres would be ample, seeing that city schools had to put up with half an acre.

Mr Buchanan supported the motion,

Mr Hogg pointed out that the oldest portion of the present building at Pahiatua was not so old as the newest part of the Masterton School. The attendance at Pahiatua was not so large now as in 1905, so there could be no necessity for further accommodation. The report was merely asking the Minister to take the whole responsibility of shifting the school.

Mr Feist said it had been claimed that the outbreak of diphtheria in Pahiatua was due to the unsuitability of the school site.

The Chairman pointed out that it was necessary to provide for the high school classes. He thought the suggestion an excellent one,

Mr Field approved the proposal but urged that it should be left to the Department to say whether the area should be so much as seven acres. He moved as an amendment that the Board should ask for seven acres, or such other area as the Department should think proper. Mr McDonald seconded the amendment, which was lost by four votes against Messrs Field, McDonald and Allan. -The report was adopted.

31st July 1909 PAHIATUA SCHOOL.

A Big Undertaking.

Matters educational for the last few years at Pahiatua have been in a condition of unrest The trouble began with the residence of the headmaster, This is conveniently situated; but, Mr Thomas, having acquired a rural residence near Ballance, wished to live away from it. The Board could not see its way to arrange the matter, and the next application was to overhaul and materially alter the premises. To this, the Board refused to be a consenting party. By this time, it was discovered that the school was overcrowded, and, an application being made to

the Department, a fine commodious infant school was provided. The next step in advance was the provision of a play-ground. The existing site was considered insufficient, and the Board was asked by the School Committee to purchase a paddock close to the buildings. Although the price was a good one, the Board appealed to the Minister, and, after a time, the purchase was effected. This triumph had just been achieved, a bonanza of a most unexpected and able character, fell into the hands of the educational authorities, at Pahiatua. Having started a District High School, the Committee began to negotiate for special accommodation for the secondary classes, and, the Minister of Education graciously responding, decided to place £1300 at their disposal. Elated at this new piece of luck, the new Committee evolved a revolutionary scheme of school improvement. The site of the existing school was discovered to be unsuitable, being too near the main thoroughfare. A drain or stream that ran through a portion of the ground was credited with a variety of juvenile epidemics, and the buildings, four years old and upwards, were antiquated and dilapidated. The Committee, therefore, under the stimulus of their latest bit of good fortune, conceived the idea of selling their school—" stock, lock and barrel' —site, play-ground and buildings as a " going concern," and perching a new school half a mile away from the town, on the shoulders of the Balfour estate, where seven acres were offered at the modest figure of about £130 per acre. The Board was duly approached, and, at various times, on the eve of the election of members, the Chairman and his colleagues visited Pahiatua, and viewed the new site. It was acknowledged on the hands that the seven acres occupied an elevated, conspicuous and salubrious position, and the Committee dilated on the opportunities that a stream gave for a swimming bath, the excellence of the soil for agricultural instruction, and the value of the area for athletic sports and recreative purposes The Board blandly listened and met in Committee to consider their report. Looking along the vista of a glorious future, when the colony will be studded with palatial educational edifices and contemplating the prospect of Pahiatua becoming a huge city, a majority of the Board considered the purchase of the site on the hills, half a mile from the main road, in Pahiatua, might be a wise precaution. It was only when the question of the cost of transferring the present school to its new perch was contemplated that matters assumed a somewhat appalling aspect. The estimate furnished showed a contemplated expenditure on a wooden school, inclusive of site, of nearly £5000. Deducting from this the Bonanza, £1300, and £1000, the estimated proceeds from the sale of the existing school and grounds, a sum of between £2000 and £3000 would have to be found. After carefully discussing the pros and cons, the Board arrived at the following report:--

"The Pahiatua Committee consider the present site of the Pahiatua School unsuitable and should be abandoned; and we recommend that a new site of seven acres be purchased, at a cost of about £130 per acre.

"It is believed that about £1000, or enough to defray the cost of the new site. could be realised from the sale of the present site and buildings.

"In that ease, the sum of £1300 already promised for additions to the District School, would be available for the new school.

The Board is of opinion that the new site should be purchased and recommends the proposals of the School Committee to the consideration of the Minister of Education."

On being submitted and read at the meeting of the Education Board, on Thursday last, Mr Hogg moved the adoption of the report. This was promptly seconded by Mr Feist,

Mr Allan opposed the motion. Seven acres of land, at the price mentioned, was more than could be afforded for a new site, in view of the demands of other schools. In the city, they were glad to get half an acre.
A member: But look at the difference in cost!
Mr Allan contended that the Pahiatua Committee had failed to make out a good case. They represented the present site, to be unsuitable although it was far more central than the new site. The stream running through the ground could not be held accountable for epidemics—for epidemics at certain seasons were prevalent everywhere.
Mr T. W. McDonald considered two acres of land should be quite sufficient. In the city, large schools had to be satisfied with a fourth of that.
Mr Buchanan supported the resolution, urging that the existing buildings were unsuitable and overcrowded.
Mr Hogg thought if the money could be found, there would be no harm in securing the new site. The price was a substantial one ; but the position was a strong recommendation, and, in a growing locality, it was well to provide against the future. Apart from the recommendation about the new site, the report was of a non-committal character, and, therefore, he supported it. The question of new school was referred to the Department, because it involved a considerable expenditure; and, if this was once incurred, such places as Eketahuna, Woodville, Masterton, and other centres would have large claims. In 1905, the number on the roll, at Pahiatua, was 388, and the average 325. Last quarter the numbers were 334 and 289. It could hardly, therefore, be said that the buildings were overcrowded. As regards being old and dilapidated, the infant school was only erected four years ago, and the oldest part of the other buildings were much younger than the Masterton School, about which there was no complaint. The present trouble, he thought, had arisen out of the good luck of the School Committee getting £1300 for extra buildings, and not knowing very well how to spend it.
Mr Feist maintained that there could be no question about the present school site being unhealthy and unsuitable. It was low and damp, and the sewer running through it was held accountable for diphtheria and other epidemics.
Mr Field approved of the proposal to secure a good site that would be available in the future. He did not think the area, however, should be defined,, and he would move, as an amendment, that, after the words " seven acres," the words " or such other area as the Department may think proper " be added.
The amendment was lost, Messrs Allan, Field and McDonald voting for it, and the final resolution, adopting the report, was ' carried.
22nd August 1906 Miss Rose Avery, of Spring Grove, has been promoted to the High School, Pahiatua, and her place temporarily supplied by Miss Hilda Eden. Miss Avery was greatly esteemed and proved a valuable teacher. She well deserves the new position bestowed upon her. This article was headed Wakefield so Rose must have come from this area of Nelson
27th October 1906 At the meeting of the Wellington Education Board on Thursday, applications for grants from Pahiatua (£11 3s 6d) and Fernridge (£40) were declined.

1907

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1907	247	Pahiatua	Marten	Margaret L		Assistant Female	£103	$16,155
1907	247	Pahiatua	Bland	Elsie		Female Pupil Teacher 4	£60	$9,406
1907	247	Pahiatua	Burgess	Emily		Female Pupil Teacher 3	£45	$7,055
1907	247	Pahiatua	Avery BA	Rose E	B3	Secondary		
1907	247	Pahiatua	Wedde BA	Elizabeth F	B3	Secondary		

1st March 1907 At the meeting of the Education Board, yesterday, a long discussion took place over the Pahiatua School. The Department recommended the sale of the present site, and the transfer of the school to the new site, the Government providing £1300, and leaving £2000 to be found by the Board. ' No definite resolution was arrived at.

4th March 1907 Arrangements are being made for the pupils attending the Convent Schools at Masterton and Pahiatua to hold a picnic on the Sports Ground at Eketahuna, on April 2nd. The Railway Department is making substantial reductions in the railway fares for the children from both towns, and a reduction will also be made in adult fares, provided the number of adults travelling does not exceed the number of children.

13th March 1907

PAHIATUA SCHOOL.

Proposed New Site

The question of removing the Pahiatua school from its present situation near the Main-road and opposite the Post Office to a site on the hillside, east of the town and behind the Bank of New Zealand, which has been agitated by the. local School Committee for some time past, was again before the Education Board at its last meeting.

The following memorandum from Sir Edward Gibbes, Secretary to the Education Department, was read:— Referring to proposals in your letter of 3rd November last with respect to arrangements for primary, technical and secondary education at Pahiatua, I am directed to point out that the -cost of the new site should be provided for partly by the sale of the present site, and partly by the subscriptions obtained for the purpose, together with the subsidy payable thereon. Your claim on account of buildings for the two departments of the District High School should also be reduced, first by £1100, the estimated liability of the Board in respect of replacement of the old buildings, and, second, by £1300, the amount of the grant already authorised. This being the case, the establishment of the primary school and the District High School on the new footing is already within the power of the Board to effect, and there remains only for consideration the provision to be made, for manual and technical instruction, the Board's claim being reduced from £3144 to £1257.

Considerable discussion ensued. It was pointed out by several members That the removal ultimately of the school, and the purchase of a new site, had been recommended to the Department. The memorandum .showed that the Department, while offering no objection to the change of site proposed, was not apparently prepared to help in making provision, for the large outlay for site and buildings which the alteration would involve. The estimate cost of the new buildings in wood, together with the land required, would I=be about £5000 It was

expected that £1000 could be realised from the sale of the existing school buildings and site, and this, with £1300 Government grant, would r come to £2300. This would leave a deficiency of £2500 at least to be met by the Board, an amount that could not be voted without a huge sacrifice of urgent requirements on the part of other schools. The opinion was expressed that the £1300 grant should be urged for securing the new site, and the removal of the present school should be left in abeyance until the buildings required to be replaced, or the Department was prepared to furnish the money required. Against this it was urged that the main building was unsuitable, the school needed enlargement. and a water course passing through the ground made the place insanitary. The reply to these objections was that the main building was not nearly so old as some of the city schools and the Masterton school, while the infant school had only been four years in use. The drain, it was contended, did not do much harm, as a playground in the vicinity had quite recently been purchased. A suggestion was made that a more central and advantageous site for a new school than the one recommended could be found on the main road between Pahiatua and Scarborough. Finally the question was refined down well to one of finance, and a proposed by Mr Field and seconded by Mr Allen was carried :— That the whole "question of purchasing a new site and re-building at Pahiatua "be deferred until next meeting: that the Finance Committee be asked to furnish the Board with a full report on the financial aspect of the matter: and that each member of the Board be supplied with a copy of the department's last letter on the subject."

23rd March 1907 Miss E. Barkley has been appointed an assistant at the Pahiatua' School. [No Miss Barclay was teaching for the Wellington Education Board at the end of the year and no Miss E Barclay taught for the Wellington Education Board before 1934]

27TH April 1907 NEW PAHIATUA SCHOOL.

The expenditure authorised by the Education Board on the new Pahiatua school is £1800. Of this £650 will be required for five acres of land, £100 for removing the infant school building, and £1050 for a primary and a secondary class-room. On the report of the Works Committee being submitted to the Education Board, the opinion was expressed that it would be found most awkward and expensive to construct the new school in sections. The Board, if it tackled the work, should face the music and construct the school as a whole and not in a piecemeal fashion. It was resolved to proceed with the buildings as recommended, and to obtain permission to sell part of the old site.

31st May 1907 Wellington Education Board Messrs Vile and Buchanan were appointed to represent the Board as Managers of the Technical School at Pahiatua,

12th June 1907 Miss E McCaul to Island Bay from Pahiatua as assistant

Up to June

20th June 1907 Wairarapa School Committee Association meeting notes included: The Chairman thought it advisable to agitate for the formation of a branch of the Association in the Forty Mile Bush, with headquarters at —say, **P**ahiatua The branch could elect representatives, who could attend the Wairarapa Association's meeting.

Members concurred in this view, and a motion of the Chairman's to the effect that Pahiatua School Committee be asked to move in the direction indicated, was carried unanimously.

1st July 1907 Miss Stormont of the Kaitoke School has been promoted to the position of assistant mistress in the Pahiatua School

8th July 1907 In a Long article on school sites was this piece Minister of Education met with members of the Wellington Education Board:

They had a case in point in regard to the Petone school, where the Board was throwing away hundreds of pounds and was not getting the best site to supply present and future requirements. The same was the case in regard to Pahiatua, whilst Eketahuna was in a similar position……

In regard to Pahiatua, it was proposed to secure a more suitable site that would make provision not only for the primary school, but a district*high school and technical school

22nd July 1907 The Pahiatua School boys visited Woodville on Saturday, and played two games against, the local school.

The Woodville first simply ran over their opponents winning by 45 to nil. The hero of the day was Bengley who scored 8 tries. The Seconds teams had a good game, the local boys winning by 18 to nil.

26th July 1907 Wellington Education Board Miss marten (Belvedere) appointed assistant teacher. Leave of absence was granted to Miss E F Wedde (Pahiatua)

21st August 1907 At the meeting of the Pahiatua School Committee worth on Monday evening the Chairman read a letter from the Secretary of the Education Board with reference to the question of cleaning schools. In this it was stated that for some four or five years the Timaru Main School, with an average attendance of between 600 and 700, has been entirely immune from epidemics, and this was attributed to the mode in which the floors were swept. A quantity of sawdust was damped with a solution of sheep dip and was spread across the floor at one end of the room, and as it was swept to the other end it gathered all the dust from the floors, also preventing its rising and settling on the walls. Previous to doing this the committee had to close the school on several occasions on account of measles, mumps and fevers.—After considerable discussion it was resolved :—" That the school buildings be disinfected, and that the system of cleaning in vogue in the Timaru school be adopted in future." The suggestion is worthy of consideration by the local Committee.

10th September 1907 Miss McCaul assistant teacher at Pahiatua District High School has joined the staff of the Island bay School

28th September 1907 Wellington Education Board With regard to Pahiatua, a, site of five acres for a primary and technical school was recommended. £130 had boon contributed by local authorities and others towards the purchase of two acres for the technical school, and application was now made for a subsidy towards another more central and convenient site in the town. The Board decided to adhere to their original resolution, and erect the technical school alongside the-primary

28th September 1907 Wellington Education Board Mr Vile and the chairman reported that they had inspected the site under purchase at Pahiatua. It was decided to 'confirm the recommendations of the committee and inform the school authorities at Pahiatua that the previous resolution of the board could not be altered

3rd October 1907 At a meeting of the Pahiatua Technical School Board, last night, it was decided to start carpentry, tinsmithing, dressmaking and cookery classes in a fortnight's time

4th October 1907 Wellington Education Board PAHIATUA SITE. Mr Vile and the chairman reported that they had inspected the site under purchase at Pahiatua. The whole site of seven acres originally offered, and recommended for purchase by the school committee, was a

rectangle of about eight chains deep from west to east by about eight and three-quarter chains frontage on the town or western side. As the Board had decided to purchase only five acres, the committee recommended that the five acres be taken from the southern boundary; of this area, two acres to be purchased by the technical school, these to be taken off the western side of the five acres.

The report was adopted, and it was decided to inform the Pahiatua authorities that the Board could not alter its previous decision. Inspector Fleming was instructed to see the parties and endeavour to get a satisfactory settlement of the difficulty which has arisen.

21st October 1907 The school children assisted by local talent held a successful concert in the Olympic Theatre on Friday night, The proceeds amounting to about £6 are to go towards the school Firewood Fund. There was a good audience and the various items were greatly enjoyed.

On Friday the Board of'-Managers of the Technical School: and the Committee of the District High .School conferred with Messrs;. G L Stewart and "T. Fleming, representatives of the Education Board with reference to a site for the school. The meeting approved of a proposal to select a site on the hill despite, the distance from the-centre of the. town: Owing to the want of a quorum of the Board no final decision can be arrived at until next meeting'.;

At the-monthly meeting of the committee of the Pahiatua 'District High School- it was reported that measles, and influenza were prevalent, greatly reducing the attendance.

25th October 1907 Wellington Education Board An application for rent for a horse paddock at Pahiatua was declined

1908

1908	249	Pahiatua	Thomas	Joseph	C1	Headmaster	£275	$43,112
1908	249	Pahiatua	Scott	William W	E2	Assistant Master	£160	$25,083
1908	249	Pahiatua	Stormont	Florence	E2	Assistant Female	£125	$19,596
1908	249	Pahiatua	Marten	Margaret L		Assistant Female	£103	$16,155
1908	249	Pahiatua	Burgess	Emily		Female Pupil Teacher 4	£55	$8,622
1908	249	Pahiatua	Miller	Edith P		Female Pupil Teacher 3	£45	$7,055
1908	249	Pahiatua	Baker-Gabb B A	M Mrs	B1	Secondary		
1908	249	Pahiatua	Johnson	John	D5	Secondary		

20th February 1908 A proposal in connection with the new District High School at Pahiatua will be submitted to the Wellington Education Board at its next meeting. Should the proposal be adopted, plans will immediately be prepared for the institution, which is to be erected on a plateau to the east of the town. It is probable that the work will be put in hand before the winter months.

21st February 1908 Plans for the new school at Pahiatua have been prepared by the Wellington Education Board. It is intended to remove a portion of the old building on to the new site which has been obtained.

28th February 1908 Wellington Education Board Messrs; R. Lee and Captain McDonald 'were appointed representatives of the, Education Board on; the Committee of Management. Wellington Technical' School, and Messrs; A H Vile and W. C. Buchanan to the same offices in connection with the Pahiatua Technical School

28th February 1908 Wellington Education Board Plans were approved of new schools at Petone and Pahiatua

14th April 1908 Tenders are invited by the Wellington Education Board for the erection of a new school at Pahiatua

16th May 1908 An outbreak of eczema has occurred among the children attending the district high school. There are over 20 cases..

18th May 1908 The first and .second fifteens of the Woodville school boys played the first and second fifteens of the Pahiatua school on the local Recreation Ground. Both games ware evenly contested, each side showing some capital play. The match between the first fifteens ended in a draw, and the match between the second teams resulted in a win for Woodville by 5 points to nil

19th May 1908 PAHIATUA, This Day. Owing to an epidemic amongst the school children the School Committee decided last night to close down for fourteen days.

28th May 1908 Miss R E Avery resigns from Pahiatua Miss M Ransom pupil teacher also resigned

26th June 1908 Wellington Education Board Deep-Breathing Exercises in response to numerous requests , that - 'lessons on deep breathing be given at Pahiatua, the Board agreed to a proposal that Mr. Boyd Garlick, whose instruction classes have. proved: so popular at Masterton, should give three lessons at Pahiatua.

7th July 1908 Mr J Johnson of Norsewood appointed to Pahiatua Secondary School

31st July 1908 Leave of absence granted to Miss F M Stormont

10th September 1908 Mr J S Webb of Pahiatua School appointed head teacher of Tokomaru School [Horowhenua]

24th September 1908 At a meeting of the Pahiatua School Committee on Monday night ,the headmaster's report showed that 287 pupils were on. the roll, with an average attendance of 253. The matter of celebrating Dominion Day was left in the hands of the chairman. The resignation of Mr J. S. Webb (first assistant), who has been promoted to Tokomaru, was accepted with .regret. The committee recorded their appreciation of the work done by Mr Webb and congratulated him on his promotion.

5th October 1908 Committees have been formed to arrange for concerts in aid of the funds of the School Committee and Pahiatua Cricket Club at early dates.

6th October 1908 Wellington Education Board Mr W W Scott of Mangamaire to be assistant at Pahiatua

30th October 1908 Mr Webb, first assistant teacher at the Pahiatua school, was tendered a send-off on Wednesday evening. The affair took the form of a progressive euchre party. During the evening Mr Webb was presented with a silver kettle as an appreciation of his many estimable qualities. Mr Webb leaves here on the 2nd of the month for Tokomaru.

3rd November 1908 Mr J. S. Webb, who is severing his connection, after having for ten years occupied a position on the teaching staff of the Pahiatua District High School, was the recipient, on Friday last, of a flower stand from the pupils of the third and fourth standards and the girls of the higher classes, and of a pair of silver-mounted brushes from the members of the school cricket and football clubs

15th December 1908 For a considerable time past there has been a lot of dissatisfaction among parents at Eketahuna because, while members of their families attending High School

classes can have free travelling to and from the District High School at Pahiatua, they must pay if they prefer to go to Masterton. This, of course, is due to the regulations permitting only of free travelling by rail to the nearest school, and Pahiatua is nearer, though not so convenient as Masterton. A movement is now on foot for establishing a District High School at Eketahuna.

24th December 1908 Wellington Education Board Pahiatua : Removal of two rooms to the new site on which a new building has been built already,

1909

1909	241	Pahiatua	Thomas	Joseph	C1	Headmaster	£280	$44,495
1909	241	Pahiatua	Scott	William W	E2	Assistant Master	£185	$29,398
1909	241	Pahiatua	Stormont	Florence M	E2	Assistant Female	£140	$22,247
1909	241	Pahiatua	Marten	Margaret L	D5	Assistant Female	£120	$19,069
1909	241	Pahiatua	Burgess	Emily M		Female Pupil Teacher 5	£55	$8,740
1909	241	Pahiatua	Miller	Edith P		Female Pupil Teacher 4	£55	$8,740
1909	241	Pahiatua	Baker-Gabb B A	M Mrs	B1	Secondary		

6th January 1909 Mr H. H. Godfrey, the. contractor for removing parts of the old school, is making good progress with the Work. For the first time in Pahiatua, the building will be removed on a trolley drawn by a traction engine. A party of men used to such work will corns from Napier, to assist Mr Godfrey

25th January 1909 Captain McDonald, who is a member of the Education Board, visited the old school site, a part of the school still remaining, and was much surprised to see school requisites scattered about in various directions. Afterwards, in the company Mr J. W. Sturton, he proceeded to the new school site. The situation of the site is an excellent one, -and the Captain informed a Wairarapa Age representative, who was present, that he considered the site would be a beauty spot when planted with trees. He also had a thorough look over the timber in the old school, which is partly removed,, and found the timber to be very sound and of the best heart of totara, and likely to last quite as long as the timber in the new school.

28th January 1909 Annie Ritchie was the only successful Pahiatua DHS candidate for Junior Scholarship'

2nd February 1909 The Pahiatua District High School will not open until' Monday, February 8th, owing to the improvements to the School not being quite completed.

8th February 1909 The District High School will not re-open until February 16th.

16th February 1909 The monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee was held to-night. It was decided to call tenders for cleaning the school for the next twelve months, the tenders to dose in three weeks' time. The committee endorsed the action of the Chairman and Secretary in paying out accounts amounting to £17 2s. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Education Board in connection with metalling the school ground. The school which has been erected on the new site was opened to-day.. A boy named Clifton, son of Mr Thos. Clifton, fell on some timber at the school ground to-day., with the result that his face was very badly cut about, necessitating three stitches being put in by the doctor.

20th February 1909 Teacher Examinations for New Zealand included D Class Lucy Marten Pahiatua In another report on the same date Listed as Margaret which was her first name

2nd March 1909 Miss G Crowe appointed as a probationer a new class of teachership for Wellington Education Board

26th March 1909 Wellington Education Board The meeting decided to ask Mr. W. Norvell?, the chairman, of the local school committee, to represent it on the Pahiatua Technical School board of management for the year.

7th April 1909 A deputation from the Pahiatua District High School Committee consisting of Messrs Norrell, Speers and Prosser, waited on the Council and asked the Council if it could see its way clear to extend the water and drainage to the end of Princes street, so as to .enable the Education Beard to connect the School with the water and drainage systems. Mr Norrell, as spokesman for the deputation, stated that the matter was of great public interest, and the water and drainage was most essential from a health point of view. It would be to the benefit of every household in the Borough to have the system installed at the school. Mr Speers said the present arrangements were a menace to the health of the children. The Mayor said he recognised it was a very important matter, and no doubt the Council would give it their due consideration. After the deputation had withdrawn, it was decided to refer the matter to the Finance Committee to report on

1st May 1909 Mr J. Johnson, who for some time past has been on the teaching staff at the Pahiatua District High School, has been appointed to take charge of the secondary department at the Marton District School. This afternoon Mr Johnson was entertained by his old pupils, and some of his friends prior to his leaving this district to take up his new duties.

1st May 1909 Leave of absence has been granted by the Wellington Education Board to Miss M. Martin, assistant, Pahiatua, for one month as from April 19th,

19th May 1909 At the meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee, last evening, it was decided to do something in connection with beautifying the Schoolgrounds, and a committee was appointed to carry out arrangements therewith in' conjunction with the Headmaster.

12th June 1909 A hockey match between the Konini Ladies' Hockey Club and the • Pahiatua District High School girls will take place at 2 p.m. to-morrow.

Mr R. Lee, the Chairman of the Education Board, was on a visit to Pahiatua to-day, and this afternoon . gave an interesting address to the teachers and scholars of the higher classes of the District High School on the "Roman Empire." Mr Lee, interviewed in regard to the new school and site, stated that he thought the site a splendid one, and when the grounds were levelled off, fenced, metalled, etc., the spot would be much preferable to the old site, as it was high and dry, and a nice distance from the busy centre of the town. He was also very pleased with the buildings. ;

14th June 1909 For the Bush Rugby Union Shield, the Pahiatua School boys met a combined team from Konini, Mangarama and Scarborough on the local ground, and won by 58 points to nil

19th June 1909 In connection with the school shield football fixtures the Pahiatua boys play Eketahuna at the latter place to-morrow and Mangatainoka play a combined team from Konini. Scarborough and Mangarama at Scarborough.

A concert in aid of funds for gravelling part of the playground at the new school is likely to be held shortly.

25th June 1909 Wellington Education Board Opening of New Schools.—invitations to members of the board to attend the official openings of the new schools at' Pahiatua (on. July 21) and at Waikanae (June 30) were received with thanks.
To stand over Pahiatua (part cost drainage extension works),
26th June 1909 The local School Committee are already making arrangements for the official opening and social to be held on the 21st inst
2nd July 1909 On the 21st instant the Minister for Education (Hon. G. Fowlds) will visit. Pahiatua for the purpose of opening the new District High School.
5th July 1909 The match for the Shield between the Pahiatua and Mangatainoka Schoolboys, on the latter's ground, ended, after a, good game in a win for Pahiatua by six points to nil, Richardson and Wilton scoring tries for the winners.

7th July 1909 Mr Thomas, of the Pahiatua District High School, wrote inviting the Mayor and Councillors to the official opening of the new school. The Mayor said he hoped to see at the Councillors present at the function. Mr Thomas also wrote asking the Council if they would allow their workmen to dig the holes to plant the trees on Labour Day, the day appointed for the official opening. It was decided to accede to Mr Thomas request.

14th July 1909 Re Arbor Day At Pahiatua, too, there is likely to be something of a ' demonstration. The new school there is to be opened next Wednesday, and it is proposed to set some trees to make the event memorable.

19th July 1909 The Pahiatua School Committee will meet in Mr R. Wills' rooms on Monday evening, when further arrangements will be made regarding the official opening and social on Wednesday next
21st July 1909 The monthly meeting of. the School Committee was held on Monday evening, when it was decided to take no action in regard to the request for Bible teaching in the school. The headmaster's report showed that there were 276 pupils on-the roil, and that the average attendance was 250
21st July 1909 The Minister for Education (Hon. G. Fowlds) left this morning for Pahiatua, where he will open the new District High School.
22nd July 1909 THE NEW SCHOOL. OPENING CEREMONY. Weather conditions were exceedingly favourable for the opening ceremony this afternoon, and between 500 and 600 parents, children and visitors from various parts of this district were present, also the Hon. G. Fowlds, Minister of Education, Miss Fowlds, Sir Edward Gibb, Under Secretary to the Education Board, and Mr A. H. Vile, a member of the Board.

The Rev. Speers, chairman of the School Committee, in a neat speech, said that he hoped that now the new buildings were erected, with more space, better results would be achieved in the future. He was very pleased that the Hon. Minister, who was a busy man, attending to the duties of his country, had honoured them by attending, and he extended a hearty welcome to Mr Fowlds.
Mr D. Crewe, Mayor, also welcomed the Hon. Mr Fowlds on behalf of the Borough and stated that the people of Pahiatua hoped to see the Ministers more .frequently they had in the

past. If the Education Board could only see the future of Pahiatua as he did, they would have erected buildings of brick instead of wood. Mr Crewe also spoke on the need of a technical school, and also made reference to agriculture classes.

