

1. Papawai 1882-1905 On Papawai Road East of Greytown about 5 kilometres. A Native School administered by Department of Education , Became a Wellington Education Board School as a side school of Greytown



1882

1st May 1882 Letter from Mr. Buchanan (MP) to Department of Education asking how to get a Native School for Papawai There are 32 names of children on the list given to Mr. Buchanan

21st May 1882 A letter signed by 4 Maoris to Mr. Buchanan asking him to help get a school

In the year 1853 we agreed for the Bishop to have the use of 400 acres of our land for the use of which land he promised to establish a school and maintain a Master in Papawai for our children

We found the timber for the house of the master and for the school also.

The bishop having them erected and the school was started but in a few years the school was closed as we did not like the bad way the master treated our children

We wrote to the Bishop who removed him and the school has never been open since but the Bishop got a crown grant for the 400 acres and soon after leased it to Mr. Varnham who has occupied it ever since and is still living in the school house

Now we never gave the land to the Bishop but only intend to use as long as there was a school When the school closed we expected to have the land back but the Bishop having obtained the crown grants unknown to us and leased the land we have never got it back

We wish the school to be for Maoris alone , there are over 30 children here who would attend at once between the ages of 6 and 16

There is a gentleman (Mr. C D Satchell) here who has commenced to teach some of our boys and we all of us want him to become a regular master, we like him and we are not about having change

2nd October letter from E Gray Builder of Greytown he will undertake the work at the school house for Papawai for the sum of £20

A Large double window in the end

A glass door and jamb and mouldings the door to slide on rollers

Repair and make good all the floor

To fix shelves and furnish the cupboards

To fix a patent revolving ventilator in the roof
 To fix moulding all round the classroom on top of fascia
 Repapering and repairing scrim papers to the value of two shillings per piece

4th October Repair the building as suggested and offer Mr. Satchell £5 per month till it is seen how the school progresses

17th October Letter from Mr. Satchell applying for job, has 14 years education Four years under the Reverend A Steane and then 4 years private tuition at home with my other brothers. At the age of fourteen my father sent me to Tooting College with whom I remained for 6 years

I am one of a larger family and thought I could do better for myself by going to younger and newer country accounts for New Zealand

Etc

13th October Clifford D Satchell writes to Inspector General of Schools

a) I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your last letter which the Government are prepared to accept my services

b) The Secretary says he will have the school ready by Saturday week so I hope to commence on November 13th

10th November The following list is the requirements for the school. I have thirty children ready to start with

6	Desks as Before
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1	Master's desk
	Reading Wall Cards
18	Reading Primers
6	Reading Standard 1
6	Reading Standard 2
6	Reading Standard 3
30	Slates
24	Copy Books
12	Exercise Books
12	Irish Small Arithmetic
	Portable Globe
	Map of World- Hemispheres
	Map of New Zealand
	Map of Pacific Ocean
1	Blackboard
1	Easel
12	Willis English Books Part 1
12	Willis English Books Part 2
	Primer's Table Books
1	Box Steel Pens
24	Pen Holders
	Ink Wells
	Attendance Register
	Log Book

	Blotting Paper
	Foolscap
	Chalk
1/2	dozen lead pencils BB
2	Boxes slate pencils
	Clock
	Bell
	Wash basins
	Soap and Towels

6th December Account for £32-19-0 for repairs to building. Price reduced £ 31-3-0 because of unauthorised blackboard

13th December Letter from Mr. Satchell claiming the blackboard was what he was using in the school and one sent by the Department was too small

1883

10th January Letter from Mr. Gray Builder stating that he will undertake the building of a closet, fire hat and coat hooks, paint the window and make a table for the sum of £10.00

28th March Letter from Mr. Buchanan MHR (*Member of the House representatives*) to Secretary of Education. Includes

- a) Number of native children 23. Average attendance 14
- b) 12 European children on roll
- c) It is inevitable that more accommodation is required

d) This could economically be done by enclosing the verandah

29th April Letter from Mr. Satchell

- a) I have only 12 desks and they are insufficient for the accommodation of the scholars
- b) My average now is about 20
- c) Many of the Native boys who during the summer were engaged in various employments are now returning
- d) I have had many complaints about the coldness of the school house from the Native parents
- e) The room is very small for a large number of children. I find it difficult to maintain sufficient ventilation without some of the children complaining of the cold

Inspection Report 10th May 1883

- a) Roll 29
- b) If £30 was spent on the buildings would make it very convenient
- c) There is no doubt that this school is greatly desired in the district

12th May Applies for absent for a week for private affairs require my attendance in Napier

19th June. Letter from Mr. Satchell I have had complaints from parents about the coldness of the room

Several of the natives say they will be compelled to withdraw their children for a time unless there is a fire as many of them are suffering from colds

I think the difficulty may be met by a stove

Also still awaiting registers

28th June Letter from Doctor, Greytown re Health of Mr. Satchell. He is suffering from acute inflammation of the lungs. I hope he soon will be getting better

6th August Letter from Chairman of Board written in Maori asking for a replacement teacher for Mr. Satchell recently deceased
31st July Estate D. C. Satchell— 3 trunks clothing and other effects
PP

30th June 1883 The funeral of the late Mr Satchell, Native teacher at Papawai, took place at Greytown yesterday, and was followed by a large concourse of both Europeans and Natives. A firing party of the Greytown Rifles also took part in the procession, the officers and surgeon of the Company being also present. Owing to some unfortunate misunderstanding, the band did not attend to play, but several of them joined the Company. After the service at the grave had been Conducted by the Rev Mr White, three volleys were fired, the firing party being under the direction of Sergt.-Major Bezar, who attended on the occasion PP

1883/2579 Satchell Clifford Downes 25Y

9th August Miss Emily Burch a teacher from Greytown who resigned because of illness would take the job of Papawai. She has people close with whom she could board

At present schoolroom is not large enough. I do not think that fixing up the existing building will work as there is still the problem Of providing accommodation for the teacher.