The Hon. Mr Fowlds expressed his pleasure at being present to take part in the opening ceremony. He especially wanted to attend this function, as it was in the country. He knew that children in the country often had to travel long distances and over bad roads to receive education. The hon. gentleman spoke at considerable length on the secondary school and technical school questions, and also on the proposed agriculture classes. Regarding the latter the speaker contended that children should receive an education to equip them for the daily life before them, and he believed these classes would be a splendid thing for a district like Pahiatua, which he was pleased to note was making steady progress. Speaking' to the boys and girls, the hon. gentleman said that boys and girls had many, privileges and opportunities in this country, and urged them to take every advantage of them, so that they would grow up to be a credit to New Zealand. In declaring the school open, Mr Fowlds said that he hoped that the splendid institution would be a source of intellectual inspiration to both the young and old of Pahiatua.

The flag was then unfurled, and the school children sang "The Red, White and Blue." Mr A. H. Vile apologised for the absence of the chairman and secretary of the Education Board. He was pleased that the Minister of Education had not followed up the hint he had dropped up North, regarding the cost of Education falling partly on local bodies. He would also like the Hon. Minister to go out into the back-blocks and see the conditions that some of the children had to put up with in order to get to school.

The Hon. Mr Fowlds then planted a tree, Miss Fowlds, Mrs D. Crewe and Mr A. H. Vile, doing likewise, after which refreshments were partaken of in one of the schoolrooms, the School Committee men's wives and the teachers attending to the wants of those present. A word of praise is due to the ladies in this respect, as the tables of good things were very daintily set out. The School Committee are indebted to Mr A. Eddie, of Mangahao, for drawing out elaborate landscape plans in connection with the beautifying the grounds.

During his speech Mr A. H. Vile stated the cost of the new buildings was as follows: — Removal and re-erection of infant room, £262 15s 3d; removal and re-erection of District High School, £292 4s; erection' of new School, £1,459 12s 4d; site, £390; total. £2,404 11s 7d.

All the members of the School Committee and the teaching staff worked very hard to ensure the success of the function

23rd July 1909 Thursday. The School social in the Drill Hall, last evening, was a fitting finale to what will long be remembered in Pahiatua as a red-letter day as regards educational matters. After the Chairman (the Rev. Speers) and the Hon. G. Fowlds had each delivered short addresses, dancing was commenced. Mr T. P. Wills acted as M:C. Songs were nicely rendered by Mrs Burgess, Miss Burgess and Misses Manifold and E. Graham, the latter having to respond to a vigorous encore. Misses 'Allen and M. Malcolm each played splendid violin solos, and Mr H. Webb gave a recitation. The accompaniments were played by Miss Burgess and good dance music was supplied by Mr Hicks, extras during the supper adjournment being kindly played by Mrs T. Husband, Miss Burgess, Miss Tulloch and Mr G. Mills. The Rev. Speers returned thanks to all those who had rendered assistance at the

opening ceremony, and the social, especially the ladies, who had gone to considerable trouble in connection with the refreshments.

Mr D. Crewe kindly placed his motor-car at the disposal of the Hon. Mr Fowlds during his visit to Pahiatua, and this morning the Hon. gentleman and Miss Fowlds were driven to the Pahiatua Hospital to inspect that institution. The Hon. Mr Fowlds, who is Minister in Charge of Hospitals, expressed his satisfaction with the Hospital. The gentlemen who were present at yesterday's function returned to Wellington by to-day's express, and I understand that the Hon. Mr Fowlds is to perform a similar ceremony at Hawera next week, in connection with the opening of the High School at that place

26th July 1909 Part of a long article on District High Schools The Minister of Education, speaking at Pahiatua, said District High Schools were only intended for places in process of development. Without such schools children in country districts would be unable to get any secondary education whatever, and the department was always looking forward to the time when these District High Schools would be converted into High Schools proper. There had been too great an inclination to sectionalise in their education, and the department bad to fight continually to secure a good all round system [Note Pahiatua and Kuranui Colleges were not opened until 1960 , 51 years after this speech]

30th July 1909 Wellington Education Board It was also resolved that, owing to the greater cost of American desks, the secondary departments of Greytown and Pahiatua he supplied with desks of local manufacture, which could be more cheaply obtained

17th August 1909 he hockey match between the Kotoroas and the Girls High School played on Saturday last was won by the High School girls by one goal to nil, Miss M. Do Malmanche scoring the goal. Miss R. Boagey played a splendid game for the High School, as did Miss J. Wilson for the Kotoroas

23rd August 1909 The lady members of the Pahiatua Debating Society held a soc/al evening in the 'Foresters" Hall on Friday night, Mrs. Baker Gabb presiding. The hall was crowded, and various competitions were held, at the conclusion' of which light refreshments were handed round. Altogether a very, enjoyable evening was spent

27th August 1909 Mrs Baker-Gabb granted leave of absence from Pahiatua School

8th September 1909 A piece of land adjoining the Pahiatua District, High School is being prepared for the culture of grass and mangolds, for the instruction of the pupils. The work of sowing, etc., is to be done under the supervision of Mr. Thomas, headmaster. Mr. G. Early has given the school committee permission to use the paddock fronting his residence for the purpose of experimenting with artificial manure…….

20th September 1909 The Secretary of the School Committee received word to-day, from Mr Davies, Agricultural Inspector to the Education Board that he would visit Pahiatua on Monday to inspect the school grounds in connection with beautifying them.

21st September 1909 Inspector Fleming arrived in Pahiatua, this afternoon, and paid a visit to the Pahiatua District High School.

9th October 1909 The Education Board has granted the Pahiatua District High" School Committee a further sum of £15 to complete the work now being carried out to the school grounds, and at a special meeting of the Committee, held on Wednesday evening the Rev. Speer, Mr Norrell and Mr Thomas (headmaster) were appointed a committee to have the work of topdressing and grassing the school-ground proceeded with.

11th October 1909 Pahiatua County Council The secretary of the Pahiatua District High School Committee wrote asking the Council to make a donation in connection with agricultural science, to be taught to the boys; and scientific dressmaking and cooking, to be taught to the girls. The Council regretted it could not see its way clear to give any monetary assistance.

20th October 1909 If the afternoon is suitable on Thursday next the older boys of the Pahiatua District High School will have a shooting practice at the rifle butts

23rd October 1909 I understand that Mr F. W. Wilson, of Mangamutu, has presented the Pahiatua School with a collection of Moa bones, and a variety of New Zealand insects

26th October 1909 The Wairarapa School Committees' Association, composed of members of School Committees between Martinborough and Pahiatua, has, during the past twelve months or so, lapsed into a state of easy inactivity. An attempt is now being made by Mr R. Brown, chairman of the Masterton District High School, to resuscitate it, and the various committees are being communicated with in order to ascertain if they are willing to give it their support. It is pointed out that the Association is not of as much benefit to the large schools as it is to the smaller ones, and that these should therefore accord it their hearty support……..

28th October 1909 Wellington Education Board Approved work Pahiatua cookery (sink drainage, water supply and taps), Pahiatua and Mount Cook Infants

Deferred: Pahiatua (bell, woodshed, verandah),

29th October 1909 Wellington Education Board Inspectors report: The schools at which a woodwork room would be needed would be Levin, Carterton, Pahiatua, and, perhaps, Greytown. .

29th October 1909 Wellington Education Board Pahiatua cookery-(sink,-drainage and water supply Pahiatua District High School (rearrangement of cesspits at urinals

17th November 1909 At the monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee last evening, Mr J. D. Wilson was elected to fill the vacancy on the Committee, caused by the departure of Mr W. Norrell. It was decided to hold a concert in aid of the school funds on December 15th. The headmaster reported that the average attendance at the school was 227, the number on the roll being 252.

18th November 1909 The Education Board's Agricultural Instructor paid a visit to the Pahiatua Schoolgrounds, this after, noon, and spoke highly of the work done towards beautifying the grounds. A novelty to be seen at the school is a "punga" fence, three and a half chains [1 chain = 20.8 meter] long and containing about six hundred "pungas." The work of erecting the fence has evidently been done by a practised workman, and will stand the test of public inspection,

20th November 1909. In a long article on a new train timetable was: Many of these came from between Eketahuna and. Masterton and would be unable to attend under the new conditions and would thus be debarred from getting the education they were justly entitled to. The same applied to the pupils in the Pahiatua district, who would be similarly debarred from receiving the necessary education. This would also mean that the attendance would suffer very materially.

3rd December 1909 A very pleasant afternoon was spent at the Pahiatua District High School yesterday, when the members of the school committee and their wives and friends met at the invitation of the teaching staff, to view the beautifying work recently carried out at the school

grounds. The grounds were laid out by Mr Eddie, of Mangahao, and the work of planting, etc , was supervised by Mr Thomas, headmaster. The punga fence mentioned in a previous issue was much admired by those present.

17th December 1909 The Pahiatua District High School broke up this afternoon for the midsummer vacation.

It is understood that Miss Marten, of the teaching staff of the Pahiatua School, has been appointed sole teacher of a school in the South Wairarapa. During her stay in this district, Miss Marten has made herself very popular with the children, and they will be exceedingly sorry to lose her [Miss Marten went to Ponatahi School]

20th December 1909 Miss F. Stormont, of the Pahiatua District High School, was successful in the handwork examination held in Masterton recently.

1910

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1910	238	Pahiatua	Scott	William W	E2	Assistant Master	£190	$29,786
1910	238	Pahiatua	Stormont	Florence M	E2	Assistant Female	£145	$22,732
1910	238	Pahiatua	Stone	Blanche	D4	Assistant Female	£105	$16,461
1910	238	Pahiatua	Burgess	Emily M		Assistant Female	£90	$14,109
1910	238	Pahiatua	Crow	Gladys		Female Pupil Teacher 2	£55	$8,622
1910	238	Pahiatua	Baker-Gabb B A	M Mrs	B1	Secondary		

28th January 1910 Wellington Education Board An estimate is to be obtained for the work of removing noxious weeds at Pahiatua

5th February 1910 The Junior cadets of the Pahiatua School, under Captain White-Scott, are to go into camp at the Hutt Park at the latter end of this month, on the occasion of Lord Kitchener's visit.

8th February 1910 Miss B. Stone has been appointed assistant teacher at the Pahiatua District High School.[In 1909 Blanche Stone was teaching at Havelock School in Marlborough]

14th February 1910 The Education Board has decided to adopt in the Wairarapa towns, Pahiatua, and Levin District High Schools a new programme of work on the lines of the "rural course" laid down by the Education Department. The question was discussed by the Masterton School Committee at its monthly meeting. The following resolution was carried :—: — "That this committee enters a very strong protest in regard to the compulsory nature of the new syllabus and the taking away of the matriculation standard, and that the committee communicate with other District High Schools with a view to taking concerted action.

24th February 1910 At the meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee, the Headmaster reported the number of scholars on the roll to be 276, this number being an increase of about thirty, at the end of last year. On the motion of Mr J. D. Wilson, it was resolved —"That the Committee expresses its sympathy with the Masterton District High School Committee. and that a protest be sent to the Board against the rural course being made compulsory for all scholars entering District High Schools, especially for those who -have attended secondary classes during the past year, with the view of passing the Matriculation , and other examinations. One gentleman present said the Board was evidently acting on the presumption that ever/ boy going into a District High School was going to be a farmer.

About forty of the Pahiatua District High School Cadets left by the early train this morning for Wellington, where they will take part in the Kitchener camp to be held in
Hutt Park during the remainder of the week. The boys looked well in their new uniform, and each carried a bulky haversack, which showed that their parents had not sent them empty away. The School Committee had also provided them with an ample supply of fruit for the journey and being under the command of one of their teachers (Captain White-Scott) there is no doubt that they will be well looked after while in camp. It was expected that the company would be joined by several other members of it at stations down the line, and that it would go into camp nearly fifty strong.

24th February 1910 Wellington Education Board Pahiatua, manual and technical buildings, £412 ; tools for five woodwork centres, £600

28th February 1910 The Pahiatua School Cadets arrived in Pahiatua to-day by the mail train, from the encampment at the Hutt Park. Although bad weather was experienced in the camp, the cadets report having a good time, and ready to make another similar journey. The boys were driven to the Drill Hall, and their captain, Mr White Scott, congratulated the cadets on their splendid behaviour when in camp, and, also, on the journey to and from the Hutt. Mr T. Boyd, a member of the School Committee, who happened to be present, said he was very pleased to hear that the boys had behaved so well, and had been a credit to Pahiatua. At Mr Boyd's instigation, three ringing cheers were lustily given by the boys for their captain

9th March 1910 Miss E Burgess appointed assistant [Previously a Pupil teacher at Pahiatua]

10th March 1910 Mr T. R. Fleming, Senior Inspector, under the Wellington Education Board, visited the local District High School, yesterday. Mr Fleming also conferred with the Committee concerning their objection to the new rural course. After hearing Mr Fleming's explanation of the scheme, they expressed satisfaction and the course was approved. During the afternoon Mr A. McDougall, Clerk of Works, was on the ground. The work of erecting the laboratory, woodwork and cookery rooms is to be proceeded with at once. Part of the building is to be utilised for this work. Two teams selected from the school Cadets proceed to Greytown tin Friday afternoon to take part in the firing for the Battalion Shield.

15th March 1910 Pahiatua news: The teams from the District High School that were competing for the Battalion Shield at Papawai on Saturday, arrived home by the afternoon train. The boys, although not successful in winning the shield, gave a good account of themselves. Colour-Sergeant Early in the Teams' Match put up the highest individual score at one range and succeeded in winning a trophy in the Association Match.

21st March 1910 The new High School Destroyed. About nine o'clock on Saturday night the glare of a large fire in the direction of Pahiatua attracted a good deal of attention. One Woodville resident, who has property in Pahiatua, fell uneasy, and telephoned to the post office finding out that the new District High School was in flames, and at the time of the message coining through was doomed to total destruction The Fire Brigade were doing their best, but the flames had too great a hold on the building. In a little over an hour the main building was completely destroyed, as well, as a detached building used as a secondary school. The other detached building used as an infant's school was saved. The origin of the fire is a mystery, but it is thought the caretaker had been burning rubbish on Saturday, and that a spark had been blown under the school. The loss is estimated at £I3OO. The school was only opened a few months ago by the Minister for Education

21st March 1910 The Pahiatua Public School Buildings were totally destroyed by fire last night. About 9 p.m. the alarm was given, and about one hour afterwards the destruction was complete. The brigade was on the spot promptly, but it was absolutely helpless, the water supply not being laid on to the school. A bucket brigade did good work, and succeeded in saving the infant department, which is across the grounds from the main building. A high wind was, blowing at the time, and helped the fire in its work of destruction. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The janitor swept the school buildings and locked up at ten on Saturday morning. There have been no fires in the school since the winter.

23rd March 1910 The Pahiatua School was about thirty chains off the water mains. The Board was asked to have water laid on but replied it could not afford the cost, £100 So the onlookers could do nothing but look on

23rd March 1910 The Commissioner of Police is to be asked by the Wellington Education Board to arrange for an official inquiry into. the origin of the fire which destroyed the school buildings at Pahiatua on Saturday last.

23rd March 1910 An official inquiry into the origin of the late fire at the District High School is to be held to-morrow at the School grounds. invite any person who can throw any light on the matter to come forward and give evidence. Several members of the Education Board will be present.

At the meeting of the School Committee last night Messrs H. Thomas, Ritchie. Wilson and the Chairman were appointed a sub-committee to make temporary arrangements for carrying on the school.

24th March 1910 The official enquiry into the origin of the fire at the District High School Buildings was held in the infant school this afternoon. Several witnesses were called but could throw no light on the matter. On summing up the evidence, the Coroner, Mr K. J. Gothard. gave the finding of the Court—"That, the Pahiatua District High School was burned on Saturday evening, but there was no evidence to show how the fire originated."

31st March 1910 The temporary arrangements for conducting the work of the District High School are complete. Work will be resumed on Monday, 4th April. Classes up to the First Standard will meet in the infant school; the remaining classes will meet in, the three rooms of the old school buildings, and the English Church schoolroom. The schoolroom at present is being lined, and being supplied with the necessary convenience

27th April Wellington Education Board THE PAHIATUA SCHOOL' FIRE. .At yesterday's meeting of the Wellington Education Board the magisterial report upon the circumstances connected .with the recent destruction, by fire, of the new district high school at Pahiatua. was received.: There was no theory as to the origin of the fire, beyond the opinion that the fire started in the southern portion of the building…….

6th May 1910 The old School Committee was returned the other evening, with the exception of Mr J. B. Tait. who did not seek re-election Mr Jensen was elected in his stead.

9th May 1910 The Pahiatua District High School! football team defeated the Woodville High School this morning at Woodville| by 10 points to 3—two tries and a| potted goal, all scored by G. Mexted.| Woodville scored from a penalty goal. After the match the Pahiatua team| was entertained at luncheon by the| Woodville boys. A return match will be played next Saturday at Pahiatua.|

22nd June 1910 The headmaster of the Pahiatua School, Mr J. Thomas, reports that the attendances for the month were: —Roll number 273, average attendance 245, percentage of attendance 90

24th June 1910 The Pahiatua School defeated a team of Boy Scouts at football, yesterday, by 18 points to nil.

31st August 1910 Wellington Education Board The Education Department notified that grant of £2150 had been authorised for the erection of a new school at Pahiatua. In answer to a question by Mr Vile, it was stated by the chairman that plans were low in course of preparation for the new school at Pahiatua, The Government also notified that a grant of £86 9s 4d had been made for the equipment of science classes at Pahiatua District High School,

15th October 1910 Separate tenders are invited by the Wellington Education Board for the re-erection of the school at Pahiatua, and for the erection-of new latrines, . with drainage.

26th October 1910 Wellington Education Board: That a grant for the provision of a sewing machine at Pahiatua school had also been approved

PAHIATUA RESIDENCE.

The condition of the schoolmaster's residence at Pahiatua was again referred to. Since last meeting the secretary had written to the Education Department pointing out that the state of the building Justified its condemnation. The residence was .twenty-five years old, was built low, on a wet site, and, -as the accommodation was so much below the standard that a teacher of Pahiatua rank was entitled to expect, the board several years ago permitted the headteacher to vacate the .residence and let it. He had not found this a profitable undertaking. On many occasions ho had been unable to obtain a satisfactory tenant. At first he had let it at 12s a week, but the last tenant had been charged only 8s 6d. The teacher complained that he had not received the rent for half the time ho had been, in possession. The board asked that, in the circumstances, the department should grant house allowance and permit the building to be condemned. The department replied that the precedent of condemning the residence could not be established, and that there could be no good reason for allowing the house to get into the state 'of disrepair disclosed by the report of the clerk of works.

26th October 1910 Wellington Education Board Pahiatua, Grant for Residence, £38

26th October 1910 The Wellington Education Board has granted leave of absence to Miss B. P. Stone, of the Pahiatua for a period of one month, as from September 28th.

Mr C. W. Lee, headmaster of the Martinborough School, lias been granted six months' leave of absence by the Wellington Education Board, on half-pay. At the end of the six mouths Mr Lee will retire from the Board's service, after having been in charge of the schools at Pahiatua, Otaki and Martinborough.

26th October 1910 Wellington Education Board The tender of Messrs Rigg Bros, was accepted for the erection of the new school at Pahiatua, and the tender of C. E. Clifton for the erection of latrines at the same school.

28th October 1910 A concert in aid of the District High School was held in the Olympic Theatre on Wednesday evening, and was a complete success. The sum of £17 10s was the result, and that, with £ for £ subsidy, by the Education Board, will make up a very substantial sum. The following is the musical programme: - Selection, Orchestra; song, Mr J. Walls; recitation, Mr Cyril F. Scobell; song, Miss A. Burgess; .pianoforte solo, Miss Allen; song, Mrs Thoms; violin solo, Miss Mabel Allen; duet, Misses Tulloch; song, Mr Manifold;, song,

Mr Sturton; flute solo, Mr C. Burt; song, Mr Clifton; song, Mrs Osborne-Lilly; song, Mr Cartwright; song, Mr 0. Mills. The second part of the programme was a very amusing farce by the local Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society, entitled, "Lights Out,"…….

29th October 1910 Report of same concert above: A concert given by the Dresden Piano Company in aid of the funds of the Pahiatua District High School in the Olympia Theatre on Wednesday proved a great success (and as a result the funds will benefit to the extent of some £35. The programme, as arranged '.by Mr. J. Walls, was a very good one.

9th November 1910 The question of extending the water and drainage to the Pahiatua District High School was again discussed at last night's meeting of the Borough Council, but nothing definite was done in the matter.

30th November 1910 The Government has agreed to pay the Education Board for temporary accommodation provided at Pahiatua.

1st December 1910 The erection of the new school at Pahiatua has been commenced by Messrs Rigg Bros.

17th December 1910 The children of- the District High School gave --a delightful .entertainment in the Olympic 'Theatre on Wednesday last, the building being packed. The programme consisted of action songs by the infants, and choruses and melodies by the elder pupils An. adaptation from one of Grimm's fairy tales, "The Princess Who Never Laughed," was also staged, and provided considerable amusement, the young folk , 'especially enjoying the play. As a result, of the concert, the funds of the school will have benefited to the extent of some £22

1911

1911	234	Pahiatua	Thomas	Joseph	C1	Headmaster	£290	$45,864
1911	234	Pahiatua	Scott	William W	E2	Assistant Master	£195	$30,839
1911	234	Pahiatua	Stormont	Florence M	E2	Assistant Female	£150	$23,723
1911	234	Pahiatua	Burgess	Emily M	C4	Assistant Female	£95	$15,024
1911	234	Pahiatua	Ruskell	Ruby		Female Probationer 1	£50	$7,908
1911	234	Pahiatua	Isles	Flora		Female Probationer 1	£50	$7,908
1911	234	Pahiatua	Baker-Gabb B A	M Mrs	B1	Secondary		

31st January 1911 Wellington Education Board he proposal of the Pahiatua Borough Council for connection with drainage and water system supply was approved

1st February 1911 Probationer appointments Wellington Education Board Ruby Ruskill and Flora Isles Pahiatua

16th February A long article in the Wairarapa Daily Times wrote about a successful programme of a course in Rural Instruction at Masterton, Carterton , Greytown, Levin and Pahiatua

8th March 1911 Inspector T R Fleming of the Education Board was yesterday on a visit to Pahiatua

23rd March 1911 According to Mr Thomas, headmaster of Pahiatua school, examinations are an absolute curse. He says the object of going to school was not examinations but education.

29th March 1911 Wellington Education Board annual report included DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS. The average attendance of the nine district high schools fell from 371 to 337. The reports show a standard of high efficiency. , The board records with satisfaction the

establishment of the rural course in connection, with five country district high schools—Levin, Pahiatua, Masterton. Carterton and : Grey town—and at the. Normal school under the depart mantis regulations. This event marks a distinct advance in rural education.

29th March 1911 Wellington Education Board Pahiatua, removal, etc. Rigg Bros., £254; Pahiatua, desks, Sanders Bros., £157 8s 6d; Pahiatua, residence repairs, W. B. Greaves, £42 10s;

3rd April 1911 Included in an article headed School Garden Masterton was: There are at the present time fifty-five schools in this educational province that have adopted the elementary agriculture course, with 1204 pupils, for the rural course the board supplies apparatus for work in botany, physics and agricultural chemistry. Several of the schools flow possess well-furnished laboratories. The Pahiatua school was recently voted .£70, tor its laboratory.

24th April 1911 The majority of the members of the Pahiatua Distrust High School Committee intend to seek re-election on the new committee.

24th April 1911 PAHIATUA'S POPULATION.

A SLIGHT DECREASE

The chief census enumerator for Pahiatua district lias prepared the following relative to the population of Pahiatua Borough and Pahiatua County from the census recently taken." a comparison is given with the returns for 1906

	1906	1911
Population of Borough	1371	1358
Population of County	3674	3396
Houses in County	781	812

In the Borough of Pahiatua there are 305 inhabited houses, 20 uninhabited, and one building. Eleven Chinese and two half-caste Chinese are resident in the Borough. Of the 812 houses in the County, 85 are uninhabited.

The only reason that can be given for the slight decrease in population in the Borough is the infrequency of large families compared with a few years ago. The volume of business transacted in town has increased considerably since the last census. The decrease in the rural population is partly ascribed to smaller families and partly to there not being so many small holdings as formerly.

24th April 1911 At a meeting of the outgoing committee of the Pahiatua District High School, held on Friday evening, the chairman (Mr J. D. Wilson) announced that the finances of the school were in a highly satisfactory condition, there being a credit balance of over £80. This is by far the most substantial sum any committee of the school has ever had to its credit. The annual meeting of householders to be held on Monday evening for the election of the committee for the ensuing year, promises to be a large one. Interest in school matters has somewhat brightened up of late, and the healthy state of the finances has tempted quite a number of well-known citizens to allow themselves to be nominated for the vacant positions on the committee.

25th April 1911 Pahiatua. — Mr. J. D. Wilson (chairman), Rev. Speer, Messrs. J. J. Boagey, O. Johnson, J. A. Walsh, G. A. Bengens, P. T. Hewatt, J, F. Fox, and C. E. Clifton.

26th April 1911 Wellington Education Board Pahiatua (conversion of buildings to sheds),

26th April 1912 Wellington Education Board It was reported that a grant of £260 had been made by the Government for science, cookery, woodwork and other fittings at the Pahiatua school.

13th May 1911 The removal of the old Pahiatua School to-the site of the new school at the end of Princes Street has proved a larger undertaking than at first anticipated. An attempt was first made to shift the building complete, but it has now been hauled by a traction engine in three sections.

20th May 1911 Tenders are invited by the Wellington Education Board for science and cookery fittings at Pahiatua District High School. Tenders close on the '25th inst. and plans and specifications may be seen at the offices of Mr J. D. Wilson, Pahiatua. and. Mr M - R. Varnham, Masterton.

31st May 1911 Wellington Education Board Declined Pahiatua, residence drainage, water, etc

8th June 1911 The Pahiatua District High School is represented at the Wellington Industrial Exhibition by exhibits of penmanship from various standard

10th June 1911 The tender of Messrs Geo. Hyde and Co., of Masterton, has been accepted by the Wellington Education Board for the furnishings and fittings of the cookery and science rooms at the Pahiatua District High School.

4th June 1911 The Pahiatua District High School Committee, at its monthly meeting this week, decided to nominate Mr A. H. Vile, of Masterton, for re-election to the Wellington Education Board. The Committee also resolved to invite Mr Vile to present the Coronation medals to the school children on the re-assembling of the school.

28th June 1911 Wellington Education Board , Pahiatua (metalling), and motor bicycle shed.

5th July 1911 Mr A. H.. Vile will present the Coronation medals to the children of the Ballance school this morning, and of the Pahiatua High School this afternoon.

6th July 1911 In the afternoon, at the District High School at Pahiatua, there was a goodly assemblage of parents and friends. Addresses were given by the Mayor, of Pahiatua. (Mr W. W. McCardle); Mr J. D. Wilson (chairman, of the School Committee), and Mr A. H. Vile, and patriotic -songs were rendered by the children, after -which the medals were presented. A memorial oak free was subsequently presented by Mr Vile, amid cheering. In the evening a fireworks. display was made in honour of the occasion.

27th July 1912 It is proposed to have an official ceremony in connection with the opening of the new District High School buildings at Pahiatua, and the Minister for Education (Hon. G. Fowlds) will most likely be invited to visit Pahiatua.

Of the thirty-two pupils of the secondary department of the Pahiatua District High School, twelve come from outside the school district, five, being from Mangatainoka, four from Scarborough, one from Puketoi, one from Nikau and one from Konini. As the railway time-table is unsuitable, no pupils use the train. Nine travel by cycle or on horseback and three board in Pahiatua.

30th August 1911 The Pahiatua District High School Committee resolved on Monday evening to have an official opening of the new school • buildings, land to ask the Hon. G. Fowlds (Minister for Education) to perform the ceremony.

6th September 1911. The Eketahuna School Committee had arranged for a deputation to wait upon the Minister for Education om the occasion of his visit to -Pahiatua, to discuss with him

the question of.al new school. As the Minister has resigned, the visit to Pahiatua, and the deputation, will both be "off."

27th September 1911 Wellington Education Board Six copies of portraits of the King and Queen—-a direct present from his Majesty himself to the board—were accepted with thanks by the board. It was decided to allot a copy each to the Training School, Terrace (representing city schools), Masterton and Pahiatua (representing country schools), and Petone and Levin (suburban;. A letter is to be sent to his Excellency, thanking his Majesty, through the Governor, for the gifts. . The department recommended that the superintendent of the local fire brigade should instruct the children of the principal schools in fire drill. The board approved of the proposal.

29th September 1911 A class for teachers in agriculture and agricultural chemistry will be started in Pahiatua on Saturday next.

31st October 1911 Wellington Education Board To be authorised: Pahiatua concreting floor of sheds. Extra cookery and science contract

16th November 1911 Matriculation Exam in connection with University of NZ from Pahiatua Miss M F Hewat, Miss F M Isles, Miss Ruskell, K M Holdaway Pahiatua

6th December 1911 Epidemics in schools have been more frequent than usual this year in the Wellington district, and the average attendance generally is sure to be affected. The latest outbreak is one of mumps in the Pahiatua School

1912

1912	195	Pahiatua	Thomas	Joseph	C1	Headmaster	£295	$45,241
1912	195	Pahiatua	Scott	William W	E2	Assistant Master	£200	$30,672
1912	195	Pahiatua	Stormont	Florence M	E2	Assistant Female	£150	$23,004
1912	195	Pahiatua	Burgess	Emily M	C4	Assistant Female	£100	$15,336
1912	195	Pahiatua	Ruskell	Ruby		Female Probationer 2	£55	$8,435
1912	195	Pahiatua	Isles	Flora		Female Probationer 2	£55	$8,435
1912	195	Pahiatua	Baker-Gabb B A	M Mrs	B1	Secondary		

17th January 1912 George Clifton of Pahiatua finished 35th in the scholarship examinations. The first about 17 would qualify

20th January 1912 Civil service junior examinations Dora G Taylor finished 46th in the examination

In Class B Rural Course Dora Taylor, lice McCardle and Edie Wills all won a scholarship

28th February 1912 Miss Burgess ranted leave of absence by Wellington Education Board

28th February 1912 Wellington Education Board Classes for teachers included Saturday classes in elementary agriculture will be established at Pahiatua during the spring and' summer months, ' and Mr. Gumming will be. permitted to hold winter classes for the benefit of farmers and others.

16th April 1912 Akitio County Council: A request was declined the Pahiatua D.H. School Committee to contribute toward a scholarship fund.

24th April 1912 School Committee Pahiatua. —Messrs J. D. Wilson (chairman). G. A. Burgess. T. F. Hewatt, V. E. Clifton, O. Johnstone. F. Vincent, ‚J Findlay. J. D. C. Crewe, and G. R. Vile.

29th April 1912 Although termed the "Bush" district, firewood is apparently getting scarce in Pahiatua, not a single tender being received by the local School Committee for a supply of ten cords. Some of the wood dealers in 'the town recently raised the price on the unfortunate householder by a shilling a cord. —Herald.
29th May 1912 The roll number of the Pahiatua District High School is 210, and the present average attendance 189.
15th July 1912 very successful children's fancy dress ball was held at Pahiatua on Friday evening, in aid of the funds of the District High School A sum of £30 was netted.
17th July 1912 Arbor Day will be celebrated at the Pahiatua School to-day by the planting of a number of trees in the school grounds.
12th September 1912 From Masterton Promotion of a Masterton High School being established included he District High Schools at Pahiatua and other places would not be disestablished by the establishment of a High School in Masterton. Where there were not 80 pupils the schools would still go on. The proposal to establish a High School was in keeping with the regulations of the Department
12th September 1912 Miss B. Stone, of Pahiatua, has been appointed assistant mistress at the Masterton District High School [Miss Stone was teaching at Pahiatua at the end of 1910 but was not teaching for a Wellington Education Board school at the end of 1911]
31st October 1912 Mr O. Johnson has resigned his position as secretary of the Pahiatua School Committee, owing to pressure of duties. The resignation has. been accepted with regret.
29th November 1912 Messrs E. P. Badger and E. L. Darley have been elected to Ii II the vacancies on the Pahiatua School Committee caused by the resignation of Messrs E. E. Clifton and 0. Johnson.
19th December 1912 Mrs M. Baker-Gabb, .B.A., assistant in the secondary department of the Pahiatua District High School, who is well known in Masterton, intends to retire, early next year, from the services of the Education Board. She contemplates a trip to Great Britain, leaving in April.
21st December 1912 Miss R. Wilton, daughter of Mr H R Wilton, of Pahiatua, who has just completed her term at the Teaching Training College, Wellington, has received advice that she has been awarded the "D" certificate and a partial pass for the "C" certificate. [Rubina Wilton had taught for 3 years at Masterton School before going to training college and then taught for 2 years at Nireaha and at least 1 year at Koputaroa before marrying Andrew Shearer in 1917]

1913

1913	212	Pahiatua	Thomas	Joseph	C1	Headmaster	£300	$45,000
1913	212	Pahiatua	Scott	William W	E2	Assistant Master	£205	$30,750
1913	212	Pahiatua	Ritchie	Annie M	D2	Assistant Female	£135	$20,250
1913	212	Pahiatua	Burgess	Emily M	C3	Assistant Female	£105	$15,750
1913	212	Pahiatua	Connell	Eliza		Female Probationer 1	£50	$7,500
1913	212	Pahiatua	O'Meara	Kathleen J		Female Probationer 1	£50	$7,500
1913	212	Pahiatua	Reese B A	Marion	B3	Secondary		

25th January 1913 Marjorie Thomas and Eliza Connell of Pahiatua DHS both passed in Class B (Rural) the Senior Scholarship examination

29th January 1913 Mrs. Baker-Gabb, secondary assistant at the Pahiatua District High School, has retired on superannuation. At the meeting of the Wellington. Education Board yesterday it was decided.to forward a letter to Mrs. Baker-Gabb acknowledging her long and valuable services [From 31st March]

29th January 1913 Probationers appointed Pahiatua Eliza Connell and Florence H M Thomas [Florence Thomas did not teach at a school until 1914]

Florence was born in 1897 as Florence Helen Maisie to Joseph and Evelyn Lizzie. Joseph was the headmaster of Pahiatua DHS and Father of 7 children Eldest, Harry, born in 1894 Youngest, Nancy born 1905

12th March 1913 Wellington Education Board appoints Miss Reece as secondary assistant

29th March 1913 Wellington Education Board Pahiatua, ground improvements, additional subsidy, half cost up to £8 11s 6d

22nd April 1913 The Pahiatua, school children are to be taken to Napier to see the battleship New Zealand. .Up till Sunday,, evening. 80000 people had inspected the. cruiser" New Zealand at Wellington.

29th April 1913 The arrangements made for getting the Pahiatua school children, who visited the H.M.S. New Zealand at Napier, aboard the warship are described by Mr J. D. Wilson, chairman of 'the Pahiatua school committee, as “simply shocking and disgraceful.” There was such a bungle in connection with the arrangements that the train bringing the children home did not reach Pahiatua until 2 o’clock on Saturday morning, three hours late

3rd May 1913 Miss F Stormont, who has been a member of the teaching stair of the Pahiatua District high School for several years, has tendered her resignation

5th June 1913 A special meeting of the Pahiatua School Committee was held on Monday evening. Mr J. D. Wilson presided. Out of eleven applications, the Wellington Education Board submitted the name of Miss Annie Ritchie, of the Greytown School, for the position of assistant mistress at the local school, in succession to Miss Stormont, who is shortly retiring from the teaching profession. The Committee approved of the selection of Miss Ritchie for the position.

23rd June 1913 Miss Stormont, who has for six years been on the staff of the Pahiatua school, and who has resigned in order to get married, was presented with a travelling rug by the children and a silver hot water jug by the staff.

28th June 1913 Hutt Valley Independent: Miss Stormont. formerly of Kaitoke, received handsome presents from the pupils and the teaching staff of the Pahiatua State School on her approaching marriage

30th June 1913 Miss Ritchie, teacher of the infant class in the Greytown School, having received an appointment in the Pahiatua district, was given a send-off by her pupils, and also by members of the Presbyterian Church, of which she was a good working member. The farewell took the shape of a party at the Fire Brigade Hall and was most enjoyable. Miss Ritchie was the recipient of some handsome presents. The school staff also made Miss Ritchie a substantial presentation on her leaving the staff.

1913/3836	Florence Maude Stormont	William Proctor

1922/8449	Proctor	Florence Maude	40Y

25th July 1913 The Pahiatua District High Behoof Committee netted £13 9s as the result of a fancy dress; ball recently held.

30th September 1913 Mrs Baker-Gabb, formerly of Pahiatua, will return-to' the.: Dominion this week from a visit to England

19th November 1913 The present roll number of the Pahiatua Public School is 246, the average attendance being 221

1914

1914	237	Pahiatua	Thomas	Joseph	C1	Headmaster	£310	$44,383
1914	237	Pahiatua	Scott	William W	E2	Assistant Master	£210	$30,066
1914	237	Pahiatua	Ritchie	Annie M	D2	Assistant Female	£145	$20,760
1914	237	Pahiatua	Pattle	Kate A	D3	Assistant Female	£140	$20,044
1914	237	Pahiatua	McKenzie	Ivy V	D5	Assistant Female	£100	$14,317
1914	237	Pahiatua	Connell	Eliza		Female Probationer 2	£60	$8,590
1914	237	Pahiatua	O'Meara	Kathleen J		Female Probationer 2	£60	$8,590
1914	237	Pahiatua	Nathan	Vera E M		Female Pupil Teacher 2	£35	$5,011
1914	237	Pahiatua	Reese B A	Marion	B3	Secondary		

21st January 1914 Senior Free Place at Secondary School Exam Class B Rural) Doris M McCardle finished 3rd. Mabel L Herd and George H Clifton also qualified

28th January 1914 Miss Vera E M Nathan appointed [Only taught the one year for the Wellington Education Board]

13th February 1914 Miss Dora Taylor, of Pahiatua, has been appointed probationer at the Mangatainoka, School.

19th March 1914 Considerable improvements have been effected to the grounds at the Pahiatua District High School during the past .six months. At the meeting of the school committee held this week it was decided to approach the- Borough Council for a grant towards the recent improvements, as it was considered that they would benefit the town generally

20th March 1914 The Bible-ln-Schools League in Pahiatua is reported to be in a very great state. At a meeting of the League on Wednesday, great satisfaction was expressed with the past year's work, financially and otherwise. At the present time the League had three lady members engaged in a house to house canvas for signatures to cards requesting a referendum on the Bible-in-Schools. It was also reported that the W.C.T.U. Convention at Gisborne had now resolved to support the League. Hitherto, the W.C.T.U. has been supporting the. Nelson system. The league's secretary is .Mrs Dempsey.

28th March 1914 A little girl named Ruby 'Vincent, daughter of Mr W. C. Vincent, fell from a. see-saw on which she was playing at the Pahiatua school yesterday, and broke her left arm

1st April 1914 DISAPPOINTED TEACHERS THE PHYSICAL INSTRUCTION CAMPS. Press Association. PAHIATUA, March 31. Disappointment has been occasioned among tire teachers of this district over the arrangements made for the voluntary camps held for physical instruction. Originally the notices were sent to all teachers under the Wellington Board that

they were to report themselves for physical culture at Wellington on March 27th. The Wairarapa teachers have been now ordered to assemble at Masterton in May. They are aggrieved over the latter proposal. It is claimed that it is hard oil those teachers who have sacrificed a fortnight of their summer holidays in the expectation of a holiday at Easter, and who, in the case of 'many assistants, now find all their plans for holiday-making frustrated.

18th April 1914 Mr Robert Lee, chairman of _the Wellington Board-visited the Eketahuna School on Wednesday and the Pahiatua School on Thursday. [Mr Robert Lee who had been sacked by the Wellington Education Board as inspector then later elected to the Wellington Education Board and then became chairman]

21st April 1914 Mr. R. Lee, chairman -of the Wellington Education Board paid a visit: to the Pahiatua District" High School" last week, when .he was met by' the local School Committee, teaching 'staff, and old pupils, who wished him "bon voyage, in his projected- trip to England. Mr. Lee addressed the school children, and advised them, to take every advantage of the education offered. Afternoon tea. was afterwards served in the cookery room, and the headmaster, Mr. J. Thomas, presented Mr. Lee with a group of 18 photographs of the school and gardens. Mr T Moss, also a member of the Education Board, attended the function. and gardens.

23rd May 1914 Wellington Education Board approved an incinerator and outside seats

18th June 1914 There are at present 263 names on the roll of the Pahiatua school. The average attendance last- month was 230.

30th June 1914 Miss E Burgess resigns from Pahiatua School

3rd July 1914 Yesterday a young son of Mr Herbert Sowry broke a leg while playing football at school and was immediately conveyed to the Pahiatua hospital. It is a strange coincidence that the boy broke the same leg on the same day three years before.

8th July 1914 And when you have seen the men who are bearing the burden of today take a look at the citizens of tomorrow in the schools. You will find them a healthy and promising lot of youngsters, and in Pahiatua itself you will be amazed at what has been achieved in the town school. One's general impression of a public school ground is of a place worn bare of grass, or very nearly so, with a shed in one corner, and a generally forlorn and unattractive appearance. Most people would consider it a ridiculous proposal to attempt to surround a public school attended by about three hundred children of all ages with grounds resembling those of a private mansion. The idea at once conjures up visions of broken shrubs, trampled gardens, .and tracks in all directions over such grass as is able to exist at all. Hut in Pahiatua the impossible has been achieved. The school is beautifully situated on a terrace over-l[As printed]

25th July 1914 The headmaster of the Pahiatua District High School has drawn the attention of the committee .to a Clause in the Education Bill which provides that if parents do not have the recommendations of medical officers attended to, they will be liable to prosecution. He said he believed this was absolutely wrong in principle and practice, and if school committees throughout the country expressed an opinion against a clause _he was sure it would have influence in preventing such a pernicious regulation from getting into the Act. The committee has decided to forward a letter to the Minister for Education, and to the member for the district, objecting to the clause complained of.

25th July 1914 The Pahiatua School Committee has passed a resolution regretting the resignation of Miss Burgess from teaching staff. It was decided to present her with a testimonial Miss Burgess has been appointed to a position at Normanby, Taranaki.
1st August 1914 Miss M. Burgess, who has been a member of the Pahiatua District High School teaching staff for a number of years,, and -who has resigned to take up a similar position in the Taranaki district, was entertained on Thursday afternoon to afternoon tea in the cookery room of the local school., The headmaster, Mr. ,J. Thomas, on behalf of the teaching staff, presented Miss Burgess with an album containing views of -the Pahiatua school and photographs of the staff... The scholars, under-the tuition, of Miss Burgess also, presented her. with a silver-backed' brush, comb, and mirror
12th August 1914 Wellington Education Board appointed Miss K Tattle [actually Pattle] to Pahiatua
19th September 1914 Mrs Proctor, late of the Pahiatua District High School, is acting as relieving mistress at the Tauherenikau (Wairarapa) school [Taught at Pahiatua as Florence M Stormont before her marriage Started teaching in 1897 at Thorndon Infant school and Taught at Terrace [Wellington] Belvedere and Kaitoke before coming to Pahiatua in 1907]
24th September 1914 Mr and Mrs C. Baker-Gabb, of Wellington, recently arrived in Hastings and intend making their home there. Before going to Wellington, Mr and Mrs Baker-Gabb lived for many years in Pahiatua.
21st October 1914 The average attendance, at the Pahiatua District High School last month was 215.
11th November 1914 Miss Board has been a pointed assistant at the Pahiatua School. Miss Stone, formerly, of Pahiatua, has been appointed assistant at Levin
8th December 1914 A team of tennis players from the Pahiatua District High School journeyed, to Masterton on Saturday, and defeated a team from the Masterton High School, the scores being: Pahiatua, 259; Masterton, 204.
17th December 1914 Miss Pattle, of the teaching staff of the Pahiatua school, has been on sick leave for some time, and Miss McKenzie, of Masterton, has been relieving. Mr [Miss Margaret] Hewat has recently been appointed to the staff as the result of a recommendation by the committee.[Ex Mangatainoka School]

1915

1915	245	Pahiatua	Thomas	Joseph	C1	Headmaster	£310	$41,525
1915	245	Pahiatua	Scott	William W	E2	Assistant Master	£240	$32,148
1915	245	Pahiatua	Ritchie	Annie M	C2	Assistant Female	£155	$20,762
1915	245	Pahiatua	Pattle	Kate A	D3	Assistant Female	£140	$18,753
1915	245	Pahiatua	Hewat	Margaret F	D5	Assistant Female	£110	$14,735
1915	245	Pahiatua	McLennan	Annie M		Female Pupil Teacher 2	£60	$8,037
1915	245	Pahiatua	McCardle	Alice C		Female Probationer 2	£35	$4,688
1915	245	Pahiatua	Ruskell	Ida F M		Female Probationer 1	£30	$4,019
1915	245	Pahiatua	Thomas	Florence H M		Female Probationer 1	£30	$4,019
1915	245	Pahiatua	Reese B A	Marion	B3	Secondary		$0
1915	245	Pahiatua	McHardie B A	Winifred E	B3	Secondary		

15th January 1915 J W McCardle Pahiatua was the only successful candidate for Junior Scholarship from Pahiatua DHS/ Though finishing 18th he was the top candidate from outside Wellington city

27th January 1915 Probationers appointed Ida F M Ruskell and Florence H N Thomas. Alice C McCardle was transferred from Scarborough to Pahiatua as a Probationer

27th January 1915 Miss M Hewat appointed assistant from Mangatainoka

17th February 1915 The present roll number of the Pahiatua District High School is 270, and in the secondary department 35.

1st March 1915 Professor 'Wragge sent a number of his bills [As in Notices not currency] announcing his lecture for distribution amongst the children attending the Pahiatua School. The headmaster refused to allow the bills to be distributed saying that "they had plenty of monkey shows coming round ! " Naturally the Professor was annoyed, and gave expression to his feelings when lecturing to the people

21st April 1915 The question of the medical inspection of school children was again introduced by the headmaster of the Pahiatua District High School. At a meeting of the Committee, he suggested that the annual meeting of householders would be a suitable place to have the matter discussed. The present system did not appear very satisfactory, being expensive, and also slow. It was decided that the various committees in the Wellington Education Board's district be circularised, with a view to obtaining an expression of opinion at the householders' meetings.

28th April 1915 Wellington Education Board It was resolved to decline a request from the Petone Technical School for an increase in allowance, and a similar position "was taken up in regard to an application from Pahiatua in respect to the purchase of coal.

4th May 1915 School Committee PAHIATUA.—Messrs J. D. Wilson, J. P. Findley, J. D. C. Crewe, O. Johnston, W. H. Dempsey, W. R. Richardson, F. Paget-Jones, A. W. Baucke, and Rev. L. H. Fenn.

5th May 1915 COMMENTS BY A TEACHER. (By Telegraph.—Press Association.) Pahiatua, May 14. According to statements made by the headmaster of the Pahiatua District High School at the meeting of householders, the Secondary Department was not very popular, and therefore loses its designed utility. The headmaster said it was claimed when the course was introduced that the children living in dairying districts would want to increase their knowledge of dairying, the same as those living in mining districts would want to know more about mining and so on. This was very pretty in theory, but he declared that the whole of the children in the local class hate the sight of a cow. He had inquired from the class how many were going on the land and there was not a solitary one. He contended that the rural course was. not a suitable one. The syllabus was drawn up in Wellington and teachers had no power to alter it. The master also criticised the present system of medical inspection. A motion was passed urging the remedying of the defects. The committees throughout the Wellington district have been circularised on the matter.

12th May 1915 The handsome mounted stag's head, donated by Mr. Hugh McKay, and auctioned in aid of the Belgian Fund at the Pahiatua Farmers' Union social last week-end, realised £530. This sum is likely to be brought up to £700, as the purchaser, Mr. S. V. Rodney, has decided to present the head to the Pahiatua School, provided that the public

subscribe at least £700 'to the Belgian Fund. A number of donations have been received for the object named.

24th June 1915 The Pahiatua District High School has a roll number of 274

30th June 1915 Miss V E M Nathan resigned as Pupil Teacher

27th July 1915 Miss Vera Nathan, pupil [Teacher] at the Pahiatua District High school; has severed her connection with the school, and leaves for Wellington at the end' of the present month

10th August 1915 Miss W McHardie appointed secondary assistant at Pahiatua DHS

15th September 1915 The engagement is announced of Mr P. M. Jackson, of the Pahiatua District High School, to Miss Barv, of Greytown [Mr Jackson actually taught at Greytown school]

8th October 1915 Owing to the prevalence of .'diphtheria and measles, the schools in Pahiatua have been closed.

21st October 1915 The Pahiatua District High School lias been closed for some time owing to an epidemic of sickness.

25th October 1915 The Pahiatua District High School, which has been closed for three weeks in consequence of sickness, will re-open to-day.

15th November 1915 Mr J. Thomas, headmaster of the Pahiatua school, is confined to ilia bed with a severe attack of influenza.

2nd December 1915 Grants were, made by the Wellington Education Board on Tuesday for renewal of fencing at the Greytown residence, and extension of tree-planting at the Pahiatua school.

1916-1917

1917	209-36	Pahiatua	Chatwin	George W	Head	C-18	£320	$35,866
1917	209-36	Pahiatua	Scott	William W	Assistant	E-68	£240	$26,899
1917	209-36	Pahiatua	Ritchie	Annie M	Assistant	C-60	£175	$19,614
1917	209-36	Pahiatua	Pattle	Kate A	Assistant	D-81	£160	$17,933
1917	209-36	Pahiatua	Hewat	Margaret F	Assistant	D-87	£130	$14,570
1917	209-36	Pahiatua	Reader	Ella R	Pupil Teacher 3		£65	$7,285
1917	209-36	Pahiatua	McCardle	Doris M	Probationer 2		£35	$3,923
1917	209-36	Pahiatua	Ball	Elizabeth	Probationer 1		£30	$3,362
1917	209-36	Pahiatua	Reese B A	Marion (ii)	Secondary	B-57		
1917	209-36	Pahiatua	McHardie B A	Winifred E	Secondary	B-65		

15th January 1916 Pahiatua Centre.—L. A. Barnes, C. H. Brown, J. W. McCardle, B. E. May, J. C. F. Ruskell. Achieved the standard required for a free place in a District high School or Secondary School achieved in the Public Service examination

24th January 1916 Qualified in November examinations Senior Free Place B A Holmwood, E A Westlake. Junior Place P. Delahanty, H. Macpherson, D M. Tait.

1st February 1916 Mr Fred. Muir, of Greytown, has been appointed a pupil teacher at the Pahiatua District High School. Fred Muir was not teaching in any Wellington Education Board school by 1917

10th February 1916 Miss D Boagey of Pahiatua has been appointed probationer pupil teacher at the Worser Bay School in Wellington Miss Boagey was not teaching in any Wellington Education Board school by 1917

7th March 1916 Mr. J. J. Bruce Stevenson, who has been Agricultural Instructor under the Wellington Education Board in the Forty-mile Bush during the past two years, has received a .similar appointment with the North Canterbury Education Board. Mr. Stevenson came from New South Wales to New Zealand. He made Pahiatua his headquarters 'in working the schools in the Forty-mile Bush and on the Manawatu coast, and more recently his attention' has been confined to the Pahiatua, Eketahuna, Masterton, and Carterton District High Schools.

10th April 1916 The local [Woodville] High School football team travelled to Pahiatua on Saturday and met the Pahiatua team in a friendly match. The weather was very bad, the teams playing for the most part in a thunder and hail storm. As a result of the heavy rains, the ground was in a very slippery condition, and consequently there were no opportunities for any brilliant play by either side. Woodville kicked off with the wind in their favor, but a little after five-minutes play, the teams were called off because of a violent downpour of hail. On play being resumed, the home team pressed their opponents back, and after some loose play, C. Brown Pahiatua, picked up the ball and dashed for the line. When within five yards, be slipped, and falling over, slid the remaining distance, and forced the ball in the corner. The try was converted with a really brilliant kick by the scorer. Before the whistle sounded for half time, the home team added to their score by goaling a penalty kick. When the game restarted, the visitors pressed their opponents, and the rush resulted in a force. Play was then gradually worked back to Woodville's 25, and Brown was again successful with a penalty kick, which he repeated almost immediately. From then till the finish of the game, Pahiatua crossed the line and scored twice, but both attempts at goal failed, the game ending with a well-deserved victory for the home team by 20 points to nil. ft is a rather notable fact that the whole of the Pahiatua score was put up by C. Brown, the captain, who played an excellent game in the position of centre forward. The play proved that the Woodville forwards need a great deal of practice, and it was easily seen that they were materially weaker than their opponents, in that their play was very loose, and they lacked the combination shown by the Pahiatua forwards. Mr E. .J. Harding controlled the game in a satisfactory manner.

17th April 1916 PAHIATUA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

how to beautify a school site is a problem that seems to have been well thought out by the educationists of; Pahiatua; It is only a few years since? the old school at Pahiatua, down on the flat, was closed, and now buildings were erected on the hillside overlooking the township. Already the boys and girls, directed by Mr Thomas, the head-: master, and his staff, have effected a wonderful transformation. The District High School consists of three buildings, the primary school, occupying the centre, supported right and left by the secondary and infant rooms. Though buildings are commodious, well lighted and ventilated, and furnished in an up-to-Dato style. Iron gates, with a street and paths terminating in a. carriage drive leading up to the school, form the approach. A well-trimmed lawn, braced by a wall of boulders, and surrounded by a choice display of trees and hedges, set oil the school to advantage. Exotic and native shrubs flourish side by side, producing an assortment of foliage and colour as varied as it is interesting. The collection of shrubs, grasses and variegated flax is extensive

and valuable, for the mountain tops as well as the ravines and gorges have been ransacked and the crown of Mount Cerberus and heights of the Puketois have been placed under contribution. The situation is subject to heavy winds, but stately walls of Australian gums and British oaks are beginning to afford a much-appreciated shelter.

No school is free from .imperfections and disadvantages, however. The site of the Pahiatua school is healthy and the surroundings are picturesque, but itis half a mile from the main street, and this must affect the attendance at the infant school. The average attendance at the primary school, about 200, has been stationary for many years, but the population of the borough does not increase. A good start was made some years ago with the primary classes, which quickly rose from 40 to over (50, but-when a new syllabus was issued, and Latin and French had to be substituted for book-keeping and shorthand, a woeful failing off to about thirty took place. Of late the classes have been recovering, and there are now over forty for whom two teachers are provided.

4th May 1916 Mr T. R. Fleming, M.A., Senior .Inspector of Schools. will deliver a lecture at Pahiatua on Saturday. April 39th, on "'The. growth of the British Imperial Spirit

5th May 1916 A communication was read at the meeting of the- Pahiatua. School Committee on Tuesday night, conveying the findings oi the Wellington Education Board as the result of the inquiry lately held into complaints made by the .Committee against the. headmaster (Mr J. Thomas). The Board has decided that in the interests of educational efficiency it is advisable the headmaster should apply for a transfer, and the other findings sustain the charges made by the Committee. The chairman (Mr ,J. D. Wilson) remarked that the result was a complete vindication" of the action of the Committee, and it was satisfactory also that in the re-election of seven out of eight members of the. old Committee the householders had endorsed the attitude taken up.— "Herald.

22nd May 1916 WAIRARAPA TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

".MEETING AT PAHIATUA

For over twenty years no meetings of the Wairarapa, teachers Institute had been held m Pahiatua, but the success which attended Saturday's meeting in the northern town was clear evidence that the action of the Executive in breaking this long spell was greatly appreciated by the teachers of the Forty-Mile Bush. By the first train on Saturday eleven teachers left Masterton, and at almost every station the party was increased. Arrived at Pahiatua, the visitors were hospitably treated to morning tea by the staff of the District High School. The beautifully laid out grounds of the ideal school site were much admired, and congratulations to Mr J. Thomas, the headmaster, were freely extended At 11 o'clock the teachers met at the Borough Council Chambers, where a large audience, including many of the general public, listened to an excellent lecture by Mr T. R. Fleming* M.A., senior inspector of schools, "On the Growth of the British Imperial Spirit.," The Mayor, Mr J. D. C. Crewe, occupied the chair. The lecturer was in splendid form and held the interest and close attention of his audience for an hour and a half. Concluding his lecture, Mr. Fleming contrasted the Imperial spirit of the Britons with that of the Germans, and incidentally showed how cleverly the Prussian War Lords had for years used the schools from the kindergarten to the University, for the dissemination of their doctrines. At the close of lecture a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker for his very able address.

In the afternoon a general meeting of the Institute was held, the president, Mr D. E. Leslie [Masterton School], occupying the chair. Under the new constitution of the N.Z. Education Institute, Pahiatua is entitled to claim a branch. Institute of its own, and the Wairarapa Executive strongly recommended that the northern teachers should avail themselves of this privilege. Ott the motion of Mr J. Thomas, second-" ed by Mrs A. E. Whibley [Mangahao School], it was unanimously resolved "That a-Branch; of the Institute be formed at Pahiatua. provided the services of a suitable secretary are obtainable." There being no teacher present who cared to undertake the rather heavy initial work of forming- the branch, it was eventually decided that the Wairarapa president and the secretary (Mr. G. A. Jones) should meet the teachers at Pahiatua again in a few weeks' time, when the meeting considered there would then be nominations forthcoming for the respective, offices.

Very little time was left for the President to explain the Department's new grading scheme, by. means of which the names of all teachers of the Dominion are to appear in a list, graded m order of merit, according to skill in teaching, personality and discipline, academic attainment, etc. ' Naturally the publication: of the. list in June next is one of great importance to each and every teacher, and even the hurried explanation of the .scheme was much appreciated by those present.

22nd May 1916 Wellington Education Board Appointments Mr J Thomas Headmaster of Pahiatua DHS to Headmaster of South Wellington Mr G W Chatwin (Mangatainoka) to be Headmaster of Pahiatua, Mr F G Thompson (Ballance) to be headmaster of Mangatainoka

31st May 1916 Mr Thomas, headmaster of the District High School, Pahiatua, has boon transferred to be headmaster of the South Wellington school, in succession to Mr P. Flux, and Mr Chatwin has been appointed from the Mangatinoko school to be headmaster of the Pahiatua school.

6th November 1930 MR. JOSEPH THOMAS

AN APPRECIATION" ; "On 19th October last there passed away at his home at Island Bay, Mr., Joseph Thomas, formerly headmaster of South Wellington **School,"** writes Mr. P. M. Jackson. "Born in County Down, Ireland.! he arrived in New Zealand when three; years old. His parents settled in Ashley Downs, Canterbury, and there many of his relations and old friends reside. He was educated at the local school and was .then attached as pupil teacher to the Balcairn Public School* where he served the usual five years, and then went to the Teachers' Training College , Christchurch, in the second year of its foundation/ Mr. Thomas taught at the Pleasant Point School, South Canterbury, and then set out for Wellington, where he taught as assistant in Te Aro and Mt. Cook Schools. For the following twenty-three years, he was headmaster of Pahiatua District High School. He was appointed to the headmastership of the South Wellington School in 1916, remaining in this position till his retirement in 1926. "Those. left to mourn his loss art his wife, Island Bay; his daughters, Mrs. Campbell. Kiwitahi; Mrs. Palmer. Awakino; Mrs. Dewhurst, Wellington; Mie§ Marjorie Thomas, of the' Correspondence School. Wellington; Miss Nancy Thomas, nurse in the New Plymouth Hospital; and his two sons, Messrs. Harry and Malcolm Thomas, Wellington. Many prominent citizens in Wellington were taught by him in the old Mt. Cook Boys' School. He was a stern disciplinarian, and in the later years his many ex-pupils have fully appreciated the solid training he gave them. I suppose he has won more Junior National Scholarships than any other teacher under the board. "The late Mr. Thomas was interested in many activities

outside school. He was a keen botanist, and geology was another subject he was interested in, having studied this at Canterbury College under one of the best scientists New Zealand ha« yet produced, Captain Hutton. He was much interested in agriculture and gardening, and the two best school grounds under the Wellington Education Board, were those of Pahiatua and South Wellington. A good boxer in his younger days, an expert fisherman, and a vice-president of£ the Tararua Tramping Club, he Was also a former member of the Wellington Philosophical Society and a past president of the Headmasters' Association, Wellington Branch. He was very fond of outdoor life and built huts among the hills where many happy week-ends were spent, botanising, fishing, and tramping. He was * most delightful companion, and his humour gladdened the happy hours. The late Mr. Thomas was somewhat slow at taking to people at first; they had to prove their worth; but once he gave them his friendship it was the staunchest, truest, and sincerest that one human being could give another. _ He was a much misunderstood man. His was a shy, retiring nature, despite his position in the educational world. He knew this well himself. He could not bear any words or actions that did not ring true. He loathed insincerity, humbug, untruthfulness, meanness, crookedness; consequently many tilted against him, who were vigorously thrust aside by his perhaps too impetuous nature. . When his remains passed South Wellington School, on the way to Karori Cemetery, the pupils of the. school lined up in graceful tribute to one of its former headmasters."

29th June 1916 The Education Department is to be asked to permit the sale of the school residence at Pahiatua, with a view to the erection of a new residence on another site.'

19th January 1917 The Wellington Education Board have advised the Pahiatua District High School 'Committee, that the closing of a. school during the, prevalence of certain epidemics had been considered' by the Board. It was admittedly a very difficult question, regarding which even doctors were not quite agreed. Generally speaking, it was considered in Wellington that children are, on the whole, safer attending school and it is very seldom, indeed, that even the very large schools were closed, unless for the purpose of fumigation. The arrangement is to exclude rigorously all affected cases and cases of contacts. Even seven seven or a dozen cases in such a large school was not such a. very large proportion of the children and those- could, in ordinary circumstances, reasonably be excluded, leaving the children who are well to continue their work especially as the Board 'had throughout the district experienced a very broken year. Generally speaking, the Board disapproves the closing of schools without its previous sanction, except in cases of extreme emergency to be reported on immediately

1st February 1917 Cecil H Brown. James W McCardle, Ian L Macpherson, Delia E Mullan all of Pahiatua passed the Senior National Scholarship

1st February 1917 Edith F Sykes (Pahiatua)passed the Civil Service Exam

3rd March 1917 An. attempt to burn down the Pahiatua District Hight School has been discovered. In a room in the- main building books, papers, and rulers were removed from a table and piled near a cupboard. The material was partially burned. Wooden matches were found on the floor, which was slightly scorched. The school was securely , locked on the previous night

28th March 1917 Miss Ritchie, of the teaching staff of the Pahiatua District High School, has been granted extended leave of absence owing to ill-health. This is the third female teacher on leave through sickness, the others being Miss Pattle and Miss Reese, who -have been off duty for some time.
28th March 1917 Wellington Education Board It was reported that there had been an attempt to burn down the main school building at Pahiatua, but the police had: been unable to trace any offender.
28th May 1917 Woodville Examiner: The High School Football team met the Pahiatua High School team at Pahiatua on Saturday. After a very close and even game the local team won by 9 to 6 points. H. Kenney, W. Aitcheson and L, Pilcher scored for Woodville. Our boys were entertained at lunch and thoroughly enjoyed their outing

1918-1919

1919	210-23	Pahiatua	Chatwin	George W	Head	C-20	£405	$36,588
1919	210-23	Pahiatua	Scott	William W	Assistant	E-64	£305	$27,554
1919	210-23	Pahiatua	Ritchie	Annie M	Assistant	C-68	£240	$21,682
1919	210-23	Pahiatua	Pattle	Kate A	Assistant	D-76	£230	$20,778
1919	210-23	Pahiatua	Hewat	Margaret F	Assistant	D-95	£195	$17,616
1919	210-23	Pahiatua	Tait	Doris	Pupil Teacher 3		£90	$8,131
1919	210-23	Pahiatua	North B A	Esther	Secondary	B-76		

21st February 1918 Wellington Education Board Miss M Reece and Miss W E McHardie resigned both from the 31st March
2nd April 1918 Presentations of a silver manicure set and silver photograph frame were made to" Miss Reese, who is leaving the Pahiatua-School for a position in Christchurch. Mr. Chatwin, headmaster, made the presentations on behalf of the pupils and staff of the school.
5th July 1939 MISS M. REESE, OF PAHIATUA. There passed away in the Pahiatua Hospital on Sunday, after a short illness, one of the oldest and most respected residents of the town in the person of Miss Marion Reese, at the age of 89 years. Her death severs yet another link with the early days of Pahiatua. She was a familiar identity of the town. By virtue of the number of years she had spent teaching in the district, Miss Reese was known to residents of all ages. She was the daughter of a Scottish family who came to Christchurch in 1867, and she came to Pahiatua in 1887, where her late father was in business. She taught at the Pahiatua School, and the memory of her popularity with the pupils there is kept alive even to this day. Miss Reese was occupied for nearly 50 years in teaching in private and public schools in many districts, and for a long time taught at a private school of her own in Pahiatua. She spent her life unstintingly in the service of the community. After her retirement from active work she did not allow her interest in the world around to lapse, and in spite of her age retained all her faculties. A staunch member of the Presbyterian Church, Miss Reese was a constant Communicant, and at the time of her death she was the oldest member of the Church and the oldest Communicant. Miss Reese was predeceased by three sisters, the late Mesdames Daldy. of Mangamutu, Joseph Dawson, of Kakariki, who was also a resident of Pahiatua for many years, and Sneddon, of Waverley, and two brothers, the late Messrs Alex Reese, of Pahiatua, and Dan Reese, who was M.P. for Stanmore from 1884 to 1887. The

funeral took place on Monday, the service being conducted by Rev. A. A. Armstrong at the Pahiatua Presbyterian Church, where there was a large gathering. The numerous floral tributes included a wreath from the Church. The pall-bearers were Messrs E, and H. Daldy (Kakariki), B. Dawson (Wanganui). W. Dawson (Eketahuna), and T. and R. L. Parker (Pahiatua).

18th April 1918 Miss V C Farnie M A and Miss E M North BA appointed secondary assistants

20th June 1918 The annual report of the Wellington Education Board included ho average attendances at the district high schools for the year 1917 were: Carterton 43. Eketahuna 24 Greytown 12, Hutt 27, Levin 43. Masterton 85. Normal 21. Pahiatua 36. Petone 55; total 346.[Normal was the school attached to the Wellington Training College]

24th June 1918 Our schools may be overcrowded, and no one protests," said Mr Combs at Pahiatua. "It is not the same with our race trains. If these are unduly full the Department concerned is quickly made aware of it. ,.

Mr Wilson, chairman of the Pahiatua school committee, in seconding the vote of thanks to Mr F. L. Combs on Saturday, said that a repetition of the same address should be made at a more convenient time to a larger gathering. He suggested the arranging of an evening fixture at a, time convenient to the speaker. [Mr Combs was at Featherston School by 1919 and a strong NZEI member, and teacher of the researcher's father at Featherston]

1st July 1918 On Saturday a team of footballers representing the Woodville District High School visited Pahiatua and defeated the chosen of the local High. School by 18 points to nil.

2nd July 1918 Miss B. Robson, of Christchurch. has been appointed to the position of junior secondary assistant to the Pahiatua District High School, and Miss E. M. North has been promoted to the position of- senior assistant

4th October 1918 Mr. 0. Johnson, for over eight years on the literary staff of the Pahiatua Herald, has resigned from the Pahiatua School Committee, of which he has been a member for seven years. For nearly two years he was secretary of the committee, and in recognition of his services he has received a presentation from that body- [This is probably the reason that there is so little news of Pahiatua DHS on Papers Past over this period as there are no copies of the Pahiatua Herald on Papers Past]

22nd February 1919 Passed with credit a number of candidates in various examinations . Not all may have gone to Pahiatua District high School But all sat their exams in Pahiatua

Public Service Entrance and Senior Scholarships J J G Britland, Eleanor S Britland, J G Delahanty , Gladys S McHalick, Donovan R Taylor, H E Darley, J T Hay

5th April 1919 The Heckler Memorial . Scholarship, determined by the results of the junior national scholarship examination has been awarded to Jack Arrow graham, son of the late Captain John Graham, Company, W Reinforcement (formerly a resident. At Pahiatua), , ; who, was killed, in- action an France the scholarship entitles the winner, who has been a pupil at the Pahiatua District High School, to two years at Wellington Boys' College, with board and other expenses paid. The scholarship is made available by the generosity of Mr J. L. Heckler,, of Ihuraua, who has presented the Education Board with a sum sufficient to award one scholarship each year up to 1932, a total of rather over £I2OO. The scholarship is established in memory of the donor's late brother, Lance Corporal William Heckler, of

Mangamahoe who died of wounds in the service of his country. During these years it will be available for competition by the sons of fallen soldiers…….

9th April 1919 A very enjoyable match was played on Saturday on the Pahiatua School court, between teams from Masterton and Pahiatua High Schools. The visitors arrived by the 9 train and were entertained in the cooking school.

The match resulted in a win for Masterton by 273 points to 23

18th September 1919 Miss K. L. Tasker, B.A., has been appointed assistant teacher at the Pahiatua District High School.

23rd October 1919 The average attendance at the Pahiatua District High School last month was 224.

1920-1921

1921	215-27	Pahiatua	Chatwin	George W	Head	C	£470	$40,462
1921	215-27	Pahiatua	Ross	Hilda	Infant Mistress	B	£280	$24,105
1921	215-27	Pahiatua	Armstrong	Doris G	Assistant	C	£270	$23,244
1921	215-27	Pahiatua	Taylor	Dora G A	Assistant	C	£250	$21,523
1921	215-27	Pahiatua	McCardle	Alice C	Assistant	C	£230	$19,801
1921	215-27	Pahiatua	Kissel	Elizabeth	Reliever		£190	$16,357
1921	215-27	Pahiatua	Tait	Doris	Pupil Teacher 1		£125	$10,761
1921	215-27	Pahiatua	Cooney	Olive G	Probationer 2		£120	$10,331
1921	215-27	Pahiatua	Ridgley	Roie M	Probationer 1		£95	$8,179
1921	215-27	Pahiatua	Edmed	Mildred C	Secondary	C		

4th March 1920 A little girl named Yewen had one of her legs broken "while playing on a merry-go-round at the Pahiatua school.

24th June 1920 Miss Ridgeley, who has been appointed a probationer on the- staff of the Pahiatua District High School, on transfer from Auckland, has reported for duty.

6th November 1920 Miss A. .Ritchie, who has Been on the teaching staff of the Pahiatua District High School for the past six years, has resigned from the position. She will leave about the 19th inst. to take up a similar position in the Taranaki district near Hawera.

18th November 1920 The Wellington Education Board yesterday accepted the resignations of Miss A. Ritchie, of the Pahiatua District High School;

20th November 1920 Miss Armstrong has been appointed to the staff of the Pahiatua District High School, in succession lo Miss Ritchie, who has re-signed.

21st December 1920 A pleasant little function took place at the "breaking-up" ceremony at the -Greytown District High School, when Miss D. G. Armstrong, who has been appointed to the Pahiatua school, was made the recipient of several presentations. The Chairman of the Committee, Mr E. Larkin, speaking on behalf of the parents and committee, regretted Miss Armstrong's departure, also eulogising her work as an official. He handed her a solid suitcase as a mark of the esteem in which she was held. Miss Beth Haigh handed Miss Armstrong a silver serviette ring, and Miss Rosie Te Whaite a glass bowl.

2nd July 1921 Miss Edmed, .who has been teaching in the Otaki [Waiohanga School as Sole Charge teacher East of Otaki]district, has. left for Pahiatua, under transfer to the local District High School.

8th July 1921 Miss H. Ross, B.A., of Masterton, has accepted an appointment on the staff of the Pahiatua District; High School and will take up the position on 1st August.

1922-1923

1923	233-49	Pahiatua	Chatwin	George W	Head	C	£455	$41,819
1923	233-49	Pahiatua	Sinclair	Vera G	Infant Mistress	C-153	£263	$24,172
1923	233-49	Pahiatua	Bird	Alfred W	Assistant	C-193	£243	$22,334
1923	233-49	Pahiatua	McCardle	Alice C	Assistant	C-176	£225	$20,680
1923	233-49	Pahiatua	McCardle	Doris E	Assistant	C-188	£215	$19,761
1923	233-49	Pahiatua	Yeoman	Ruth K	Probationer 2		£108	$9,926
1923	233-49	Pahiatua	McCardle	Olive M	Pupil Teacher 2		£78	$7,169
1923	233-49	Pahiatua	Wingfield	Naomi I	Probationer 2		£78	$7,169
1923	233-49	Pahiatua	Junker	Dorothy F E	Secondary	B-137		
1923	233-49	Pahiatua	Edmed	Mildred C	Secondary	C-128		

11th April 1922 Mr G. W. Chatwin, headmaster of the Pahiatua School, has been elected president of the Bush Rugby Union. This is his 24th year in Bush football.

22nd April 1922 A lady has been nominated for a seat on the Pahiatua School Committee.

19th July 1922 The following reference to district high schools is contained in the annual-report of the Wellington Education Board:—"The average attendances for the year 1921 at the district high schools in the district were: —Carterton, 44; Eketahuna, 47; Greytown, 20; Hutt, 33; Levin, 39: Masterton, 100; Martinborough, 32; Pahiatua, 27; Petone, 39; total, 381. The board is of opinion that as soon as the financial conditions permit, the high schools at Lower Hutt and Masterton should be erected."

24th April 1922 Miss Hilda Ross, B.A., of the staff of the Pahiatua High School, and formerly of the Masterton D.H.S., who has been promoted to the position of head-teacher at the Pirinoa school, will not be leaving for her new appointment for some weeks yet.

20th March 1923 The combined schools at Pahiatua intend having a railway excursion to Napier on Wednesday next

24th May 1923 Miss A. C. McCardle, of the staff of the Pahiatua District' High School, has been selected by the Wellington Education Board for promotion to the position of third assistant at the school.

18th July 1923 Out of a total roll number of 303 children attending- the Pahiatua District High School, no fewer than 103 were absent on Friday on account of measles

3rd August 1923 Miss D. McCardle, who for some time past has been on the teaching staff of the Mangatainoka School has been transferred to the Pahiatua District High School. On her departure Miss McCardle was made the recipient of two handsome gifts, one from the children of the school, the other from the committee. On behalf of the scholars, two little girls made the presentation of a leather blouse case. Later, Mr W. Cox presented Miss McCardle with a set of toilet accessories, the gift of the school committee.

13th September 1923 Mrs R. Campbell is at present acting as relieving teacher at the Pahiatua District High School, until the arrival of the new mistress.

3rd September 1923 Miss Edmed, of Pahiatua, formerly teacher at Hautere Cross, Otaki, is a visitor to Palmerston during the recess. She expects to' leave for Melbourne in January, and

later for China, where her permanent work lies [Miss Mildred Edmed was back in New Zealand by 1928 and later went to Northland]
15th December 1923 Miss N. Wingfield of the staff of the Pahiatua District High School, will leave Pahiatua in February to enter the Teachers' Training College in Wellington.

Post 1923

Note: In over 350 schools I have reviewed the Pahiatua School is the first that I have been able to record extensive information after 1923. This is a valuable resource I hope you enjoy it.

24th June 1924 Miss V. C. Sinclair, infant mistress of the Pahiatua District High School, has been appointed to a similar position at Shannon, and will take up her new duties shortly
7th July 1924 Mr. A. W. Bird, who has been assistant-master, at the Pahiatua'. District High School for the past 18 months has been appointed to a similar position' at the Karori School, and will take up his duties in a few weeks' time
19th September 1924 In reply to a request that a dental clinic be established at Pahiatua, the Minister of Public Health has notified the Pahiatua School Committee that no officer was available at present who could be stationed at Pahiatua, but that the matter would be further considered early next year.
20th November 1925 Mr. G. W. Chatwin. for nine years headmaster of the Pahiatua District High School, has forwarded his resignation to the Education Board to take effect on January 31. He has completed 43 years' service
2nd January 1926 Mr M J O'Connor, headmaster of Waihi School, has been appointed headmaster of the Pahiatua District High School. Mr O'Connor has had 21 years teaching service in the Auckland district and has been 1½ years in his present position.
3rd March 1926 Mr G. W. Chatwin, who has completed 42 years' service with the Wellington Education Board, being for the past ten years headmaster of the Pahiatua District High School, retired 'from the service recently, and at a' complimentary citizens' social organised by the School Committee at Pahiatua he was presented with a cheque and autograph album. A presentation was also made to Mrs Chatwin.
6th May 1926 School Committee Messrs. G. G. Taylor (chairman), J. T. Smith (secretary), F. W. Groves, C. Jennings, J. H. Lister, A. S. Madsen, W. H. Murch, W. Wiblin and Dr. H. Paterson
22nd September 1926 The Pahiatua District High School was entered by burglars on Friday last. Access to the headmaster's office was gained by breaking the panes of a locked window. _ The panels of a large cupboard containing the school stores and requisites were broken. The culprit's efforts were unrewarded, as no cash had been left in the office. The implement of destruction, a hammer, was left behind.
1st December 1926 Mr. A.H Tocker, who has been, appointed Professor of Economics at Canterbury College, was at one time for some years first assistant at the Mangatainoka school, during the headmastership of Mr. G. W. Chatwin, now retired. Mr. Tocker's friends are very pleased to learn of his important appointment. He was a fine athlete
[Mr Tocker started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at the Pencarrow School at the Southern tip of Wellington harbour]

1st February 1928 The teaching staff of the Pahiatua District High School have every reason to feel gratified at the success of students at the recent examinations. Of the five matriculation candidates all obtained passes, whilst in addition one scholar received a National Senior Scholarship, one a National Junior Scholarship, and two passed the Public Service entrance examination.

26th March 1928 The condition of the youth, Leslie Wilfred Murphy, who was injured internally a few weeks ago in the science room of the Pahiatua District High School as a result of an explosion of a glass jar containing chemicals while experiments were being carried out, is still causing anxiety. A further operation was performed last week.

28th March 1928 The death occurred this afternoon, after much suffering, of Leslie Wilfred Murphy, aged 15, only son of Mrs W. E. Murphy, a widow. The boy was injured in an explosion in the science room at the Pahiatua District High School on February 6 during a science lesson. He was admitted to the hospital with severe gashes in the abdomen, inflicted by pieces of flying glass, and several operations were performed, the last one by a Wellington surgeon in the interests of the Education Board.

5th April 1928 The inquest was resumed before the Coroner, Mr. J. D. Wilson, on the boy, Leslie Wilfred Murphy, who was fatally injured through an explosion of hydrogen in the science room during a science lesson at the Pahiatua School on the afternoon of 6th February. Pieces of flying glass penetrated his abdomen. An open verdict was returned. The cause of the accident is a mystery.

26th May 1928 Miss M. C. Edmed has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of Mr P. G. Thompson from the headmastership of the Mangatainoka school. Miss Edmed has been for seven years in charge of the secondary department at the Pahiatua District High School.

17th August 1928 A sequel to the science room explosion in the Pahiatua District High .School in February, when .a boy named Murphy sustained fatal injuries, was hoard in the House of Representatives yesterday when a petition, praying for compensation was presented by Mr A. E. Ransom (Pahiatua) on behalf of the boy's widowed mother. While an experiment was in progress an explosion occurred, the boy dying from internal injuries caused by pieces of glass entering his stomach. Mrs Murphy's petition showed that her hopes were centred around the boy and his death had robbed her of his support and comfort in her old age. The Wellington Education Board had offered to help her so far as it was legally entitled to do so and had suggested compensation amounting to £SOO. She asked for this amount. The petition was supported by 38 residents of Pahiatua**.**

20th April 1929 The following nominations have been received for Pahiatua District High School Committee: —Messrs W. T. Brown, L. Hartley, J. H. Lester, W. H. March, Dr. H. Paterson, It. Payne, W. It. Richardson, M. V. Scott, J. D. Smith, G. G. Taylor and J. D. Wilson. The committee consists of nine members and a ballot will be taken at the meeting of householders to be held on Monday

24th April 1929 The annual meeting of the householders of the Pahiatua District High School was attended by over fifty householders, Mr G. Godfrey Taylor presiding. The annual report stated that steady progress had been made by the school, the present roll number being 241 primary and 49 secondary pupils. The report, which was considered very satisfactory, was adopted. There were eleven nominations for nine seats on the committee and the ballot

resulted as follows; —Messrs G. G. Taylor, W. H. Murch, J. H. Lister, Dr. H. Paterson, J. T. Smith, W. T. Brown, R. Payne, V. Scott and L. Hartley\

27th April 1929 Anzac Day Services were held at the Mangatainoka and Hamua Schools and the Pahiatua District High School, 'Dr. H. Paterson speaking at the latter gathering.

30th May 1929 he monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee took place on Monday evening. The chairman (Mr G. Godfrey Taylor) and six committeemen were present. The headmaster (Mr M. J. O'Connor) also attended. The funds of the Education Board's building fund have fallen so low that the request of the committee for an extension of the bicycle sheds cannot be acceded to immediately. The matter has been held over until the headmaster has made enquiries regarding the number of bicycles entitled to be housed in the shed. The board has pointed out that children living within a certain distance of the school are not entitled to shelter for their bicycles. It was reported that the Education Department was negotiating with the local dental nurse to visit Pongaroa where it was likely a sub clinic would be established.

4th June 1929 On Friday evening of this week a party of debaters from Pahiatua District High School will (visit Woodville to debate against a team selected from District High School pupils of that town

6th June 1929 7 aside tournament The laurels in the junior competition wont to Athletic A team who defeated Alfredton 3—-nil. in the final. The third grade and primary schools competitions resulted in a double victory for Pahiatua District High School. The school team in the third grade final gave a brilliant exposition of the Rugby game. Low's tackling and several clever ' displays of reverse passing were a feature of the game.

8th June 1929 The school dental clinic continues to do good work among the young folk oven though that work is regarded as painful rather than good by those most intimately concerned. The -following were the operations for May:—Permanent tooth filled 141, temporary tooth filled 115, permanent teeth extracted 1, temporary tooth extracted 76, other operations 64

8th June 1929 Convent Old Girls defeated Pahiatua District High School at basketball by 5 goals to 4. The Old Girls owed their victory to the excellent defence play of Denise Mahoney. In court craft and passing the school team was the better, but it lost many chances of scoring through inaccurate goal throwing. Both teams show promise and should shape well in the annual tournament at Masterton [Basketball was played 9 aside until the 1960's. Three players staying in their own third of the court and the ball having to go through each third]

11th June 1929 On Friday night last a party of twenty Pahiatua District High School pupils visited Woodville to debate with the local High School ail important if somewhat well-worn topic "Is Country Life Preferable to Town Life." The party wore conveyed in the cars of public spirited members of the School Committee who did not allow the stormy weather to deter them. The largest class-room of the Woodville High School was well packed by pupils of both schools and their supporters who had obviously come prepared for a lively evening. They were not disappointed. Jack Horrax, Chris. Smith, Ngaire Graham and Mary Adams were the four stalwarts chosen to uphold the honour of Pahiatua and "boost the country." This they did to such good effect that the judges pronounced them the winners of the debate, defeating the Woodville team led by Willoughby by a narrow margin of points. After the

eight principals had finished their speeches, the meeting was thrown open for discussion, only children participated, in the wordy warfare which followed……

19th June 1929 The monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee took place on Friday evening, Mr G. Godfrey-Taylor presiding. It was decided to purchase a piano for the school, the committee's share of the cost being £29 10s. Mr Lister, for the visiting committee, reported that the school-grounds were in very fine order indeed. The headmaster, Mr M. J. O'Connor, suggested that an unofficial opening of the school basket-ball court be held on Wednesday next. After discussion it was decided to act upon the headmaster's suggestion, but it was deemed advisable to defer the opening until the first week in July.

5th July 1929 r M.J. O'Connor, headmaster of the Pahiatua District High School, has been appointed to the headmastership of the Clyde Quay School, Wellington.

9th July 1929 On Friday night of last week a meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee, staff aryl others interested took in hand the arrangements for the annual school dance. It was decided to hold the function towards the end of July. The hall will be open to the children from 5.30 p.m. and they will occupy the floor until 9 p.m. A strong ladies' committee was formed and various other duties were delegated to sub-committees

The official opening of the new basketball court at Pahiatua District High School will take place on Wednesday, when parents and friends of the school will be welcomed.

13th July 1929 On Wednesday afternoon the new basketball court at the Pahiatua District High School was declared open. Mr G. Godfrey Taylor (chairman of the School Committee) said that the 'sum necessary for the construction of the court had boon, raised by means of a queen carnival held in 1927. He expressed the thanks of the committee to the various queen candidates who had taken part in the carnival, to parents and friends of the school for their material help, to Miss Chatwin, the honorary secretary of the carnival, to Mr Eddie, who drew the plans of the court, and to the contractors. Mrs G. Godfrey-Taylor cut the ribbon and declared the court open. Mr M. J. O'Connor (the headmaster) on behalf of the boys and girls thanked all those who had assisted in adding such a fine court to the school grounds and called for three cheers which were enthusiastically given. Two matches were played on the now court during the afternoon, School defeating the Town team by 11—1 and drawing with Convent. Old Girls 4—4. The visitors were entertained to afternoon tea by the High School girls. The total receipts for the construction of the now court were £564 8s 6d and the total expenditure £481 13s 8d.

18th July 1929 On Monday evening the Pahiatua District High School Committee met. It was reported that a now piano for the school would cost £29 10s, this amount being subsidised by the board. Arrangements are well in hand for the dance. Mesdames J. D. Wilson, G. Saxton and M. J. O'Connor have agreed to act as judges of the costumes for which twelve prizes are being awarded

23rd July 1929 On Saturday last a party of some fifty children from the Pahiatua District High School visited Eketahuna to try conclusions with the local school at football and basketball. Pahiatua proved the victors in all games. At football, Pahiatua A defeated Eketahuna A by 22 to nil, and Pahiatua B were likewise the victors by 17 points to 6. At basketball the following were the scores: —Pahiatua A 17 v. Eketahuna A 11, Pahiatua B 11 v. Eketahuna B 6.

25th July 1929 The Drill Hall on Monday evening presented an animated spectacle, the occasion being the District High School's plain and fancy dress dance. At 5.30 the floor was

thronged with a gaily clad crowd of gipsies, swagmen, pirates, Victorian ladies and Indian braves. Quito two hundred and fifty children were present and an equal number of adults. From the takings the committee have quite comfort ably reached their objective of £29 10s for the purchase of a new piano. The children held the floor from 5.30 to 9 o'clock, at which hour the adult dancing commenced. The floor was well held too—lack of skill in the art of dancing being no hindrance to energetic endeavour on the part of the youthful merry-makers. Dainty fairies and unkempt swagmen, prim Victorians and saucy parrots, Moorish dancers and Iceland poppies, gaudy "rainbows" and baggy-breeched golfers romped and jigged, making the very best of an enjoyable evening. Twelve awards were made for costumes, the judges being Mesdames J. D. Wiken and G. C. Saxton, assisted by Mrs M. J. O'Connor. The following wore the awards :

Boys.—Best costume : Garry Foster, Soldier; most handsome costume, John Adams, Swastika Pierrot, and Arthur Smith, Rajah; most original, Paul Robinson, Girl; cheapest, Eric Stapes, Shavings; best tiny-tot, John Howden Puck. Girls. —Best costume : Bernice Dickie, Military Lady ; prettiest dress,_ Grace Austin, Moorish Dancer; most original dress, Margaret Fenwick, The Clock; best paper dress, Maureen Jones, Basket of Flowers; cheapest dress, Ngaire Merrie, The Sweetest Thing; best tiny-tot, Daphne Ellers , Spinning Top; consolation prize, Alison Thompson, Fairy. The music was supplied by an orchestra and was also contributed by Mrs J. M. Graham, Miss Molly Britland and Mr J. A. Elder.

During the early part of the evening proceedings were in the hands of Mr M. J. O'Connor and during the latter portion of the evening Mr J. -H. Lister made a capable M.C. Mrs G. Godfrey-Taylor had charge of the supper room assisted by a band of willing helpers. During the evening, opportunity was taken to bid farewell to Mr M. J. O'Connor, the headmaster, who has accepted an appointment as headmaster of the Clyde Quay School. Wellington. The chairman of the School Committee, Mr G. Godfrey Taylor, and Dr. H. Paterson spoke of the esteem in which Mr O'Connor is held by parents and children alike. Mr and Mrs O'Connor were presented with a handsome travelling rug and Miss Peggy O'Connor with a serviette ring. Mr O'Connor spoke of the many friends he had made in Pahiatua. He expressed his sincere thanks for the kind thoughts spoken that evening and hoped that for the fancy dress dance next year he might be back in Pahiatua.

30th July 1929 The "Standard's" Pahiatua correspondent states that Mr J. Marsh, first assistant in the secondary department of the Levin District High School, has been appointed to the headmastership of the Pahiatua District High School. Mr Marsh will take over his new duties on September 10th, after the term holidays.

15th October 1929 On Saturday' list the Pahiatua' District High School Tennis Club held k. highly successful shop day. The sum of over £15 was secured which will be used in purchasing tennis material for the children, beautifying the school grounds, etc

1st November 1929 The monthly meeting of _ the Pahiatua District High School Committee was held on Monday evening. Mr G. Godfrey Taylor presided. The chairman reported having arranged for various repairs at the school on account. of the board. The plot in front of the infant school had been laid down in grass. A man had been engaged for casual work on the grounds. A visit from the board's chairman was expected during the week.

18th December 1929 Friday afternoon of last week was a memorable one at the Pahiatua District High School, the occasion being the visit of a most important personage—Father

Christmas. The venerable and benign Santa visited the infant department heavily laden with a sick containing sundry bags of sweets which he distributed among the children. Each child. also received a toy from the gaily ornamented Christmas tree. During the afternoon the infant classes provided a lengthy programme to an appreciative audience of adults and children. The various items, choruses, recitations, playettes and action songs were admirably performed by the little folk. Much credit is due to the infant teachers, Miss Burge and Miss McCardle, who organised the concert. To the efforts of the first-named lady is due the special visit of Father Christmas

19th December 1929 On Wednesday afternoon an interesting tennis tournament between the staff and the children took place at the Pahiatua District High School. Now that the annual examinations are over, and festive season approaches, algebra, geometry, English and grammar are not quite so much to the fore, time is found to devote to summer sports. The children had youth and ardent practice in their favour, and after a close-drawn contest managed to defeat the staff. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent. After the tournament members of the staff were entertained at afternoon tea by Mrs J. Marsh

21st December 1929 On Wednesday afternoon Form III. pupils of the Pahiatua District High School presented a concert programme comprising choruses, folk dances, a pianoforte trio, a quartette and a vocal solo to a large audience of children and adults. Miss Junker and Miss Callister, Mr J. J. Boagey and Mr H. Callister in the humorous quartette, "Old Mother Hubbard,' excelled themselves. Another outstanding item was a play, "King Alfred and the Cakes," written by one of the pupils, Mary Adams, and acted by pupils of Form 111. Chris Smith, as "Alfred," Mary Gunn as "Ulf," the cowherd, and Mary Adams, as "Gwitha," the cowherd's wife, displayed considerable dramatic ability. The closing chorus composed by the pupils, bidding farewell to their school, was most effectively rendered.

24th December 1929 The school dental clinic reports the following summary of operations for the month: Permanent teeth filled 76; temporary teeth filled 53; permanent teeth extracted 2; temporary teeth extracted 40; other operations 11.

On Friday afternoon the pupils of the Pahiatua District High School dispersed for the Christmas holidays. At the "breaking-up" ceremony the singing of the National Anthem was followed by a brief but impressive address by the chairman of the School Committee (Mr G. Godfrey-Taylor). Rev. W. B. Pickering spoke On behalf of the ministers of the town. The chairman distributed the attendance, proficiency and competency certificates. The headmaster, Mr J. Marsh, wished the children a merry Christmas and cheers were given for the School Committee and the teachers.

On Friday morning the secondary pupils farewelled those among their number who leave school this year. The function took the form of a morning tea. Maitland Richardson conveyed the best wishes of their fellow-pupils to those leaving, on whose behalf Gavin Grocott responded.

31st December 1929 Miss M. C. Edmed, who has been in charge of the Mangatainoka School for the past 18 months, has received notice of her transfer to the Dargaville High School. Prior to taking control of the Mangatainoka School Miss Edmed was assistant in charge of the Pahiatua District High School, which position she filled with distinction for seven years. Miss Edmed has been prominently and actively associated with many institutions in the district and will be greatly missed. She takes up her new duties after the holiday

1930-1939

11th January 1930 John Lewis Adams of Pahiatua DHS topped the Junior National Scholarship Examination for Wellington Education Board schools

14th February 1930 At the conclusion of the monthly meeting of the Methodist Christian Endeavour Society the opportunity was taken to present Miss B. Wingfield, who is leaving the stall of the Pahiatua District High School to enter the Wellington Teachers' Training College, with a token of esteem. The presentation of an umbrella was made by Miss J. McQueen, who spoke eulogistically of the many good qualities of the departing lady, as did Rev. W. B. Pickering and Messrs G. L. Stafford and R. E. Patchett. Mr P. E. Wingfield suitably responded on behalf of his daughter.

20th February 1930 On Monday evening a meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee was held, Mr G. Godfrey Taylor (chairman) presiding. Also present were Messrs W. H. Murch, W. R. Richardson, L. Hartley, Dr H. Paterson and the secretary, Mr J. T. Smith. The headmaster reported that the present roll number was quite satisfactory being primary 235 and secondary 44. Six pupils from the High School had passed the Public Service entrance examination, one had obtained a junior national scholarship and one had passed the matriculation examination. Typewriting was now included in the curriculum. Mention was made that if transport could be arranged there were several children in the outlying districts who would attend the secondary department of the school. The Education Board advised that it had decided to grant the committee's application for a special grant of £15 14s 10d towards the general fund, which hitherto had proved inadequate for the needs of the school. Accounts amounting to £4 18s 11d were passed for payment. Final arrangements were made for the school excursion to Plimmerton.

25th February 1930 The annual picnic of the Pahiatua District High School and the schools of the district is to be held at Plimmerton on Wednesday, 26th inst. It is the intention of most of the business people to close their premises in order to allow members of the staffs to attend the excursion.

21st March 1930 On Saturday a cricket and tennis team from the Pahiatua District High School visited Eketahuna and played matches with local players. Eketahuna proved too strong for Pahiatua at cricket, the outstanding performance of the day being that of Payne, of Eketahuna, who took 6 wickets. At tennis, however, Pahiatua proved the stronger, winning the series by a small margin.

2nd April 1930 The monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee was held last evening, Mr G. G. Taylor presiding. Also present wore Dr Paterson, Messrs W. H. Murch, W. R. Richardson, L. H. Hartley and J. T. Smith (secretary). The headmaster (Mr J.* Marsh) was also in attendance. The caretaker having resigned, another appointment was • made to the position. The chairman reported that there was a credit of 5s 6d on the recent school excursion to Plimmerton. Messrs J. T. Smith and YV. Richardson were reappointed a visiting committee. The audited balance-sheet was received from the board, without any tags, and showing that the financial operations of the committee had been very satisfactory. Lengthy correspondence was tabled with regard to the sanitary system at present existing at the school, members being of the opinion that it would be more satisfactory and in the interests of the health of the children if an entirely new system was installed. The usual Anzac Day service is to be hold in the school on the morning of 25th April. With regard to

purchasing books for the library, .it was agreed that if at all possible supplies should be obtained in Pahiatua.

26th April 1930 At the Pahiatua District High School an Anzac Day service was held for the children. Dr H. Paterson addressed those present

28th April 1930 A team of four debaters representing the secondary department of the Woodville District High School, together with a large number of scholars, parents and friends, journeyed to Pahiatua to try concisions with pupils of the Pahiatua District High School. The subject was that Hunting as a Sport is Justifiable. Woodville took the affirmative, the speakers being Arthur Skinner, Catherine Skinner, Charles Forbes and Dunckley Baker. The debate was won by the Woodville speakers and the best speakers of the contest in the order of merit were Charles Forbes 1, Arthur Skinner 2. The remainder of the evening took the form of a Shakespearean festival. Songs, dialogues, readings and characterisations from the 'poet's plays were rendered by the Pahiatua pupils. After supper had been dispensed, the headmaster (Mr Marsh), and the chairman of the school committee both welcomed the Woodville team. Mr McKay responded on behalf of the Woodville visitors, expressing the hop® that a return visit be arranged during the winter term.

30th April 1930 There was a small attendance at the annual meeting of householders in connection with the Pahiatua District High School held last evening. Mr G. Godfrey Taylor presided and remarked that the reason for the poor attendance was perhaps because they were not able to get a contest for the committee. The annual report stated (inter alia) that the work in the various branches of the school had been carried out in a satisfactory and as efficient a manner ns the funds available permitted. During the year the basketball court had been completed and the school grounds put in good condition. At the end of last winter Mr J. Marsh had succeeded Mr M. J. O'Connor as headmaster and had carried out his duties in a capable and painstaking manner. The work at the dental clinic has been good and continuous. The general account showed a credit of £14 13s 6d compared with £49 15s 3d last year. The headmaster in his report stated that the average attendance was primary 220.8, secondary 42.3, being a slight increase in the primary and a similar decrease in the secondary department. With reference to the reduced capitation, the chairman mentioned that this year the committee would receive £35 less than last. The average annual expenditure for maintenance for the last five years was £160, whereas they would only receive £112, His Worship the Mayor (Mr J. D. Wilson) moved a resolution of protest against the action of the board in cutting down the grant be a sum insufficient to carry on the work of the school. This was seconded by Dr H. Paterson and was carried unanimously. The matter of new conveniences for the school was next discussed. It was decided to pay the sum of £IOO to the board towards the cost of erection of modern conveniences. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the committee for its services during the past year. At a subsequent meeting Mr G. Godfrey Taylor was re-elected chairman and Mr J. T. Smith secretary.

29th May 1930 The monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee was held last evening, there being present: Messrs G. Godfrey Taylor (chairman), J. T. Smith (secretary), W. H. March, J. H. Lister, W. R. Richardson, P. J Matthews, W. T. Brown and Dr Paterson. The headmaster, Mr J. Marsh, was also in attendance. The capitation allowance for the first four months amounting to £38 6s was received. Accounts totalling £17 3s 3d were passed for payment, the chairman stating that the credit at the bank now stood at £93 16s 3d.

The department advised that Miss A. E. G. M. Robbie had replaced Miss M. Grocott as nurse at the local dental clinic. A subsequent meeting of parents and members of the staff was held to make arrangements for the annual school fancy dress dance. The dance will be held on Juno 13th, two nights after the race club ball, the chairman remarking that the race ball committee had agreed to allow their decorations to stand. Mr Taylor pointed out that, as the department had cut down the capitation to schools, it was essential that as much money as possible be cleared out of the dance

18th July 1930 Misa Marjorie Shelton, a member of the staff of the Pahiatua District High School, has accepted the position as teacher of a special class at the Palmerston North Public Hospital, which has just been formed. Miss Shelton, who is to take up her duties on August 1st, is a daughter of Mr Shelton, Chief Postmaster, Palmerston North

23rd July 1930 Last evening the monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee was hold, there being. present: Messrs G. Godfrey Taylor (chairman), J. T. Smith (secretary), W. H Murch, H A. Dickie, J. Lister, P. J. Matthews and Dr Paterson. ' Apologies for absence were received from Messrs W. R. Richardson and W. Browne. Mr J. Marsh, headmaster, was also present. Accounts totalling £l2 2s 10d were passed for payment, the account at the bank now being in credit £B2 18s lOd. The resignation of Miss M. Shelton, who has accepted a teaching appointment in Palmerston North, was accepted with regret. The position with regard to the supplying of new conveniences is still at an indefinite stage and members expressed strong opinions at the delay. Estimates are to be obtained for top-dressing the basketball court and erecting a concrete kerbing round the infants' school. Mr P. J. Matthews generously offered to donate the metal required for the work. An anonymous donor has forwarded £5 towards. the school sports fund. Messrs Murch and Dickie were appointed visiting members

6th August 1930 Prior to her departure for Palmerston North Miss M. Shelton, a member of the staff of the Pahiatua District High School, was fare welled by teachers and friends (writes our Pahiatua correspondent). On behalf of the staff, Mr J. Marsh, headmaster, and Mr G. Godfrey Taylor, On behalf of the School Committee and friends, extended their best wishes to Miss Shelton in her appointment as teacher in charge of the special classes at the Palmerston North Public Hospital. On behalf of the staff, Mr Marsh presented her with a dainty powder bowl.

12th September 1930 Miss M V Yates appointed assistant mistress

20th October 1930 Last evening the pupils of the Pahiatua District High School staged an entertainment in conjunction with a picture programme for the purpose of raising funds for the school. Items were given by pupils of both the primary and secondary departments and very creditably did they perform. There was a large and enthusiastic audience and the funds will be considerably augmented by the proceeds. During an interval. Mr G. Godfrey Taylor, chairman of the School Committee, thanked the audience for their patronage and the manager of the local picture theatre for his generosity in allowing the use of the hall. Great credit is due to the staff for staging such a good concert at short notice.

25th October 1930 here was a full attendance of the members of the Pahiatua District High School at a meeting held last evening, the chairman, Mr G. Godfrey Taylor, presiding. The headmaster, Mr J. Marsh, was also in attendance. The chairman reported that four additional fire extinguishers had been installed in the school building. The visiting committee reported

that the school grounds were in good order. The re-dressing of the basketball courts had been satisfactorily carried out and a concrete kerbing had been placed round the infant school. Accounts amounting to £52 14s 9d were passed for" payment, the credit balance at the bank being stated to be £72 11s lOd. As a result of a school concert held recently the nett amount of £8 5s 6d had been handed to the committee. "It was decided to forward a letter of sympathy to the family of the late Mr Joseph Thomas, of Island Bay, Wellington, who for many years had occupied the position of headmaster at the local school. Messrs W. T. Brown and P. J. Matthews were appointed a visiting committee for the month.

15th December 1930 The customary debating competition among the secondary pupils of the Pahiatua District High School was held on Friday afternoon, when Rev. G. V. Gerard (vicar of Pahiatua) and Dr. H. Paterson acted as judges. The following participated in the debate : Marjorie Taylor (Sir Joseph Ward), Frances Swanson (Sir Donald McLean), Marjorie Aston (Bishop Selwyn), Harry Escott (William Ferguson Massey), Mona Hurran (Richard John Seddon), John Adams (Captain Cook), Audrey Aston (Samuel Marsden), Mary Adams (Sir George Grey). _ The placings were : Mary Adams 319 points, 1; Marjorie Aston 228 points, 2; Audrey Aston, 268 points, 3. Mona Hurran and John Adams, 266 points, 4, equal.

3rd March 1931 Mr L' D. Kneedwell, of Greytown, has boon appointed substitute assistant at the Pahiatua 'District High School

Miss Rita Griffiths, of Kohinui, has boon appointed a probationer at the Pahiatua District High School roll at the district high school has shown an appreciable increase of late, duo no doubt to the influx of refugees from Napier and Hastings to this district. The secondary school numbers are very satisfactory, having increased from 40 to over 50

30th April 1931 here was a large attendance at the meeting in connection with the Pahiatua District High School. The balance-sheet presented showed a credit of £2OO 9s 3d. The chairman, Mr G. Taylor, reported that there was little chance of a. central heating system being installed at the school this year. The following committee was elected: —Messrs W. Barrett, W. T. Brown, H. A. Dickie, J. H. Lister, P. J. Matthews, W. H. Murch, W. R. Richardson, J. T. Smith and G. Taylor

27th May 1931 The monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee was hold last evening, Mr G. Taylor presiding. Messrs Lister and Barrett were appointed a visiting committee for the ensuing month. Accounts totalling £25 2s 9d wore passed for payment. This left a credit in the bank of £24 14s. The headmaster reported regarding the - attendance: In the primary department the average attendance for the quarter was 231, out of a roll of 244. The secondary attendance was 48, with a roll of 53. General business was transacted.

10th June 1931 The Pahiatua County Council was waited on by a deputation from the Pahiatua District High School Committee at its meeting on Saturday, with a request that it contribute £17 towards the £30 dental clinic- upkeep expenses. The chairman (Cr : S. Bolton) asked, “Are we here to keep the children’s teeth or the county roads?” The request was refused, and a suggestion was made to the school committee to make a small charge for dental work.

23rd July 1931 Saturday last was a very busy day at the Pahiatua District High School, when the Rugby and basketball teams were fully engaged in contests with Eketahuna teams. In all four teams on each side competed. The secondary football game was played on the

Recreation Ground, Mr J.. Richardson being referee. At basketball, the local girls made a draw in. one match and lost in the other. At Rugby Pahiatua were defeated in each case. Eketahuna teams were accompanied by their teachers. The local headmaster (Mr J. Marsh) and his staff entertained the visitors very hospitably and, despite the strenuousness of the competitions, the visitors spent a very enjoyable day.

21st August 1931 On Wednesday a basketball match took place at Pahiatua District High School, when the annual game between staff and school was hold. The skill of the school team was balanced by the energy of the staff who gave occasionally sparkling displays. The game ended in a draw, 1 —1, much to the delight of the large gathering. Miss Ngaire Graham was the referee

31st October 1931 On a much more ambitious scale than hitherto was this year's annual exhibition of work held yesterday afternoon at the Pahiatua District High School. The newly-formed School and Home Association combined with the headmaster (Mr J. Marsh) and staff. In response to invitations issued a record number of parents, old pupils, several members of the School Committee and others interested attended and as they inspected the various classrooms could only express their astonishment and admiration of the standard of the work on view

2nd November 1931 An unusually entertaining afternoon was enjoyed by the Pahiatua District High School yesterday. By invitation, Nurse Cobray, a French girl from Tahiti, who is at present acting as a relieving nurse here, gave a very absorbing talk on Tahiti, and spoke as well as sang to the scholars in French. The boys and girls greatly appreciated the visit. Nurse McDonald, Plunket nurse, who has been on holiday, will resume duty on Monday.

11th December 1931 he annual public speaking contests conducted by the Pahiatua District High School were held this week. Twelve pupils entered and the judges, Mrs H. Paterson and G. Harold Smith, awarded prizes as follow: Marjorie Taylor. "John Bunyan, ' 1- Laurence Patchett, "William Gladstone, 2: Knowle Lett, "Dr. Barnardo," 3. An impromptu speech contest was also held. Marjorie Taylor and Zone Stevens gained the awards*

17th December 1931 On Monday morning the secondary pupils of Pahiatua District High School held a sports gathering. Competition between the senior and junior rooms was keen. The following is the list of winners in the various events :—Boys' 100 yards: Barraclough 1, Patchett 2, Hartley 3. Girls' 100 yards: Mavis Cashin 1, Joyce Austin 2, Zona Stevens 3. Boys' wheelbarrow race: Pickering and Hercock 1, Smith and Smith 2, Cornwall and Holdaway 3. Girls' sack race : Mona Burgess 1, Marjorie Taylor 2, Constance Austin 3. Boys' sack race: Mills 1, Holdaway 2 Burgess 3. Boys' relay: Senior team (Smith, Griffiths, Pickering, Barraclough). Girls' relay race: Junior team (G. Pritchard, C. Austin, H. Heckler, M. Burgess). Boys' High jump: Barraclough 1, Burgess and Daldy 2 (4 ft. l in). Girls' High jump: Joyce Austin 1, Joan Pritchard and Ethne Keddell 2 (4 ft.). Mixed relay: Form V team (Z. Stevens, M. Taylor, Smith, Pickering). Girls' three legged: M. Burgess and J. Austin 1, J. Prichard and C. Austin 2, E. Keddell and Z. Stevens 3. Boys' three-legged: Smith and Griffiths 1, Mills and Burgess 2, Hartley and Pickering 3 Boys' 220 yards: C. Smith 1, Barrett 2, Barraclough 3. The senior room aggregated 44 points and the junior room 40, the issue being in doubt until the running of the last event, just prior to, which the pegging was 39—39. The top girl was Joyce Austin (8 points) with Mona Burgess, (7 a close runner-up.

Barraclough (10 points) carried off the laurels among the boys, C. Smith being the runner-up with 7

26th January 1932 The following results of examinations in ! shorthand, typewriting and book-keeping have been received by Mrs Aston, Commercial instructor at the Pahiatua D.H. School. Shorthand, Jessie Milne, intermediate shorthand, 70 ½ per cent.; Lelia Griffiths, elementary shorthand 92 per cent.; Victor Cornwall, elementary . Shorthand 89 per cent. Typewriting: Jessie Milne, intermediate 87 per cent.; Victor Cornwall, 75 per cent. Intermediate book-keeping: Elsie Keast, 96 per cent.; Herbert Daldy, 84 per cent.; Victor Cornwall, 89 per cent.; Jessie Milne, 88 per cent.; Leila Griffiths, 92 per cent.; Joan Paget, 74' per cent.; Jack Hercock, 66 per cent. All the candidates passed.

In the University entrance scholarship examinations, G. F. Paterson, second son of Dr and Mrs Paterson, of Pahiatua, had the notable distinction of heading the list of successful students for the Dominion with a total of 1998 marks. Ho is a student at Nelson College and an old boy of the Pahiatua District High School. His achievement is a very gratifying one. In the intermediate section in connection with. the recent. Otago University medical examinations, Irvine Paterson, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Patterson, was also successful in passing the examination. He also is- an ex-pupil of the local high school.

15th April 1932 A party of scholars from the Pahiatua District High School, through the courtesy of Rev. W. B. Pickering, Messrs W. Barrett and W. T. Brown, were motored to Palmerston North on Monday afternoon to visit the Massey Agricultural College. Some 15 or 16 boys were' able to avail themselves of the trip, and Mr G. L. Stafford, of the teaching staff, was in charge. The main object of the visit was more or less defeated owing to the very wet weather preventing a proper inspection boing made of the grounds and outside appointments. However, the boys had the opportunity of listening to a very interesting lecture in the science room, the subject being fertilisers and stock.

13th July 1932 Mr J. H. Elder, who for the past three years has been first assistant master in the primary department at the, Pahiatua District High School, has been appointed to the position of sole teacher at the Moawhango [on the Napier Taihape Road well inland from Taihape] School and leaves at the end of the present month for his new appointment. During his residence in Pahiatua, Mr Elder has been closely identified with Rugby, athletic sports, and music, the Teachers' Institute and other institutions

1st August 1932 When the members of the Pahiatua District High School Committee unanimously decided that the pupils should have their dance as usual this year they scarcely expected the wonderful response which greeted their efforts last evening. The gathering was a record one, over £40 being taken, and this means a welcome uplift to the committee funds. There was an enormous crowd present at the Drill Hall, the congestion among the gallery onlookers being almost as great as among the youngsters on the dance floor. The headmaster (Mr J. Marsh) kept control of the proceedings and was assisted by Messrs J. Elder and G. L. Stafford and other members of the staff. The ladies' committee, under Mrs G. Godfrey Taylor, attended efficiency to the supper arrangements and they had no small task in catering for such a large assemblage. After 10 o'clock the adults took the floor, Mr W. R. Richardson acting as M.C. An extra was played by Miss Ammundsen.

15th August 1932 A three-cornered basketball tournament was held at the Pahiatua School this morning, Konini, Mangatainoka and Pahiatua, primary teams taking part. Results were:

—Konini 8 v. Pahiatua 3; Pahiatua 5 v. Mangatainoka 2; Pahiatua 6 v. Mangatainoka 6, a draw.

25th August 1932 Satisfaction with the result of the recent fancy dress dance held in aid of the funds of the Pahiatua District High School was expressed at the monthly meeting of the school committee. The chairman, Mr G. Godfrey Taylor, said that the net proceeds were £34 12s lOd. The erection of a new bicycle shed at a cost of £9 was authorised.

3rd October 1932 The new Pahiatua District High School honours board, donated by Dr. Paterson, is to be inscribed up-to-date, the necessary details having been supplied by Mr J. Marsh, the headmaster.

1st December 1932 At the monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High School . committee advice was received that the funds of the committee had benefited to a moderate amount as a result of the entertainment given by pupils of Rongotai College recently. Mr W. 11. Richardson urged the desirability of having the school grounds tarred, and the chairman (Mr G. C. Taylor) stated that he would obtain an estimate of the cost of the work from the Borough Council.

16th December 1932 ho Pahiatua School's public speaking contest took place in the Anglican schoolroom last evening when Mr J. Marsh, the headmaster, presided. There were 10 prepared speeches and several impromptu speeches. At the of the speeches the chairman of the Pahiatua D.H. School Committee, Mr G. Godfrey Taylor, expressed the appreciation of the audience and commented on the high quality of the speeches. Rev. V. A. Bianchi then announced the results as follow: Prepared speech: Tom Mackenzie 1; Marjorie Taylor 2. Impromptu speech: Marjorie Taylor 1, Ted Williams 2. On combining the two results the best speaker for the evening, the judges (Rev. Mr Bianchi and Mr G. H. Smith) decided was Marjorie Taylor, who was also the holder last year. Following supper a brief dance was held. Len Barraclough was a popular M.C., and music was provided by Mrs I. Graham, Misses Chatwin and Horrax, and Mr P. Burge. During the evening Len Barraclough presented Mr G. L. Stafford, of the secondary staff, with a brass bowl on a wooden stand as an expression of affection and his pupils' good wishes for his married life.

17th December 1932 tennis fixture took place at the Pahiatua District High School yesterday, when the teachers played the pupils. The pupils showed too good form for their elders and won out by 14 sets to 4 or 97 games to 50

At the Pahiatua District High School yesterday morning, Mr G. L. Stafford, who is shortly to be married, was made the presentation of a crystal vase from. his fellow teachers.

4th January 1933 A unique guard of honour was provided by pupils of the Pahiatua District High School on the occasion of the marriage of one of their masters last week. As the bridal couple left the church they passed under an archway of rulers.

31st January 1933 In the teaching staff of the primary department of the Pahiatua District High School, Miss M. Britland has been appointed to succeed Miss Mahoney.

The following pupils of the Pahiatua District High School were successful in the senior free place examinations: Constance Austin, Joyce Austin, Claude. Barrett Thelma Blay, Freda Buckingham, Gordon Burgess, Mona Burgess, Leila Griffiths, Morton Hercock, William Holdaway .Jessie Howell, Knowl Rett, Nathalie Malcolm, Laurence Patchett, Marjorie Pickering, Dorothy Wallis, Betty Wiffen

21st February 1933 Further examination results have been received at the Pahiatua District High School concerning lower leaving certificates granted by the Education Department on the Matriculation Examination results. The successful local candidates were Marjorie Taylor, Rita Williams, Zona Stevens, Mavis Cashin, Moira Purdie and Len Barraclough.

29th March 1933 The monthly meeting of the Pahiatua. District High School Committee was held on Monday evening Mr G. Godfrey Taylor presiding. The headmaster reported that the primary roll was 232 and the secondary roll 52, a total of 284. The chairman said the bank balance at present was £22 Is 6d.

24th May 1933 The monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee was presided over by Mr G. Godfrey Taylor. The committee wrote recently to the board asking for a portable screen to be supplied for the infant room to deflect the draught from the door. The board replied regretting that it. was unable to acceded to the request and suggesting that a canvas screen with wooden frame might be made by the secondary boys and the materials could be supplied by the committee. The chairman said that the amount of capitation allowed the school was absolutely penurious. After scraping in every way last year the committee had ended with a small deficit in the general account. It was “absolute cheek" now of the board to expect flic committee to provide the materials for a screen. During the holidays Mr E. H. Lett had placed pads on the bottom of the doors and these had made an immense amount of difference in stopping the draught. The headmaster agreed that the boys could make -the screen all right under the direction of the woodwork instructor. Mr J. 11. Lister moved that the board be written to and that it be pointed out that the capitation is already too small and in view of this it was not fair to except the committee to provide the screen. The meeting decided unanimously on this course. The chairman moved a hearty vote of congratulation to Miss D. Junker, head of the secondary department, on her great success in winning the vocal championship, etc., at the Masterton competitions. This was carried by acclamation

26th June 1933 A party of boys from the Pahiatua District High School paid a visit to the farms of two well-known Ballance residents. Messrs J. if. Bremner and A. Tait, on Thursday. Mr S. Freeman, of the Department of Agriculture, who was engaged in judging the ensilage and mangolds competition in which several residents of the district are keenly interested, was in charge of the demonstration. Many points of interest in regard to ensilage making were dealt with by Mr Freeman. Mr Bremner supplemented these remarks by giving some particulars on how the ensilage stacks were built. Plots of mangolds on both farms were also inspected, Mr Freeman demonstrating how to test whether mangolds were mature, and points to note in mangold judging. At the conclusion of the visit Mr G. H. Hodd, the president of the Farmers’ Union, expressed the thanks of those present to Mr Freeman for his instructive demonstration. Mr G. L. Stafford, on behalf of the school, endorsed Mr Hodd’s remarks and' also thanked Messrs Bremner and Tait for making the visit possible, and Mr Hodd who had on several occasions generously placed his car at the disposal of the boys on such visits. Before returning home the cyclists of the party were entertained to afternoon tea by Mrs A. Tait.

13th September 1933 A party of boys from the Pahiatua District High School, in charge of Mr G. L. Stafford, visited the Pahiatua Co-operative Dairy Company’s factory at Mangamutu, The manager, Mr L Héayns, showed the visitors round the factory and explained the various operations taking place from time to time in the manufacture of cheese.

27th September 1933 The monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee was held last evening, Mr Godfrey Taylor presiding. The chairman extended a warm welcome to the now member (Mr Stevens). The chairman reported that the Rongotai j Boys' College Dramatic Society had given an entertainment during the last term holidays which proved to be very successful. Though the takings were considerably less the nett proceeds were better than last year, the sum of £4 10s Id being handed over afterwards for the local school fund. For the visiting committee Mr W. R. Richardson reported that everything was looking splendid at the school and the appearance of the grounds was exceptionally good. .Messrs Barrett and Stevens wore appointed a visiting committee for the ensuing .month. Accounts amounting to £8 18s Id wore passed for payment, leaving a credit balance in the current account of £21 11s lOd. After some discussion the committee decided that a man should be engaged to cut the barberry bodge and that he should not be a subsidised relief worker. The committee was of the opinion that when it had the available funds it should employ men just as in normal times and not take advantage of relief measures.

26th October 1926 At the monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee, reporting on the dental clinic subscriptions from district schools, the chairman (Mr G. Godfrey Taylor) remarked that no replies had been received from three defaulting committees. The chairman and Mr E. H. Lett were appointed to wait on the chairmen of the respective committees with a view to collecting, the overdue subscriptions,-especially in view of the-fact that the dental clinic finances are low at present. Messrs E. H. Lett and W. J. Mills were appointed a visiting committee for the- ensuing month. Mr W. H. Murch reported that he had repaired one of the giant 1 strides and would procure an estimate as to the cost of fixing the other one

28th October 1933 very possible step to protect New Zealand's native forests and. birds was urged by Mr A. E. Wilson, acting honorary secretary of the New Zealand Native Bird Protection Society, and by Captain E. V. Sanderson, at the half-yearly council meeting of the Northern Wellington Federation of Women's Institutes in Pahiatua on Thursday……..Scholars from the Pahiatua District High School were present by Invitation to hear the addresses

29th November 1933 The chairman (Mr G. Godfrey Taylor) presided over the monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee last evening. The chairman said lie was a visitor to the Education Board's office in Wellington on Friday last and ascertained that contracts had been let for painting and paperhanging at the headmaster's residence and the secondary building. The board authorised a grant of 10s towards the cost of floor covering for the teachers' room. The height of three chimneys at the school is to be reduced. The construction of kerbs round four gulley traps and the installation of a heating point in the teachers' room was authorised by the board. The matter of lowering the height of the ceiling in the infant department was, however, deferred in the meantime. The dental clinic report for October showed that there were 468 operations, the total attendances being 159. The headmaster said that the usual breaking-up ceremony would be held for the presentation of certificates and prizes. There was a medal for the dux of the school and he asked that the committee have the name of the boy—John Lavin—engraved on the medal. Mr Marsh referred to essay competitions which were held among, secondary school pupils throughout the Dominion in which, Zona Stevens (a daughter of one of the committeemen) had received

special mention for her essay, for the second year in succession. The headmaster remarked that the proficiency examination had just been held, with the High School *as a centre. Eleven pupils obtained proficiency and four competency. No pupil failed*. Four candidates would be sitting shortly for the matriculation examination.

5th February 1934 Miss M. Britland and Miss R. Griffith have been appointed assistants at the Pahiatua District High School for the ensuing year.

8th March 1934 Earthquake All chimneys are either down or twisted at the Pahiatua District High School. The science room is badly cracked. A holiday was wisely declared for the children to-day. [The Napier earthquake was in 1931]

8th June 1934 twenty boys from the Pahiatua District High School yesterday visited the Balfour Estate. Mr J. Shekleton took the boys over parts of the farm and they were also given a demonstration of how to treat sheep for foot-rot. All were much interested in a recent purchase on the property—a two-year-old bull of the Polled Hereford typo. Mr G. L. Stafford, on behalf of the visitors, thanked Mr Shekleton for an enjoyable and profitable afternoon

15th June 1934 The president of the Pahiatua branch of the Farmers' Union (Mr G. H Hodd) paid a visit to the Pahiatua District High School this morning to present a cup m connection with the last Boys' and Girls' Calf Club competitions held in this district. The cup was donated by the Farmers' Union assisted by a subsidy from the Government. It is a handsome silver engraved trophy and goes to Robin Matthews, of the Pahiatua School, who won first place for type and first for condition with his calf. Robin Matthews is a son of Mr and Mrs P. J. Matthews.

28th July 1934 The chairman of the Pahiatua District High School Committee (Mi G. Godfrey Taylor) lias been advised by the Wellington Education Board that" a £1 for £1 subsidy lias been granted on funds contributed toward the school library fund by part proceeds of the recent concert and a grant from the committee's special fund. This means that £10 worth of new books will be purchased for the school library.

30th July 1934 The race ball decorations made a perfect setting for the scores of fancy dresses at the Pahiatua District High School ball in the Drill Hall last evening. A very full programme of folk and old-time dances was indulged in by the children, excellent music being kindly supplied by an orchestra. The headmaster (Mr J. Marsh) directed proceedings and had the willing aid of the teaching staff. Miss Molly Britland contributed extras, also Mr L. Hartley, and others were supplied on a panotrope [An American brand of record player] lent by Mr J. C. Davidson. From ten o'clock the adults took the floor, the M.C. being Mr W. I?. Richardson. Supper was served by a ladies' committee headed by Mrs W. Barrett.

29th August 1934 The Pahiatua District High School Committee met last evening. Mr 0. G. Taylor was the chairman. He reported that the nett proceeds from the children's fancy dress ball, amounting to £25 1s, had been paid into the school fund. A letter of thanks was received from the Pacing Club for the donation of £'2 made by the school committee for the use of the decorations. Mr Taylor reported that Miss McCardle, who is taking the place of Miss Yates, commences her duties after the holidays.

30th August 1934 Miss K. Pattle, who was at one time on the staff of the Pahiatua District High School, is re-visiting the district and is the guest of Mr and Mrs J. D. C.

Crewe, Wakeman Street. Miss E. M. North, formerly of the staff of the Pahiatua District High School and now on the staff of the Wellington Girls' College, and her aunt, Miss Ecclesfell, who have been spending several days with Miss M. Gregory, Wakeman Street, have proceeded to New Plymouth, where they will spend the rest of the school vacation.

17th October 1934 At. the last meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee, Mr K li. Lett, as a member of the visiting committee, said the headmaster had suggested that the present playing area at the school was not big enough but the adjoining horse paddock was not wanted, and his suggestion was to take down the dividing fence between the paddock and the playing area. It would enlarge the area and the cricket pitch could be then moved over to allow room for the little children to play. At present the cricketers monopolised the area. To effect the alterations some, roes would also have to be taken out and some excavating done. The committee decided to follow out the suggestion.

29th October 1934 The public meeting in the Borough Council Chambers last evening, called to discuss the arrangements for celebrating the jubilee of the Pahiatua District High School which next year will have been in existence for fifty years, was attended by several members of the committee, old residents, and even one of the original pupils, Mrs W. McCardle. Mr G. Godfrey Taylor (chairman of the School Committee) presided and apologised for the unavoidable absence of the headmaster (Mr J- Marsh) who, however, had promised that the staff would' render all assistance possible to make some fitting commemoration.

21st December 1934 Pupils of the Pahiatua District High School who have been awarded senior free places are as follow: Joan Algie, Dorothy Bick, Beryl Buckingham, Richard Austin, Henry Meade, Henry Wagner, Harold Mills, Eric Scandrett, Gladys Wallis, and Gavin Callender. The junior free place of Frank Ammundsen has been extended for one year

24th December 1934 The Pahiatua School Jubilee Committee met last evening, Mr G. G. Taylor being the chairman. Following the resignation of the secretary (Mr W. N. Richardson), Messrs R. L. Dailey and It. L. Parker were appointed secretaries. Mr-G. L. Stafford, who is the school's representative on the committee, reported on the programme of displays to be given by the scholars during the jubilee celebrations. These include drill displays, folk dancing and handiwork displays. A collection of early photographs is being arranged for exhibition. The arrangements for the jubilee were discussed, and several schemes approved, but it was decided to leave definite arrangements until the meeting in January.

Recently about a hundred pupils from the Pahiatua District High School, accompanied by teachers and parents, journeyed to Eketahuna to participate in the annual athletic tournament between the two schools. Clarence Tataurangi and James Barraclough were outstanding among the primary boys, and Lund and Leith, of Eketahuna, and Roy Prussing, of Pahiatua, in the secondary events. Tataurangi beat all comers in the long jump, putting up the remarkably good performance of 17 feet 2 inches. The primary school competition for the Smith Cup went to Pahiatua by

a margin of twenty points and the secondary school tournament to Eketahuna by a margin of six points

30th January 1935 The jubilee committee of the Pahiatua District High School met on Friday Mr G. G. Taylor presiding. Mr Taylor proposed that the secretary be instructed Lo write to Mr Clement Lee, the Minister for Education, the chairman of the Wellington Education Board and the member tor the district, inviting them to speak at the jubilee gathering. This was carried. A programme for the afternoon was arranged and a committee of ladies appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the afternoon tea. It was decided to procure badges tor the jubilee, the badges to show a. photograph of the school. The evening programme was also discussed and it was decided to leave arrangements in the hands of a committee comprising Misses D. E. F. Junker and E. Chatwin and Messrs G. L. Stafford, P. Jackson, R. L. Parker and W. H. Murch. Mr P. Jackson kindly offered to (supply the music. The Secretary was instructed to extend a special invitation to Miss C. McKenny and Miss M. D. Reece to be present.

25th February 1935 PAHIATUA' DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL. " JUBILEE CELEBRATED. / The Pahiatua District High School, formerly the primary school, on Friday celebrated its 50th year of existence, there being a large number of former pupils attending a garden party in the school grounds. After a number of rain showers in the morning the weather cleared and remained fine. The proceedings were under the management of the present chairman of the School Committee (Mr G. Godfrey Taylor).

Following the singing of the National Anthem, a minute's silence was observed in memory of former pupils who have passed away. The roll call was taken by a former headmaster (Mr G. W. Chatwin). As all the school records had been destroyed in a fire in 1912, a roll for years prior to that date had to Ire built up, but it was to the credit of the committee in charge of the jubilee that not a great number of omissions were to be seen as the proceedings progressed. As Mr Chatwin called the names those who were present went forward amidst applause to shake the former headmaster by the hand and to Ire greeted similarly by the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr and Mrs J. D. Wilson). One of the first to walk forward was Mrs J. S. Crimp, of Napier, mother of one of the first pupils, who was warmly received and was presented with a bouquet by the Mayoress. It was stated later that Mrs Crimp is So years of age. She was accorded musical honours. Mr Chatwin addressed the gathering, Mr Wilson adding his congratulations. Mr Taylor, in speaking of the history of the school, mentioned that present were three generations of one family who had attended the school as pupils. They were of the McCardle family (Mrs W. AA. McCardle. of Waimiha, King Country), her son (Mr Bert McCardle. Martinborough), and his daughter (Miss Alma McCardle, also of Martinborough). On November 28. 1883, the Education Board accepted with thanks the school site at Pahiatua., opposite the Post Office, offered by the late Hon. A\. AA . McCardle, who was then resident in Masterton. On October 29, 1884. a tender was accepted for the erection of one room. The board, on April 29, 1885, voted the sum of £150 for the erection of a teacher's residence and this dwelling, opposite the Presbyterian Church, was still standing. In 1888 a. second, room was added and in 1895 two more. (These were the present infant school.) In 1910 a woodwork room was built, then, in 1911, the location of the school was shifted to the western side of the town to its present position, four rooms comprising the primary department being erected. At the same time the first two rooms put up in 1885 were removed

to the new site and were later converted into cookery and science rooms. The secondary department was established in 1911. 'Early in 1912 fire destroyed the new primary school block and with it the school records, an irretrievable and most unfortunate loss. From a primary school it had developed into a secondary one as well and the school had gone on very well from that day to this. The first headmaster, the late Mr Duncan Mears I eats, reigned from February 1, 1885, till January 31. 1891. Mr Clement AY. Lee (now of "Wanganui) followed, from February 1, 1891, till October 31. 1894. Then came the late Mr Joseph Thomas, from November 1, 1894, till July 31, 1916, followed by Mr G. A . Chatwin, of Pahiatua. from August 1, 1910, till January 31, 1926; Mr A. J. O'Connor, of Auckland, from March 1,-1926. till July 31, 1929; and lastly Mr John Marsh from September 10, 1929, till the present.

Other speakers were Mr AA'. R. Richardson, a former chairman of the committee, Mr Chatwin and Mr J Marsh, the present headmaster. In the evening a dance was held, the attendance being estimated at 400. The total receipts for both afternoon and evening was over £SO. Among the old pupils who attended in the course of the day's proceedings were the following of district interest: —Mrs Charlotte McCardle (Charlotte Sedcole). Palmerston North, 1885; Mrs Bond (Becky Christiansen), Rangiotu, 1889; Mr J. Christiansen. Palmerston North, 1890; Mrs F. H. Guinness (Isobel McCardle), Palmerston North, 1909; Mr A. East. Woodville, 1903; Mrs Whitehead (Miss Mason). Palmerston North, 1902; P. Stenberg. Palmerston North, 1885: Mr C. Parker, Feilding; Mr Erie Wilson. Palmerston North; and Miss Rita Madsen, Palmerston North.

1st March 1935 The attitude of the authorities of the Pahiatua District High School in not granting the pupils a full holiday on Show day was adversely commented upon, the opinion being unanimous that in view of the importance of the day and the great general interest the "Show aroused a full holiday should have been given to the children.

27th March 1935 The Pahiatua District High School Committee met last evening, Mr G. Godfrey Taylor being in the chair. Various district school committees notified that they preferred the existing method of raising funds to meet Dental Clinic upkeep expenses to be continued. All committees except one had paid up last year's dues before the close of the financial year. The Wellington Education Board notified the appointment of Miss N. J. McKittrick, at present assistant at Worser Bay School, to the position of infant mistress in succession to Miss H. Burge, who will retire at the end of the present term. The appointment was approved. The board advised conditions on which the Education Department would supply the school with radio equipment at cost, for educational purposes. It was decided to hold this matter over until receipt of the jubilee committee's balance-sheet. The audited balance-sheet -was received back from the Education Board. There were no tags and the figures disclosed a healthy financial position. Accounts amounting to £16 0s 2d were passed for payment, the bank credit balance being £28 13s 8d.

1st May 1935 The Pahiatua District High School Committee met last evening, Mr G. G. Taylor presiding. A circular letter was received in regard to the King's Jubilee celebrations. Mr Taylor said that the amount the committee would receive was 4d per child. He outlined the programme to be followed for the entertainment of the children. The school jubilee committee had handed over to the School Committee the sum of £19 for purchasing a radio set and considerable discussion ensued on the question of buying a combination gramophone

and wireless sot. Mr W H. Murch suggested that quotations be obtained for a combination set. Mr G. G. Taylor moved and it was seconded by Mr P. J. Matthews that Messrs Murch and Burr be a committee to report to the next meeting on the subject

14th May 1935 Miss H. Burge, who has completed many years' service in the teaching profession, retired yesterday from the position of infant mistress at the Pahiatua District High School. The headmaster . (Mr J. Marsh) presented Miss Burge .with' a crystal rose bowl and vase on behalf of the staff and the children of Standards 1 and 2 presented her with a leather handbag. Miss Burge was infant mistress at Scarborough (Mangamutu School) for just one month short of 20 years and in 1927 took charge of the infant department at Pahiatua where she taught until her retirement yesterday. Yesterday Miss K. Bagge the domestic science teacher who is leaving to take up an appointment in the South Island, and Miss N. Golder, who has been relieving at the Pahiatua District High School, were farewelled by other members of the staff.

24th July 1935 The monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee was held last evening. The Education Board notified that arrangements had been made whereby the headmaster (Mr Marsh) would remain in charge of the school until the end of the present term. The visiting committee reported everything to be satisfactory at the school. A man had been engaged on the grounds for a few days, and for the time of the year they were looking well.

24th August 1935 Mr and Mrs Marsh were entertained at afternoon tea by Forms I and II at the Pahiatua District High School prior to the end of the -term, and a presentation was made to Mr Marsh, who is leaving the staff. Presentations were also made to Mrs Marsh and Master W. Marsh

26th August 1935 The annual fancy dress dance of the Pahiatua District High School was held last evening, there being a very large attendance. The receipts will total about £40. Sir Alfred and Lady Ransom and Sir Alfred's private secretary, Mr A. AW. Mulligan attended alter a political meeting and partook of supper. Mr W. R. Richardson, under whose direction the dancing was arranged, ably controlled the gathering. The grand march was carried out very well, the children performing the various movements without a mistake. An orchestra comprising Mrs W. H. Murch (piano) and Messrs W . H. Murch, Tataurangi, and C. Burt supplied excellent music for dancing. This was interspersed with music from Mr R. Merrie's amplifier. The supper was provided by the wives of committeemen, assisted by members of the Old Pupils' Association

29th August 1935 Prior to his departure for Waitara, the headmaster of the Pahiatua District High School, Mr J. Marsh, received a presentation from the children of the school. Mr G. Godfrey Taylor, chairman of the school committee, was present and referred to Mr Marsh's six years of successful headmastership here. Mr Marsh was the recipient of a leather bowling case and crystal vase. On the same day he was farewelled by the members of the staff and was presented with a golf cardigan by Mr G. Slater, other teachers paying their tribute. Mr Marsh fittingly replied.

29th August 1935

1935 The monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High School was held last evening, Mr G. Godfrey Taylor presiding. The Wellington Education Board advised that Mr T. Clarke, of Paraparaumu, had been appointed headmaster at the Pahiatua School in place of Mr J. Marsh,

subject to the committee's approval. The committee approved of the appointment, there having been 23 applicants. Mr Clarke, who has had 24 years' service in the teaching profession, holds a C certificate. He has been five years head of the Paraparaumu School which has a roll of approximately 150. The chairman reported that the gross receipts from the children's fancy dress dance amounted to £40 19s 5d, a sum considerably greater than last year's. This figure had only been bettered once or twice previously.

21st November 1935 PAHIATUA, Nov. 20. ' The annual sports of the Pahiatua District High School were held on the sportsground to-day. The cold weather and soft track made things rather unpleasant for the young competitors. The office of starter was filled by Mr G. Stafford, and Mr Slater undertook the organising and control of the fixture. The adjudicating tapes were in the hands of Mrs Beales and Miss McCardle, and Miss Junkers was the recorder. The results of the championships are as follow:—Primary boys 100 yards championship: C. Tataurangi 1. S. Beales 2, A. Carrad 3. Secondary boys 100 yards: R. Prussing 1, P Watts 2, J. Barraclough 3. Primary girls 50 yards: J. Watson 1, P. Gunn 2, P. Phillips 3. Secondary girls 50 yards: G. Bissett 1, C. Boyd 2, J. Mason 3. Primary girls 100 yards: J. Watson 1, P. Gunn 2, P. Phillips 3. Secondary girls 100 yards: G. Bissett 1, C. Boyd 2, J. Mason 3

21st December 1935 Pupils of the primary and secondary departments of the Pahiatua District High School held their annual breaking-up ceremony yesterday. The headmaster (Mr T. Clark) took the opportunity of presenting the tennis championship buttons to Jeanette Pressing and Mac Mason, who was deputising for Gavin Callender. He also addressed the pupils, urging them to work hard and he loyal to their school. Mr Clark paid a tribute to the work of Miss D. F. Junker and Mr G. L. Stafford. Marjorie Bisset was presented with a beautifully bound book given in conjunction with the public speaking shield by members of the staff. Colleen Boyd presented Miss Junker with a china rose bowl as a token of the scholars' appreciation of her services and Miss Junker suitably replied. A presentation was also made to Mr Stafford, and cheers for the teachers brought the secondary school function to a close. The primary department held their prize-giving ceremony in the afternoon. The headmaster addressed a few words to those children who wore leaving school, wishing them every success. He also made an appeal to the parents to interest themselves in the affairs of the school. Mr Clark thanked Mrs P. L. Matthews and Mr G. G. Taylor (chairman of the School Committee) for donating special prizes to the school, and culled on Mr Taylor to presents awards, as under: — Dux of school , Kenneth Paterson. Double entry book-keeping, Joan Sowery. Shorthand, Beryl Buckingham, Enid Edmonds, Joan Sowery. Attendance certificates: Jean Britland, Lola Ewen, Dawn Cook, Alay Britland, Enid Edmonds, Alexander Macrae, Henry Anglini, Beryl Buckingham, Ray Trussing, Henry Wagner. Robert McDonald, Fred Groves, Ruth Wagner, Colleen Boyd, Frank Amundson, Harvene Davidson, Mary Huton, Lorna Pratt, John Davidson, Gwen Old. Alison Thompson, Ronald Carrad, Bettie Brabner. Vern Hewitt, Raymond Petersen, Margaret Mills, Ida Mills, Ream Kershaw, Digby Beauford, Arthur Devonshire, Phyllis Brady, Evelyn Wilson, Russ Merrie, Julian Adams, Max Bentley, Clarence Tataurangi Ivan Hansen Allan Wood, Victor Boyens, Eileen Wright, Beryl Wood, Bruce Brady, Douglas Glassey, Douglas Mitchell, Eric Staples, William Macrae, Brian Stanley, Reg. McKinnon, Fred Staples, Ralph Ewen, Allan Carrad, Norma Hewitt, Yvonne Matthews, Nancy Gunn, Marjorie Wallace, Peggy Gunn, Jean Watts,

Nola Pressing, John Hutton, Elaine Mackley, Shirley Clark, Ruth Chatwin, Monty Jackson, Joan Brabner, Ida Pearcy Eric Brown, Rex Mitchell and Phyllis Wood.
Mrs Matthews' special prize for progress: Joan Goer, Mr Taylor's special prize for progress: Eric Staples. Mr Taylor's special prize for stamp collectors: Arthur Buk. Senior free place awards: Marjorie Bisset, Harvene Davidson, Joan Sowery, Bentley Biggar, Joan Bisset, Rhoda Aston, Bertha Redmond, Yvonne Wills, Ramon Pringle, Mac Mason, Frank Ammundsen, Bob McDonald, Robert Matthews and Fred Groves.
26th December 1935 At the monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee, held last evening, Mr G. G. Taylor presided. The chairman advised that Mr Batten had been engaged to spend one day per week to keep the school grounds m order during the term holidays. Advice was received from the Education Department that tenders had been accepted for re-papering , s three rooms in the teacher's residence, the erection of a chalk wall in the primers' room and for repairing and painting the main and infant schools. It was decided to send a letter of congratulation to Miss Robbie in view of l her approaching marriage. The Education Board advised that it could not assist with the re-tarring of the ground, and it was resolved to write to the Minister of Education asking . for a direct grant to proceed with, the work. Messrs W. J. Mills and W. H Richardson were appointed to the visiting committee for January. Accounts amounting to £18 10s 9d were passed for payment. At the conclusion of the meeting the chairman thanked all members for the work they had done during the year and wished all the compliments of the season.
25th March 1936 "I call it disgraceful," commented the chairman of the Pahiatua School Committee when it was revealed that a collection box placed at the dental clinic last November for donations towards the cost of the service, on being opened this week, was found to contain only Is 6d. "The service is not fully appreciated," added Mr. Godfrey Taylor, who said that .300 operations were performed during, the last month
25th March 1936 'At a meeting oi the Pahiatua School Committee, held on Monday evening, Mr G. Godfrey-Taylor Presided -Also present were Messrs W. Richardson, 1, Burr W. Murch, W. Barrett, W. J. Mills and E. Lett. Accounts amounting to £ls 5s 7d were passed for payment. The report of the headmaster (Mr Clarke) stated that the present roll was 280, and of these, 242 pupils were in the primary, while the remaining 38 were in the secondary school. During the _month Inspectors D. McCaskill and H. Watson, and also Mr Hesse, supervisor m agriculture, had visited the school. Mi Bell health inspector, Palmerston North, had made can inspection of the school conveniences and had made certain recommendations. The report continued : The swimming sports were held on March 11. This school is badly in need of sports material and the teachers are prepared to help toward raising part of the sum required but would like the committee to subsidise the money raised to the extent of £1 for £l." Reporting on his visit to the school, Mr Lett said that measurements of the asphalt required had been taken. It was decided, if the teachers of the school could raise £4 towards the purchase of necessary sports material, to contribute an equal sum towards the fund. It was reported by the chairman that the total attendances for the month at the dental clinic had been 138 and the number of operations performed 309. These figures covered nine different schools and he was sorry to say that two schools associated with the Pahiatua clinic had not paid their contributions. The committee, after a short discussion on the matter, decided to

remove the two defaulting schools from the list of those permitted the use of the Government clinic.
21st April 1936 On Saturday the Pahiatua District High School Tennis Club held their teams' championship matches. The results are as follow : —Boys' championship singles; Fred Groves beat Robin Matthew, 10 —8, in a hard fought game. Both played well, but the winner was more accurate than his hard-hitting opponent. Girls' championship singles: Grace Bisset beat Joan Baucke, 9 —6. Boys' doubles (handicap): Winners: Fred Groves and Jack Beales; runners-up, Robin Matthews and Bruce Howell. Girls' doubles (handicap): Winners: Beryl Buckingham and Grace Bisset; runners-up, Ngaire Burr and Jean Watts. Mixed doubles , (handicap): Winners: Raymond Brown and Joan Sowry; runners-up, Robin Matthews and Grace Bisset. Boys' singles (handicap): Winner: Fred Groves; runner-up, Robin Matthews, girls' singles' (handicap): Winner, Ngaire Burr; runner-up, Dawn Cook.

30th April 1936 he Pahiatua School Committee met last evening, Mr G. Godfrey Taylor presiding. A number of tenders were before the committee for the topping of trees and the removal of rubbish from the school grounds, and the price submitted by Mr W. Andrews was accepted. The Wellington Education Board sought an estimate of the cost of the work involved in clearing away trees following the recti it hurricane. In a further letter the board also intimated that £10 would be granted towards the topping of trees and asked for particulars as to the number of trees to be. attended to. It was agreed to write to the board informing them that the work will cost double the grant made. The Wellington Sunday School Union wrote thinking the committee for had been done for them during the Easter Convention; also for granting the use of the school buildings for the accommodation of delegates. The headmaster (Mr l. Clark) reported that the School roll stood at 282—244 in the primary department s* id 38 in the secondary. The chairman thanked the members of the committee for their loyal association during his term of office and expressed gratification that they had consented to seek re-election.
28th May 1936 When classes resumed for the winter term on Monday at the Pahiatua District High School, fifteen new enrolments were made.
4th June 1936 In memory of their late son who during his association with the local school took an active interest in Athletics Mr and Mrs F. F. Barraclough have pie rented a handsome silver challenge cup to the Pahiatua District High School. [newton James aged 16 committed suicide in January]
25th June 1936 The Pahiatua School Committee held its monthly meeting on Monday night, Mr G. Godfrey Taylor presiding. On behalf of the Pahiatua Calf Rearing Club, Mr G. Slater thanked the committee for its donation of 10s 6d. In regard to the application of the committee for the erection of another ! bicycle shed, the Education Board requested particulars of pupils riding bicycles to school and the distance they I lived from the school. Mr T. Burr, on behalf of the visiting committee, reported that the grounds were looking very well at present. Messrs Burr and Matthews were instructed to have the pungas at the entrance of the school I attended to.
17th August 1936 Advice has been received by Mr G. Taylor (chairman of the Pahiatua District High School Committee) from Hon. P. Eraser (Minister of Education) that the Education Department has decided to make a grant to Mrs McCullough on account of the

death of her daughter Linda, following an accidental fall in the school grounds. Besides paying the funeral and hospital expenses the grant includes a special compassionate allowance of £15.

15th February 1936 PAHIATUA SCHOOLGIRL. COLLISION IN PLAYGROUND. As the result, it is believed, of having received internal injuries when she, collided with another pupil on the school playground on Thursday morning, Linda McCullough, the nine-year-old daughter of Mrs F. McCullough, of Sedcole Street, Pahiatua, was admitted to the Pahiatua Hospital, where she died yesterday afternoon. The accident occurred at 11 o'clock, but the injured girl continued her morning studies and went home at the lunch hour, returning to school in the afternoon as usual. Later she complained of not feeling well and the teacher sent her home accompanied by a companion. A doctor attended the child and ordered her removal to the hospital. Yesterday morning he received a further call to the injured girl, who was then far from well. At two o'clock in the afternoon she took a turn for the worse and passed away.

24th August 1936 Mr G. L. Stafford, for eight years a member of the staff of the Pahiatua District High School, lias been appointed first assistant in tie 'secondary department of the Huntly District High School. Mr Stafford was presented with a pair of leather motoring gloves by the teaching staff this morning when they assembled to bid farewell to Mr and Mrs Stafford. Mr G. Godfrey Taylor, chairman of the committee, spoke in praise of Mr Stafford's services.

25th August 1936 Mr G. L. Stafford, junior form master at the Pahiatua District High School, was entertained by the pupils under his charge on Friday in view of his resignation from the staff. The pupils had subscribed for a beautifully bound volume of Shelley's works and this was presented to Mr Stafford by Jean Watts. Henry Wagner, speaking on behalf of the senior pupils, voiced the regret felt at Mr Stafford's departure, referring also to his splendid services. Mr Stafford expressed regret that he was leaving Pahiatua, and thanked the children for their gift, which he said he would always treasure. Mr Stafford had a surprise for the children, in the form of a cake of chocolate for every boy and girl.

27th August 1936 Mr G. G. Taylor presided at the monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High .School Committee last evening. The Health Department notified that as from September 1 the Pahiatua Dental Clinic would be open continuously, the work having increased greatly, and advised that other arrangements would be made for the Pongaroa children, which would entail additional quarterly contributions by Pahiatua. The chairman reported that the school funds had benefited by £28 6s 11d, the nett proceeds of the fancy dress party, the gross receipts for which had been £43 7s 3d. On the motion of Mr E. H. Lett, a resolution was carried recording the committee s appreciation of the work done during the last eight years by Mr G. L. . Stafford, a teacher in the secondary department, who has been promoted to a position at Huntly.

29th September 1936 Mr L M H Reid Secondary assistant appointed

25th November 1936 A meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee was held on Monday night, Mr G. Godfrey Taylor presiding. Owing to the Education Department, holding up grants, it was reported that it would be impossible for the ton Education Board to continue with the erection of the new outbuildings. The chairman said that Sir Alfred Ransom should be asked to take the matter up with the department. The sending of another letter to the board, asking them to deal with the matter as soon as possible, was also agreed upon. The dental

nurse (Bliss 81. de Beer) reported on attendances for the following schools: Convent 11, Makomako 16, Marima 16, Ruawhata 16, a total of 58 patients for the month. Advice having been received from the Education Board that the sum of £17 would be available for the school's ground improvement scheme, it was decided to hold the matter over until next meeting, when the report will be made by the visiting committee (Messrs Murch and Mills). The visiting committee's re commendations, that the posts on the tennis court be renewed with iron piping, to let the barberry hedge grow across the opening in the rear of the section, and also to cut the long grass in the paddock, were adopted. The condition of the surface of Princess Street was the subject of expressions of disappointment, it being said that when the committee waited on the Borough Council they had been given a very sympathetic hearing, but the road was now in almost as bad condition as before.

30th November 1936 The championship points for the Pahiatua School sports have now been compiled. Henry Angelini won the James Barraclough memorial cup and miniature. This is the first year the cup has been competed for. Points were awarded as follow: Secondary hoys: Henry Angelini 13, Dick Austin 7, Sid Beales 6, B. Howell 4. Primary hoys: Garry Phillips 15, Roy Veale 5, Jack Beales 4, Allan Carrad 3, Rex Mitchell 2, , ; D. Beaufort 1. Secondary girls: Grace Bisset 12, Joan Sowry 6, Jean Groves 3, Mavis Barrett 3. Primary girls: Ream Kershaw 12, Pat Phillips 8, Patty Brainier 4. The secondary school title was won by Grace Bisset, while Garry Phillips won the primary school title. Ream Kershaw won the primary girls' title.

7th December 1936 The matriculation examination is being held at the Pahiatua District High School at present, there being 11 candidates. Miss E. Chatwin is the supervisor

23rd December 1936 Mr G. Godfrey Taylor presided over a meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee. The chairman reported that lie had been advised that the Education Department might agree to find the money for the school's new outbuildings. Mr Sweetman (Palmerston North) was thanked for donating plants to the school. It was decided to recommend to the board that a £17 grant be spent on building a sand pit and painting the front fence and kerbs leading to the school.

30th January 1937 The meeting of the Pahiatua District High School on Tuesday was presided over by Mr G. Godfrey Taylor. Mr T. Clarke, the headmaster, also attended. The caretaker (Mrs E. M. Staples) tendered her resignation. The approval of the Education Board is to be asked for the construction on the grounds of a playing sand-pit for the infant children, also the coating with a waterproof dressing of whitewash the kerbing of the school grounds. If the board approves of the work, which must be done before the end of March, the committee has been advised that a special grant may be obtained. Accounts amounting to £8 19s 3d were passed for payment. Mr E. H. Lett was authorised to arrange for a man to work on the grounds

24th February 1937 Mr G. Godfrey Taylor presided at a meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee last evening, two letters were received from the Wellington Education Board. The first dealt with the matter of improvements to the school grounds, which, it stated, were still under consideration. The second notified that tenders had been called for the erection of bicycle stalls at the school. A further letter was received stating that the giant for the construction of a sand-pit and the painting of kerbing in the school ground had been approved. The chairman explained that there had been a great deal of delay in the approval of

the grant, which amounted to £17 1s 6d. Three applications were received in answer to the advertisement qi a caretaker at the school. It was decided that Mrs Beaufort be recommended to the Education Board for the position

Mr A Groves has been appointed to the staff of the Pahiatua District High School and Miss E. Griffiths has been temporarily assigned to a position as supernumerary teacher.

6th March 1937 The headmaster of the Pahiatua District High School (Mr T. Clarke) states that the school roll has now resumed its normal position after the holidays. The roll at the secondary department has been greatly strengthened, there being 50 pupils this year as against 32 in 1936. Mr Clarke states also that the primary department lias also shown a substantial increase. There is an additional assistant on the staff.

25th March 1937 Mr G. Godfrey Taylor presided over a meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee. The headmaster's report commented, inter alia: "The present roll of the primary school is 248 and of the secondary 49. The school was visited and the children medically inspected by Dr C. E. W. Anderson on March 8 and 9." As the result of a suggestion that the school floors should be oiled, the chairman said the matter could be considered by the committee. A communication from the Wellington Education Board intimated that Mr J. Salt, of Glencoe School, in the South Island, had been appointed an additional assistant, at the school. It was decided to write to the board asking what steps they intended taking to repair the playground. The chairman said the committee was slightly better off than it had been the previous year, duo to an extra grant of £40 and a subsidy on account of storm damage. Messrs Lett and Burr were reappointed a visiting committee for the ensuing month

26th May 1937 Mr G. G. Taylor presided over the monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee. It was decided that the committee supply a tree to be planted in commemoration of the Coronation.

30th June 1937 The monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District ‘High School Committee was presided over by Mr G. G. Taylor. Members stood in silence out of respect for the late Mir W. R Richardson. The chairman’s action in notifying the Department of Health that the High School would be willing to pay its share for the extra assistance necessitated at the local dental clinic owing to the interruption during the term was endorsed. The headmaster stated that the school would he closed from July 19 to July 23. inclusive, to enable the teachers to attend a conference at Wellington.

28th July 1937 The headmaster of the Pahiatua District High School (Mr T. Clarke) reported a.t a meeting of the committee last evening that the present roll is 296 —250 in the primary and 46 in the secondary department. It was decided to subsidise the sports fund to the extent of £3" 10s on a £ for £ basis.

30th July 1937 The chairman of the Pahiatua District High School Committee (Mr G. Godfrey Taylor) has received a telegram from Sir Alfred Ransom, M.P. for Pahiatua, advising that authority has been given for the erection of new conveniences at the Pahiatua School.

7th August 1937 A number of the pupils of the Pahiatua District High School were given a lesson in practical civics at the conclusion of the sitting of the Magistrate’s Court at Pahiatua yesterday. Mr IT. P. Lawry, S.M., went to the back of the courtroom, where the children had been taking notes during the sitting, and explained the procedure of the Court. He referred to

the difference between civil and criminal cases and between the Magistrate's and Supreme Courts.

14th August 1937 A rowan (mountain ash) tree was planted at the Pahiatua District High School yesterday to celebrate Arbor Day. Mr G. Godfrey Taylor, chairman of the committee, and a "pupil elected from each class planted the tree.

19th August 1937 The monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee was held last evening, Mr G. G. Taylor presiding. The chairman reported that Cabinet had agreed to the erection of outbuildings at the school. The balance-sheet for the children's party showed a profit of £31 6s 2d. The Wellington Education Board advised that at a recent meeting; it had passed a resolution as follows: "That the report of the ward members be received and that the school committee's attention be drawn to the unsatisfactory condition of the grounds and that, in view of the large credit balances in their general and special accounts, they be asked to state whether or not they are prepared to carry out the work of re-sealing the area in question. In the event of it not being possible to complete the full area, what area could your committee re-seal this season, or what amount is your committee prepared to allocate for this work?" The chairman said that the job was a £2OO or £3OO one. It was agreed to offer £50 from the special fund and £25 from the general account. The chairman pointed out that the matter would have to come up at the next meeting for a decision and that in the meantime he would advise the board that a previous offer of £30 still stood

11th October 1937 It is understood that the Public Works Department is to commence relaying the asphalt around the Pahiatua District High School in the near future and that early in the new year tenders for the erection of out-buildings will be called.

23rd November 1937 The annual sports of the Pahiatua District High School, which had twice been postponed owing to the' inclement weather, were held to-day before a small attendance

15th December 1937 Mr S. Walsh, who takes up an appointment at the Pahiatua' District High School next year, together with Miss L. Stevens, passed in history and education for the B.A. degree at the Victoria University College examinations.

20th December 1937 An address was given by Mr G. Godfrey Taylor, who was accompanied by Mrs Godfrey Taylor, at the breaking-up ceremony at the -Pahiatua District High School yesterday. The dux of the primary school was Joan Goer and next in order of merit was Ida Mills, Joan Goer will receive £1 worth of books provided by the Wellington Education Board from the Heckler Memorial Fund. Brian Stanley, who was dux last year, was presented with the books lie won in 1936. Mr Godfrey Taylor's prize for the girl making the most improvement during the year went to Margaret Mills, and Mrs P. J. Matthews's special prize was awarded to Jean Wilson. The Barraclough Memorial Sports Cup for the secondary school athletic championship was presented to Bruce Howell, Keith Goer receiving the Public Speaking Shield. The successful competitors in the school sports and championship winners also received certificates. Presentations were also made to Messrs Salt and Reid from the staff, Mr Clark (head teacher) paying tributes to them. Mr Salt has accepted a position in North Auckland and Mr Reid will join a school in Hamilton.

31st January 1938 Mr R. D. Salter has been selected as secondary assistant at the Pahiatua District High School. [Ex Raetihi]

Miss McKittrick. infant mistress at the Pahiatua District High School, has been appointed assistant at the Epson Normal School**,** Auckland. Pending the appointment of a successor of Mr M. H. Reid, Mr D. Donald, of Wellington, will be attached to the secondary school staff and Miss Renner, of Wellington, has been appointed as relieving teacher in place of Miss McKittrick.

7th February 1938 An increase in both the primary and the secondary departments' rolls was disclosed, compared with the figures for the corresponding time of 1937, when the Pahiatua District High School opened for the first term of the new year. In the secondary department, there were 50 pupils and approximately 240 in the primary division. , .

26th March 1938 Pupils of the Pahiatua District High. School, who have, qualified- for certificates issued by the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association, are as follow.:— Secondary department: Learner's certificate: Q. Holdaway, J. Bisset, G. Burgess, J. Goer, N. Prussing, R. Carrad. Proficiency, F. Beaufort, C. Clement, E. Pratt, P. Duncan, M. Pratt. N. Bisset, N. Oakly, E Wagner. R. McKinnon, N. Gunn, O. Hunt I. Watts, S. Siddels, J. Thompson. Merit: T. Levy, K. Staples, ,L Britland. M. Britland, A. Macrae, D. Bicknell, .J. Beales, K; Goer, B. Stanley. V. Noble. M. Mille, I. Madsen. P. Scandrett, F. Scott, S. Levy, D. Mitchell.

This reason's learners also include: P. Duncan, N Daldy, E. Wagner, P. Brabner, P. Brady, I. Mills.

Primary department : 880 yards (merit) proficiency, P. Kershaw, S. Beales. 440 yards, L. Pratt, ID. Robinson. 220 yards, G. Paget, 0. Kershaw. B- Harris. L. Kitchen. Learners. M Howell, P . Bisset, (100 yds). Learners' certificates. J. Brabner, E. Wallis. E. Goodin G. Goodin. J. Gunn, J. Pearcey. M. McMinn, B. Hodd, B. Benton, I. Heayns. G. McKechnie, M Patchett, B. Paget. A. Thompson V. Burr, B. Watson. G. Dolman. P Millar, C. Smith, J. Davidson. J. Richardson, H. Siddells, J. Smyth. W. Mills S Chapman, I. Merrie, D. Henderson, A. Greaves (all 50 yards).

0th April 1938 Rev. C. M. Roberts, before leaving for Levin, was presented by the boys of the Pahiatua District High School with a literary classic in appreciation of his Scriptural instruction.

9th May 1938 The following contributed items at a concert organised by the secondary pupils of the Pahiatua District High School: Miss D. Junker, Jean Britland, Shirley Heayns, Barbara Burgess, Quentyn Holdaway, Wray Brown, Bryan Stanley, and Keith Goer. The infant room was crowded with parents, old scholars, and present scholars

25th May 1938 Miss E. Ashby; of Palmerston North, has been appointed to the charge of the Ruawhata School in succession to Mrs H. McQuilkin, who is mow infant mistress at Pahiatua District ,High School.

15th June 1938 Two members, of the Pahiatua District High School staff, Miss Junker and Mr Sefton Walsh, are at present on the sick list.

22nd October 1938 Dr. Platt-Mills, school medical officer, is examining the pupils at the Pahiatua District High School.

30th July 1938 HIGH SCHOOL. An enjoyable evening was spent at the annual fancy dress party conducted under the auspices of the Pahiatua District High School Committee. Several exhibition dances by the scholars were well received.

24th August 1938 Mr G. G. Taylor presided over the • monthly meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee, when a request for the provision of a sink and cupboard in the staff room was grant- : ed. The Education Board advised that the matter of remodelling the science room had been deferred. Votes of thanks for their excellent work were accorded the ladies' committee and the treasurer of the annual fancy dress party, which had been a great success, the net amount being practically the same as last year. The chairman remarked that further improvements and facilities could be considered. The board advised. vesting an amount of £35 odd from the Heckler scholarship fund to be held in trust, the income to provide a suitable annual trophy to the dux of the primary school for the year. Mrs Carrad and Mr Taylor were appointed trustees It was decided to accept a tender for felling trees „and cutting up and splitting timber on the grounds. Messrs G. L. Chatwin and it. H. Taylor were appointed visiting members for the month.

30th September 1938 At the monthly meeting of the committee of the Pahiatua District High School, Mr G. Godfrey Taylor was in the chair. The report of the headmaster (Mr T. Clarke)-showed that the school opened for the third term with a roll number of 249 in the primary and 46 in the secondary department. The present roll -was 298, there being 252 in the primary and 46 in the secondary department. The chairman extended congratulations on winning the shield in the arts and crafts competition. A letter was received from the Manawatu and West Coast A. and P. Association advising the school had the highest percentage in attendance in the group with a roll of 100 and over and enclosing a cheque for £2 10s. being the prize for this competition. It was decided to donate half a guinea [A Guinea was equivalent to 21 shillings. There were 20 shillings in a pound] to the Calf Club. Regarding the film apparatus the chairman reported that he had called at the Education Board office and had asked for a subsidy or assistance and had inquired the "cost or a good machine. A suitable machine would cost £770 approximately.—It was decided to leave the matter in abeyance.

1st October 1938 CROSS-COUNTRY RUN. Results of the first cross-country run of the Pahiatua District High School were: Douglas Bicknell (Tararua House) 1, Jack Beals (Tararua) 2,' Douglas Mitchell (Ruahine) 3

7th October 1938 An inter-house boxing tournament held by the Pahiatua District High School resulted in a win for the Tararua House by three victories. Ruahine were the runners-up with two wins. Details were: I. Madson (R) beat I. Watts (T); K. Bonisch (R) beat Q. Holdaway (T); A. Carrad (T) beat D. Mitchell (R); S. Beales (T) heat R. Veale (R); J. Beales (T) beat W. Macrae (R).

22nd October 1938 Dr. Platt-Mills, school medical officer, is examining the pupils at the Pahiatua District High School.

29th October 1938 Mr G. G. Taylor presided at the monthly meeting of the committee of Pahiatua District High School. Others present were Mrs C. S. Carrad and Messrs W. Greaves, R. H. Taylor, Al. Ryan, the headmaster (Mr Clarke) and the secretary (Mr W. H. Murch). An apology for absence was received from Mrs E. Vincent. The headmaster in his report stated that the roll number was 298, there being 254 in the primary and 44 in the secondary. Dr. Platts Mills, school medical officer, had visited the school. With part of the profit from the recent boxing tournament, a concrete cricket pitch had been laid down.

The chairman said that he and Mr Murch had inspected the garden plot with regard to the concreting suggested by Mr Clarke. Mr Clarke had drawn a plan, and this had been submitted

to Mr Murch. It was agreed to hold the matter over and to write to the board seeking a subsidy to cover the cost.
The dental nurse's report showed that a total of 65 revisions had been completed.
A letter was received from the Education Board notifying that the list of books it was proposed to purchase with the library subsidy had been approved. The hoard approved of a subsidy of £10 on a total expenditure of £60. A further letter from the board was received, notifying the installation of gas equipment.
10th November 1938 The application of Mr J. Robson for the position of caretaker and cleaner at the Pahiatua District High School has been accepted
17th December 1938 There was a large attendance at the concert given by the pupils of Forms I and II of the Pahiatua District High School, in aid of the Chinese Relief Fund. The items were .-—"Beautiful Moonlight," Form I arid II girls ; acrobatics. Form II boys :'"Pacific Coast," Roy Veale; "Aunt Amy." (play); piano solo, Beatrice Hodd; "Cherry Blossom Lane" (song) ; "Johnny's Pa Goes for a Skate," John Davidson; tap dance, Joan Brabner; "Rose Marie." D. Robinson; "The Fox," I. Gunn; folk dance, "Reap the Flax"; "Blue Hawaii" (song in character) ; sketch, "Love" ; recitation, "Father's Choice," L. Pratt ; "Alone at Night," song by Form I and II girls; "I Love to Whistle" (song); folk dance, "If All the World Were Paper" : recitation, P. Bisset; acrobatics, Form I and II girls; song, "This is the Hour," Form I and II girls; song. "There's a Little Dutch Mill." B. Paget and A, Thompson.
19th December 1938 The breaking-up ceremony of the Pahiatua District High School was held on Friday. The headmaster (Mr T. Clarke) thanked the committee for the interest they had taken and donating £SO towards a reference library. He paid a special tribute to Jean and May Britland for the splendid part they had played in all activities. The report received from the inspectors was a tribute to the fine teamwork of the staff, whom he thanked for their loyalty and cooperation. Mr Clarke also congratulated the dux of the primary department, Mary Hutton. Mr G. Godfrey Taylor (chairman of the committee) said that the years at school were just the groundwork and foundation for children's future life as citizens. Mr Taylor then presented the prizes: Dux for 1937, Joan Goer; Mrs P. J- Matthews's prize (girl showing most progress), Eileen Wallis; Mr G. Taylor's prize (boy showing most progress), Owen Mitchell; boys' secondary school sports championship (Barraclough Cup and miniature), Jack Beales; girls' secondary school sports championship, Dorothy Watson; boys' primary school sports championship, Sydney Beales; girls' secondary school sports championship, Dorothy Watson; boys' primary school sports championship, Rangi Tataurangi: higher leaving certificates, Jean and May Britland.
5th January 1939 Miss M. C. Edmed, B. A., of Dargaville, and formerly of the Pahiatua District High School, is visiting Palmerston North.
27th January 1939 At a meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee, the chairman (Mr G. G. Taylor) said he had visited the school and found the asphalt in a very bad condition. Mr Lawry remarked that rubbish had been lying in the bins since the school closed. This was a fire risk, and the rubbish should be removed to the destructor without delay. Mr Lawry also commented that the playing field was overgrown at the edge and should be mown again before school began. Mr Ryan added that he thought the attention of the Borough Council should be called to a very nasty hole in the centre of the footpath about

10 yards from the gate. It was decided to call their attention to this matter. With regard to ground improvements, a letter was received from the Education Board, saying that the work of replacing the old fence with a concrete kerbing could not yet be proceeded with, but the matter might be reopened in the new year. The chairman reported having written to tile board, pointing out the condition of the fence, and saying that the committee was prepared to contribute £30. Messrs Greaves and B. H. Taylor were appointed a visiting committee. The dental nurse (Miss M. de Beer) reported having attended a total of 287 eases in all schools during the month.

22nd February 1939 SWIMMING SPORTS. The annual swimming sports of the Pahiatua District High School were held on Monday. Although the day was fine, swimming conditions were anything but ideal. The boys championship was won by E. Staples with 24 points, and the girls' by Suzanne Siddells with 19 points. The officials were : Starter. Mr D. R. Salter ; judges, Messrs T. Clarke and S. Walsh : call steward, Miss Z. Stevens and Mr W Macrae; place stewards, Messrs E. Cheyne, R. Lethbridge and W. Kitchen. The results are as follow :—Non swimmers, across the baths race: Standard 1 and 2: Boys, R Carbines 1, P. Davenport 2, T. Say-well 3; girls. A. Trask 1, M. Swanney 2 Standard 3 and 4: Boys. C. Geange 1. J. Wilson 2 E Rive 3; girls, Y. Cox 1. K. Brow 2, M. Hunt 3. Standard 5 and 6: Boys, E. Watson 1. S. Swanney 2, J. McClenaghan 3; girls, B. Burgess 1, S. Heayns 2, M. Robinson 3. Leaners race (one width) : Standard I and 2: Boys, D. Cheyne 1, M. Bevan 2, B. McCardle 3; girls, R. Benton 1, P. Cornwall 2, N. Dolman 3. Standard 3 and 4: Boys, D. Larsen 1, C. Holland 2. N Cox 3. Standard 3,4, 5 and 6 girls :J. Hunt 1, C. Fergus 2. Only. Secondary Girls 33 1-3 yards championship: S. Siddells 1, B. 'Algie '2, L. Pratt 3. Time, 25 l-sec. Across the baths: Boys 11 and under, D. Bissett 1, P. Kershaw 2, P. Carbines 3; girls, I. Gunn 1, I. Wallis 2, B. Benton 3. Boys, 12 and over, C. Kershaw 1, P. Millar 2, L. Kitchen 3 ; girls, I Thompson 1, B. Watson 2, E. Goodwin 3. Secondary learners, one width : M. Hutton 1, W. Hullena 2, B. Brooks 3. Secondary hoys' 33 1-3 yards backstroke championship: E. Staples 1. F. Scott 2, K. Bonish 3. Time, 29 sec. Secondary girls' 66 2-3 yards freestyle: B. Algie 1, S. Siddells 2, 0. Hunt 3. Primary bovs' 33 1-3 yards: C. Kershaw 1. P Kershaw 2, S. Gunn 3. Time, 38 1-sec. Girls: I. Thompson 1, E. Goodwin 2, G. Goodwin 3. Time, 34 3-sec. Learners, boys: J. Smyth 1, J. Davidson 2. Secondary boys' 33 1-3 yards championship: E. Staples 1, S. Beales 2, F. Scott 3; time. 19 2-5 sec. Secondary boys' 33 1-3 yards handicap: Q. Holdaway 1, K. Bonish 2, J. Smyth 3. Primary boys' dive: P. Kershaw 1. R. Clayton 2, C. Kershaw 3; girls. B. Watson 1, L. Thompson 2, E. Goodwin 3. Secondary boys' 33 1-3 yards breaststroke championship: F. Scott 1, S. Beales 2, E. Staples 3; time, 31 2-sec. Secondary girls' backstroke championship (one width) : S. Siddells 1. B. Algie 2, 0. Hunt 3; time, 15 4-sec. Primary boys' novelty race: P. Carbines 1, S. Gunn 2, G. Harris 3, Girls' novelty race: B. Watson 1, G. Wallis 2, S. Holland 3. Secondary boys' dive championship: E. Staples 1, F. Scott 2. I. Watts 3; girls, L. Pratt and F. Bisset, equal, 1, B. Algie 3. Secondary hoys' plunge championship: F. Scott (33 ft.) L E. Staples (32ft. 31 in.) 2, It. MacKinnon (32ft.) 3; girls, B. Algie (37 ft. 5 in.) J. S. Siddells (31 ft. 9 in.) 2, L. Pratt (26 ft. Tin.) 3. Primary relay: Standard IV 1, Standard V 2, Standard VI 3. Secondary v. Staff relay: Staff (Messrs Slater, Salter, Walsh and L D. Lovelock) 1, Form V (Staples, MacKinnon, Levy and Scott) 2, Form IV (Suzanne Siddells. Watts. Bonish and Pratt) 3, I Form 111 (Lorna Pratt. Beales, Howell and Smyth the meeting of the Pahiatua District High School Committee. The headmaster (Mr

T. Clarke) in his report stated : “The present roll of the school is 320, there being 272 in primary and 48 in the secondary department. Owing to illness Miss Neilson has been absent.” The visiting committee reported on the state of the school grounds and recommended that improvements be made as soon as the weather permitted. Mrs E. Vincent and Mr J. W. Greaves were appointed as a visiting committee for the ensuing month.

17th July 1939 The boxing tournament of the Pahiatua District High School was lied on Friday m the Drill Hall, the boys conducting it the announcers were Reg. McKinnon and Quentin Holdaway. The decisions of the judges, .Messrs J. A. Walsh and A. P. Jensen, were popularly received. Brian Stanley was timekeeper.

Following were the special awards: -Most scientific Boxer (over 6 stone), Mr K. A. Irvine’s Cup, Edward Watson. Under 6 stone. Mr J. A. Walsh’s trophy, Keith Munro. Medals for the best bout. Peter Carbines and Wrey Hewitt. Best display. Mr G. A. Hansen’s cup. Pat Millar and Paul Kershaw. Mr J. A. Walsh’s medal for the gamest loser, Barry Pilkington . improved boxers: Senior, Bob Lethbridge and Trevor Levy: junior. Jack Hunt.

At the conclusion of the bouts. Mr Sefton Walsh. In calling on Sir Alfred Ransom M.P.. to present the trophies, thanked the audience for their attendance. He could assure parents that the 'Object: of boxing instruction was not to turn out professional boxers, but to give boys the rights ideas of self-reliance and independence. He thanked the Boxing Association for their work.

Sir Alfred Ransom, in presenting trophies and to learn to box is a good thing, said Sir Alfred, “and, far from leading you into trouble, it helps to keep you out. and teaches you to exercise restraint in time of difficulty.” Boxing, he said also taught quick perception and the ability act promptly and effectively and was invaluable in building up the physique of the youth of the country and of the nation itself. He conveyed his congratulations to the organisers on the excellent result. The results were: —Strachan beat Lewis Carrol Keith Munro (4.0 Beat Bruce Carlyon (4.7): And followed over 30 more fight names which wouldn’t copy easily [The Carlyon mentioned above was the Pahiatua Policeman’s Son and no relation to this researcher]

27th July 1939 Mr G. G. Taylor presided at the meeting of the committee of the Pahiatua District High School. A statement that on one occasion recently when he visited the school ho found that the temperature in one classroom was only 46 degrees wan made by Mr M. F. Ryan in the course of a report on the heating system. Mr Ryan added that on later visits he had found the position much the same, temperature readings being from 40 to 46 degrees. “In my opinion,” declared Mr Ryan, “this is fairly low,” and he went on to say that on other mornings, when the weather was raw and damp, although' not intensely cold, the temperature in the classrooms, considering the time the fires had been lit, was far too low to be pleasant for either teacher or scholar. Although the fires were lit at 6.45, when he visited the school at 7.15 there was no sign of the pipes responding to the heating, and at 9 o’clock there was still little heat. From brief conversations, he had gathered that teachers had difficulty in getting the rooms sufficiently warm, and the fires needed continual stoking. Mr Ryan said he considered that although there was some improvement since the previous year, there must be something to prevent the correct functioning of the heating system. The secretary (Mr W. H. March) pointed out that the system had been unsatisfactory for some time, and they had this year tried to effect an improvement by earlier lighting of the fires, but this apparently had had little

result, Expert advice on fuelling and the general operation of the heating system was needed. After a discussion,
it was decided that, pending the report of an expert, another ton of coke and further supplies of firewood be obtained in order to improve the heating by the present method.
5th September 1939 The District High School resumed on Monday after the second term holidays. The primary department roll showed a slight increase. There are now two new relieving teachers on the staff, Miss J. D. Ganderton, who has taken the place of Miss Webley, appointed to a position at the consolidated school at Otorohanga; and Mr F. E. Woods, who has come from Waipawa
Miss D. Junker, of the secondary department- staff of the Pahiatua District High School, who has on several occasions been a successful competitor at musical contests, .won the pronunciation test at recent elocutionary competitions hold in Wellington.
9th October 1939 ho annual cross-country race held by the Pahiatua District High School was run last week. The race commenced from the school and finished at the Recreation Grounds. There was keen competition between the two houses, Ruahine (T. Levy, captain) and Tararua (S. captain), the forming winning by 11.8 points to 8. The first six in a largo field were:—S. | Beales 1, E. Cheyne 2, T. Levy 3, J. Miller 4, B. Hermons 5, E. Staples 6.
12th December 1939 Mr. T. Clarke, headmaster of Pahiatua (District -High School, has received official -confirmation of his promotion to the headmastership of 'Miramar School, Wellington
18th December 1939 On Friday afternoon the annual breaking-up ceremonies of the Pahiatua District High School took place. Addressing the children, Mr Clarke expressed thanks on their behalf to the School Committee for the attention during the year and asked the chairman (Mr G. G. Taylor), to convey good wishes to members.
When referring to Miss Neilson, the infant mistress, who is leaving to continue teaching in the south, and to Mr Walsh, who has enlisted, Mr Clarke said both teachers had the school's best wishes for success in their new spheres. Presenting the trophies for the year, Mr Taylor paid a tribute to the work of Mr Clarke and wished him and Mrs Clarke success and happiness at Miramar, where Mr Clarke has been transferred.
The following were awarded prizes and trophies : —Merit award (primary) : Carol Therkelson 1, Phyllis Woods 2, Boy showing most progress during the year (Mr Taylor's prize): Will Kitchen. Girl showing most progress (Mrs Matthews' prize) : Isobel Gunn. 1938 dux (Heckler Trust prize) : Mary Hutton. Primary boys' sports championship (Mrs Beales's Cup) : Bill Kitchen. Secondary boys' sports championship(Barraclough Cup): Sid Beales. Senior tennis championship : Girls, Rita Therkelson ; boys, Trevor Levy.
Before the break--up ceremony, Mr and Mrs Clarke were the guests of the staff at morning tea, when a presentation was made to Mr Clarke on behalf of the teachers by Mr Slater. Presenting the headmaster with two handsome volumes, Mr Slater commented on the happy relations that had existed between Mr Clarke and the staff and wished him success. Mr Clarke said he had never worked with a better staff. Fine tributes to the work of Mr Walsh in the school, especially in athletics, were paid by Mr Slater when, making the presentation of a wallet. Miss Neilson, who leaves shortly for Dunedin, and Miss Coleman, who is going to Levin, were also farewelled.

[In over 300 schools researched this is the best coverage of the 1930's I have seen mostly through the Manawatu Standard]

Some Pahiatua School Teacher Profiles

Margaret Janet Sedcole

Pahiatua School 1885 and 1887 as Mary and 1886 as Margaret

I Think Margaret J and Mary J Sedcole were the same person as no Mary J Sedcole Births were registered. Her mother's name was Margaret

1888/2235	Margaret Janet	Sedcole	George	Whitcombe

1889/18473	Whitcombe	Henry George	Margaret Janet	George
1890/2642	Whitcombe	Catherine	Margaret Janet	George
1890/14816	Whitcombe	Gerald Aubrey	Margaret Janet	George
1892/2293	Whitcombe	Dorothy	Margaret Janet	George
1893/11207	Whitcombe	Geoffrey Martin	Margaret Janet	George
1894/9019	Whitcombe	Rupert Cyril	Margaret Janet	George
1895/11316	Whitcombe	Hugh Cecil	Margaret Janet	George
1901/20534	Whitcombe	Edward Ralph	Margaret Janet	George

28th April 1919 The late Mr George Whitcombe, whose death occurred yesterday, was a s son of the late Henry Whitcombe and Mrs E G J Stevens Stevens. He was Well known in South Canterbury and Kawhia (Auckland), as a farmer and surveyor. He received his early education at Christ's College and Brent Grammar School, near London. In 1867 he returned to New Zealand mid resumed his studies at Christ's College. He afterwards joined the Government Survey Department as a student under the late Mr Walter Kitson and did a considerable amount of survey work in South Canterbury. The late Mr Whitcombe was one of the pioneers of the Kaitawa district, near Pahiatua , and was prominently connected with the Pahiatua County Council, being chairman for several years. He also stood for the Pahiatua seat in Parliament on one occasion but was unsuccessful. In 1888 he married a Miss Sedcole, of Pahiatua. His wife pre-deceased him some years ago. His eldest son is now farming in the Pahiatua district, and his third son has just returned from Palestine. The second son was killed at Gallipoli on August 2, 1915

1910/8801	Whitcombe	Margaret Janet	45Y

Duncan M Yeats

1886/2155	Jane Rutherford	Browne	Duncan Meanis	Yeats
1887/13948	Yeats	Esma Montague	Jamie Rutherford	Duncan Mearns
1890/14823	Yeats	Douglas Duncan Mearns	Jennie Rutherford	Duncan Mearns

1926/2554 Yeats	Duncan Mearns	77Y

In 1884 D M Yeats was at Te Aro school after being Temporarily the teacher at Tinui
Duncan Yeats started at Pahiatua in 1885 and taught there until 1890 when he swapped schools and went to Otaki School. Then in 1903 he went to Hutt School which in 1905 became Hutt DHS . he was there until 1914 when he went as substitute teacher in 1914 and 1915 at Carterton School to replace a teacher who was at war
Auckland Star obituary 23rd June 1926 MR. D. M. YEATS. Last week there passed away at Lower Hutt, in his seventy-eighth year, one Of the pioneers of the Dominion's education system, Mr. Duncan Mearns Yeats. Nearly 50 years ago he joined the Wellington Education Board School and remained in the service of the board until his retirement upon superannuation in 1914. He was then, and had been for some years, headmaster of the Hut* High School. He opened the first school at Pahiatua and was subsequently in charge of the Otaki State School. At the •beginning of the war he joined the War Relief Association and took a practical interest in It until a short time before his death. The late Mr. Yeats also took a keen interest in Church of England parochial affairs. His only son, Lance Corporal Douglas Yeats, was killed in the Great War. The deceased leaves a widow and a married daughter. Mrs. Walter Olsen, of the Hutt State School

Marion Reece

22nd January 1886 Marion Reese applied for a job at Petone She had had eight months at Bingsland school Christchurch, one year and two months at Ashley School. Three years at Normal School Christchurch. Temporary assistant at Carterton but she didn't stay in the position.
Marion Reese started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Pahiatua in 1886 and taught there until 1893. She then was somewhere else until 1898 when she was appointed at some stage to Kakariki and opens the school there, She teaches there for the short time and then doesn't appear on the Wellington Education Board lists until 1913 when she teaches as the secondary school teacher with a BA at Pahiatua DHS from 1913 to at least 1917
2nd March 1910 The late Mr. A. Reese, whose death occurred at the Pahiatua Hospital last evening, after a short but painful illness, was born at Motherwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland, in 1843, and came to New Zealand in the ship Himalaya in 1867. For a time he resided at Christchurch and came to Wellington in 1878 and started in business as a builder and contractor. He afterwards removed to Masterton , where he carried out several important bridge-building contracts. In the eighties he migrated with a number of other Mastertonians — notably the Hon. W. W. McCardle, the late Mr. Job Vile, and Messrs. Wakeman and D. Crewe — to Pahiatua, where he took up a Government leasehold, and also continued contracting. He always took an active interest in public affairs and was a personal friend and strong admirer of the late Mr. John Ballance. He was for a number of years a member of the Masterton Licensing Committee, and also occupied a seat on the Pahiatua Borough Council. For several years past he was a member of the Wellington Land Board and Land Purchase Board, and for a lengthy period was a Justice of the Peace. Deceased was a brother of the late Mr. D. Reese, formerly M.P. for Christchurch, and an uncle of Mr. D. Reese, the well-known Canterbury cricketer. In the early days, with his late brother and brother-in-law (Mr. Joseph

Dawson), he was prominent in rowing circles in Christchurch , where he won many valuable trophies. He leaves a widow, and a family of three sons and three daughters, besides four sisters — Mrs. Dawson, wife of Mr. J. Dawson, of the Wellington Land Board ; Mrs. Sneddon, wife of Mr. W. Sneddon, who was engineer in charge of the Makohine Viaduct ; Mrs. Daldy, of Hukanui, and Miss Marion Reese, of Pahiatua. Mr. J. M. Dawson, architect, of Wellington, is a nephew of the deceased.

1939/17704	Reese	Marion	89Y

[There was another Marion Reese in Christchurch and I am nearly absolutely certain that these cuttings are about Kakariki's Marion Reese]
There were no Marion Reece on the Electoral Rolls at any stage

Cecilia Mckenny

Cecilia McKenny taught at Pahiatua as a Pupil Teacher from 1888 to 1891 and then at Mangatainoka to 1896 still a pupil teacher

1954/30208	McKenny	Cecelia	81Y

Cecilia McKenny went into Nursing after working as a pupil teacher at Mangatainoka. After passing all her teaching examinations she resigned from the Wellington Education Board on the 7th October 1897
In 1906 Cecilia McKenny assistant Matron at Wellington Hospital has been appointed Matron of Wanganui Hospital from 26 applicants
7th May 1931 She was elected as a member of the Wairarapa Hospital Board as the Pahiatua Eketahuna representative
Until 2nd June 1937 there were no more mentions of her in the press until 2nd June 1937 when she was on the Royal commission into an enquiry of the management and administration of the Napier Hospital
In 1937 she also acting President of the New Zealand Nursing Association
3rd January 1937 Miss Cecilia McKenny, M.B.E., deceived her nursing training at the Wellington Public Hospital, where she was engaged for eight years. She then went to the Wanganui Public Hospital as matron, a position which she held for more than 20 years. . During the Great. War she was for a time on the hospital ship Maheno. '
At the conclusion of her hospital service Miss McKenny represented the New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association at the International Nurses' Congress at Montreal in 1929 and represented the Dominion at the first International Hospital Conference at Atlantic City in the same year. On returning to the Dominion she gave her services to the Registered Nurses' Association.
She is president of the Manawatu branch and a member of the executive council of the association. She became New Zealand president in 1937. /Miss McKenny has been a member of the Wairarapa Hospital Board for the last eight years.

Jane Miller

Jane Miller taught at Pahiatua as a Pupil Teacher from 1889 to 1891 and then taught again as a Pupil Teacher at Otaki for another three years and didn't teach for the Wellington Education Board again.

Annie Falla

After spending one year at Pahiatua in 1890 as an assistant she was at Makakahi for three years and then two at Mangaone Valley

1922/9014	Falla	Annie	71Y

Helen Birnie

Taught at Pahiatua from 1892 She was appointed Assistant Female in 1895.'

In 1902 she moved to Shannon school in Horowhenua where she taught until Marrying James Gillespie Barclay in 1897

There was only a notice of death in the Horowhenua Chronicle and no other mention of Helen Birnie's Death. James Gillespie went on to be a Labour Party member of Parliament and member of cabinet. He remarried in 1922. There were no children registered.

1913/6620	Barclay	Helen	40Y

Ellen Birnie taught for one year

Rose Birnie (Roseanna)

Roseanna Birnie started at Pahiatua in 1893. In 1896 She was sole teacher at Mangahao School where she was sole teacher until 1900

1901/1640	Rosanna	Birnie	John Henry	Woodley

It appears they had two children one born in 1901 and the other in 1910

Robert Darroch

Started teaching at Carterton in 1888 as a pupil teacher and taught there until he went to Pahiatua in 1892 where he spent two years. He then went to Masterton for another four years. Then moved to Wellington to Te Aro school where he was an assistant until 1906. At that stage he was appointed Headmaster of Mitchelltown School in Wellington Central before being appointed to Roseneath school which had the Hataitai School as a side school. By 1923 he was Headmaster of Mt Cook Boys school with a roll of 293 boys in the centre of Wellington He was not teaching in a new Zealand state school in 1919 List of teachers.

13th September 1920 Mr. Robert Darroch, headmaster of the Roseneath State School, has tendered his resignation to the Wellington Education Board, in order to take up the Government appointment of' tutor to the lads fresh from the public schools, who are to enter the Public Service under the new scheme arranged by the Government. Mr. Darroch has been headmaster of the Roseneath School for eleven years, and for the last six years or 60 he has also controlled the side school at Hataitai, now about to be created a full school. He has also been enthusiastic in all matters appertaining to the Navy League, of which he is the local secretary. Ho has also done good work in coaching ex-soldier students of an evening under the vocational training scheme

30th November 1920 FAREWELL TO MR. ROBERT DARROCH

The pupils and staff of the Roseneath School, with a number of parents, ex scholars, and residents of Hataitai, gathered in the schoolroom last evening to farewell Mr. Robert Darroch, headmaster of the Roseneath School, who is resigning to take up the appointment of instructor to the cadets and probationers who are desirous of entering the Public Service.

Mr. T. Forsyth, chairman of the- Wellington Education Board, in the course of some eulogistic remarks, said that during eleven years' service Mr. Darroch had performed his work efficiently, not only as a headmaster and a scholar, but as a true and thorough representative of Wellington. (Applause.) At the -present time the Education Board was handicapped by the shortage pf teachers, and they were sorry to lose the services of such a. valued officer. In the civic affairs of the city Mr. Darroch had taken an active part, not a little of which had identified him with the Navy League, and he had proved himself an able man. In conclusion, ho expressed deep regret at losing Mr Darroch, but, with him, wont all the good wishes- of the residents of Roseneath for his every success and prosperity. Mr. Forsyth made sympathetic reference to Mrs. Darroch's. inability to be present owing to ill-health.

Mr. Morrison, ex-chairman of the. school committee, Mr. Van Borssum, and Dr. J. 'Elliott, on behalf of the parents, paid tribute to Mr. Darroch's. work. '

Mrs. A. Low handed to Mr. Darroch a. bouquet of roses for his wife. Mr. Darroch was the recipient of a pair of .binoculars from the pupils and staff, a bouquet from his girl pupils, a bouquet from the school children for Mrs. Darroch, and by Mr. H. R. Van Borssum, chairman of the school committee, a handsome cheque from the residents of Roseneath and Hataitai.

Mr. Darroch, in reply, said that much of his success was the result of the working of his loyal staff—two of whom, Miss Davidson at Roseneath, and Miss Bird at Hataitai —deserved special praise. The school year, about to finish, had been most successful from every point of view, and the work of his sixth standard pupils, as disclosed at the recent examination, had been excellent. To ensure happiness at school had been a feature of his work. Games, he considered, were an important, if not the most important part of the school life. During the war the school had done its share, and had supported loyally every good cause, thus inculcating in the young a loyal and patriotic spirit. Jn conclusion, he thanked all very sincerely for their kind thoughts and wishes, and for the loyal support he had always received from the staff, the boys and girls, and the parents.

During the evening a. programme of musical, vocal, and elocutionary items, was given, by the pupils and staff.

By December 1923 he was back teaching

29th August 1924 Mr Robert Darroch, at present headmaster of the Mount Cook Boys' School, has been appointed to a similar position at the Wellington Terrace School.

14th December 1931 At the United Party's headquarters today it was announced that Mr. Robert Darroch, secretary of the Wellington branch of the Navy League and secretary-treasurer of the Cancer Campaign Society, will be the official candidate for the Wellington Central seat in the party's interests at the general election. The sitting member is Mr. P. Fraser (Labour)

2nd January 1946 Awarded an OBE by The Governor General

24th August 1950 Died at Auckland aged 78

Clement W Lee

Clement W Lee started teaching at Otaki in 1886 for the Wellington Education Board as headmaster. In 1891 he was appointed to Pahiatua School and then in 1894 Transferred to Waihenga School in 1894, which became the Martinborough School in 1898. He resigned from there in 1910

1939/21966	Lee	Clement William	86Y

Akaroa Mail 6th April 1877 Mr. Clement Lee has been appointed by the Patea Board of Education to one of the schools in their district, and he will proceed to his duties by the s.s. Wellington, on Thursday next. During his brief stay in this district he has made many friends, and we wish him every success in his new sphere of labour.

1st December 1877 Patea Maul MANUTAHI SCHOOL. (Mr Clement Lee, schoolmaster.) E. Lee, Esq,, School Inspector, visited Manutahi on Thursday, 22nd November, for the purpose of examining the scholars at the Manutahi School. Emanuel Nikkei, W. Neil and W. Christie passed Standard I, Those for Standard 11. had not been Jong enough at school to be prepared to pass—of three sent up for Standard 111. two had only been six months, and the other nine months at school, instead of the necessary two years. One of them (J. Campbell) only required live marks to have passed. The Inspector commented very favorably on the reading and writing of all classes, especially the infants. The success attained in so short a time by the schoolmaster, who also is named Lee, is highly creditable to that gentleman.

19th August 1891 Mr **Clem**ent William Lee has been appointed Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages at Otaki, vice Dr. C. G. Hewson, deceased.

19th October 1894 We have lost our school-master, Mr Clement Lee. Both he and Mrs Lee are greatly missed in Pahiatua. Some of the ladies presented Mrs Lee with a very handsome brooch, and before leaving the children of the public school presented a very beautiful silver teapot and sundry other presents to them.

NZ ETC Collection ***Mr. Clement William Lee***, Headmaster of the Waihenga public school, holds an E1 certificate. Born in Chelsea, England, and educated partly at the Royal School, Enniskillen, Ireland, Mr. Lee completed his course with his father, who was rector at East Clandon, Surrey. After teaching in his father's grammar school and gaining experience elsewhere, he conducted a boarding school on his own account. Mr. Lee came to New Zealand in 1875 in search of health, and after filling appointments in Manatahi, Wangaehu, Otaki. and Pahiatua public schools, received his present appointment. In church matters he is a lay reader and churchwarden of St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Martinborough.

Theresa McKenny

Taught at Pahiatua in 1892 and 1893

1894/334	McKenny	Theresa	18Y

The Pahiatua Herald regrets to learn that Miss McKenny, of Pahiatua, died yesterday in the Palmerston hospital,' Miss McKenny was one of the assistant teachers of the public school, and has always been highly successful Her Bad death is due to an attack of fever, contracted at Pahiatua

Flora Petrie

Flora Petrie Started teaching at Pahiatua as an assistant in 1895 and was there until 1907 when she went to South Wellington School until 1917

Flora had started teaching in the Canterbury Education Board area in about 1890 and was at the East Oxford School there when appointed to Pahiatua

23rd February 1898 Wellington Education Board The salary of Mrs. [Sic] Flora Petrie, who is in sole charge of the infants at the Pahiatua School, was increased from £80 to £100,

PETRIE.-On the 14th November 1923, at Johnsonville Flora Gibson Petrie, in her 54th year (late of Pahiatua). Funeral to take, place at Mangatainoka on Friday.

William Philip

William Philip started teaching at Pahiatua as a Male Pupil Teacher in 1894 and was there until 1898 when he was appointed Sole Teacher at Makomako and then headmaster as the roll had grown in 1902. He held this position until 1908 when he was appointed to Taita School in the Hutt Valley in 1910 which had a roll of 59. He stayed at Taita until sometime after 1917 and went to Tokomaru in the Horowhenua where he was still teaching at the end of 1923 when my records end

1965/42193	Philip	William Hill	86Y

William was teaching at Koputaroa in the Horowhenua when involved in a motor accident knocking a man off his bike with his car in a private claim for compensation. It was not granted . He resigned from Tokomaru in 1924

2nd August 1926 Mr W. Philip, of Palmers ton North, has been appointed bead master of {he Koputaroa School and took up his duties there to-day. Mr Philip' was for .some years headmaster of the Tokomaru School but owing to ill health resigned. During the past three years lie has been farming at Shannon and Palmerston North.

Joseph Thomas

Already In Document Pahiatua School

Ethel Black

1896 to 1899 Pupil Teacher. A common name and difficult to identify

Jennie Falconer

Taught only the years 1895 and 1896 as a pupil teacher at Pahiatua

22nd February 1898 Mr William Tosswill, solicitor of Pahiatua, was married to Miss Jennie Falconer, youngest daughter of Mr W, . Falconer, also of Pahiatua, at the end of last week. [Aged about 18 years old]

Francis P Wilson

Taught As assistant Master at Pahiatua from 1894 to 1897 and then went to the Terrace School in Wellington from 1905. In 1906 he had a MA attached to his name . Became a lecturer at Victoria University and later became a Professor

5th July 1912 Was a lecturer on economics at Victoria College

1964/46279	Wilson Francis Prenderville	89Y

Minnow Warren

In 1882 Minnie Warren was a teacher at Mount Cook Girl's but wasn't the Pahiatua Minnie
1897 Minnie Warren was at Pahiatua aged about 18 years of age
1898 Inez Warren was at Pahiatua as a Pupil Teacher
1899 -1900 Inez Warren was a pupil Teacher at Makakahi School
1901 Minnow F I was at Konini as a pupil teacher
1902 to 1918 Minnow F I was at Konini as an assistant
16th May 1918 Miss M F I Warren resigns from assistant at Konini
30th September 1927 Miss M. F. I. Warren (Palmerston North) is a recent arrival, having come via South Africa. She expects to be here for an indefinite period, and to divide her time between England and Ireland She will also see the Continent. 21st July 1928 listed as attending the Trooping of the Colour in London
She lived in Palmerston North and is buried in Palmerston North Cemetery

1967/32814	Warren	Minnow Fleda Inez	88Y

Winifred E Brown

Winifred Brown started her career with 5 years at Pahiatua School as a Pupil Teacher
She then went to Te Horo, just south of Otaki for two years before going to Upper Hutt in 1907 and staying there until sometime after 1921 as she was at Lansdowne school in 1923 which is the the end of my records as Infant Mistress.

1988/55465	Brown	Winifred Eliza	27 April 1885

Aged about 103 and is buried in the Palmerston North Cemetery

James S Webb

James S Webb started for the Wellington Education Board in 1897 and 1898 at Makomako. From 1899 to 1907 he was at Pahiatua as assistant master. In 1908 he was appointed to Tokomaru in the Horowhenua as Head master. He was there to 1917 before coming to Wellington school Newtown and then in 1921 he was at the Worser Bay Miramar school has headmaster. In 1923 he was still there but now it was only called the Worser Bay school

1900/4785	Amelia	Williams	James Samuel	Webb

WEBB— WILLIAMS.'—Deo. 18, 1900, at the Presbyterian Church, Pahiatua, by Rev .T. McCaw, James Samuel Webb, eldest son of J R. Webb, of Lyttleton to Amelia "Williams, eldest daughter of F. Williams, of Kaitawa.

1903/15640	Webb	Ernest Gordon	Amelia	James Samuel
1909/3889	Webb	Kenneth James	Amelia	James Samuel
1912/19271	Webb	Gwenda Ruth	Amelia	James Samuel

3rd June 1932 Mr. J. S. Webb, headmaster 'of^ the Worser Bay School, who has served for 43 years in the teaching profession, retired on. superannuation this week. Starting as a pupil teacher at Lyttleton in 1888, Mr. Webb successively filled positions at the following schools:— Christchurch. Normal, Wilson's Bay, Mako Mako, Pahiatua (where he- was first assistant for ten years), Tokomaru (headmaster for 11 years), Newton School; (as first assistant for 18 months), and Worser Bay 11} years. f A large gathering of members of the School Committee, Home and School Association, parents, cx Pupils, and pupils attended the Worser Bay School to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Webb, who are held in the highest esteem in the district.

Mr. A. V. Lindsay, chairman of the School Committee, presided and referred to the high standard that had been attained in the. School during the period it has been under Mr. Webb 's control. ,

Mr. G. Robson, president of the Home and School Association, said that the good work Mr. Webb had carried, out in instilling in the minds of the young the principles of right thinking and acting would remain with the boys and girls who had passed through his hands as, a lasting testimony to his teaching, and would be even more appreciated as the years passed. ' •"' Numerous presents, including a travelling rug from the children and other handsome gifts, were presented to Mr. Webb and Mrs. Webb, whilst Mrs. Webb was also the, recipient of a beautiful bouquet.

Misses Inder and McKittrick, members of the present Worser Bay School staff, and Miss Tuely, a former teacher, all spoke eulogistically of Mr. Webb. Mr. J. E. P. Perry, who also spoke, referred, to the great interest that Mr. Webb had always taken in the school Sports and the enthusiasm that he had put into his work.

In replying Mr. Webb thanked those present for the very kind and appreciative remark* that had been made and the handsome. gifts presented "to Mrs. Webb and himself. Any success that he had achieved at Worser Bay was largely due to the work of his assistants, who had always co-operated with him m every possible way. Amongst those ', present were a number of ex-pupils of Mr. Webb's, including two who had been taught by him at Pahiatua in 1899 and 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb were later entertained at afternoon tea.