The Bishop of Wellington would be quite willing to fix a site for the school out of the endowment

Mr. Satchell had 33 on the roll

Eleven of the 33 were Europeans

7th September I reopened the school at Papawai on the 27th August with 32 on the roll and an average attendance of 26

I received a box of books that had been at the station for some weeks

It contained all that was needed for present use, except ink which I had to procure to commence work with

Inspectors report of 11th December included

- a) Present at inspection Maoris 8 Boys 1 girl European 10.
Total 19
- b) The building is not large enough
- c) The height of the building to the corners is only about 5 feet
- d) The prospects are sufficient for a new school to be built
- e) The tone among the Maori children is not good. The Europeans work well

- f) Miss Burch knows how to manage her school according to approved methods But she has not I fear mastery that manner that would take with Maoris young and old
 - g) Singing None,
 - h) On the whole the instruction has not produced remarkable results
 - i) Manihera offers to give a suitable site (Which I saw and approve of) about 200 yards away from the present school. He asks that a male teacher be appointed and wishes the matter to be attended to at once
 - j) I am sorry that Miss Burch does not satisfy the Maoris I think she would make a good teacher with experience
- 12th December Memorandums between officers discussing whether Papawai should be a native or Board School . The consensus was that the children would attend if it was a Maori School

1884

3rd May Miss Burch wants to resign as from the end of June

13th August Mr. Hislop Secretary of Education visited Papawai

Notes include

- a) There is no residence for a teacher. Mr. Satchell lived in Greytown which is 3 miles away

- b) He received nothing from the Maoris in addition to the Government subsidy of £60 and there is no prospect of any of the teachers getting anything from the Maoris
- c) The church mission reserve of 40 acres appears to be a standing grievance
- d) This kept alive to a great extent by the fact that a "college" was at one time maintained in the reserve the buildings only a few hundred yards from the settlement being at present by the lessee of the endowment
- e) Miss Burch appointed resigned to get married
Material badly filed

17th July Letter to Mr. R T Curtis of Papawai School has not acknowledged his appointment

28th July Wife appointed as sewing mistress

25th August In an interview with Mr. Varnham one of the Committee he told me that Mr. S Parata informed him that there is six or seven hundred pounds in the hands of the synod for native educational purposes.

9th September Mr. Curtis has a discussion with Manihera and was told the Maori would not send their children to Papawai School if the synod gave 10 acres of land for a school

The school was closed two days last week because of floods the roads were near impassable and a family with 5 children were burnt out and had to stay away. The family were the Skeets

23rd October there is no legally elected School Committee

- a) Total attendance 32, Europeans 18, Maoris 14
- b) Though a new building is not on its way a new school is urgently needed here as it is in Te Ore Ore
- c) Of course nothing can be done until a school site can be obtained
- d) The teacher could hardly be expected to do much gardening on the ground that has been leased
- e) Some difficulty is experienced through the large proportion of imperfectly trained Europeans attending the school
- f) Punishments. *(Always part of the inspection of Maori Schools but not in Board Schools)* Standing Out, standing on the form or occasional corporal punishment of the mildest kind.
- g) Order Very fair
- h) The tone needs improvement and I have no doubt the current master will achieve this
- i) The late teacher deserves considerable credit for her management of the school, but she was very young, and I am inclined to think that many of the older children were beyond her control

24th October School Committee elected

1885

5th January Letter from R T Curtis asking to be removed to another Native School My health having suffered from teaching in the present building

16th January Regret to turn down offer of Wairau (*Marlborough*) and I would be unable to incur the expense of removal. I would like a school further north if possible as my health suffers in the cold

28th March Letter from Mr. R T Curtis

Thirteen of the European Children have left the school without their parents making any complaint to the Committee or myself

28th March Letter from Mr. Curtis You kindly stated I could write to you when I was in a difficulty will you please come and spend some time with me as I still don't understand why the European children left and need help in the classroom (Paraphrased)

9th May Sir James Prendergast is not in a position to give a renewal of the premises at Papawai as he has agreed to lease the same for a long lease and right of purchase

8th June Letter from Mr. Curtis to Dr Hislop.

I regret to inform you of the death of Manihera on Saturday last. The Committee having closed the school for a week on account of his death there will be a large native gathering and it will not be possible for the children to attend

8th June Stating that Mr. Curtis can stay in the house for now from Henry Hill acting for Sir Prendergast

30th June Letter to Mr. Ballance Native Minister from Whataroa and others

Asking that some of the College site be set aside for a school The schoolhouse (*Not residence*) new built it it is a small house. The house which the schoolmaster lives in is a quarter of a mile away The road is bad and muddy and crosses a creek The school mistress suffers inconvenience in wet weather in coming to the school house because of the bad road. On account of the small schoolhouse and it being in the midst of our houses some people will not send their children here

14th July In consequence of having to move into Greytown for House accommodation I would respectively apply for removal to another school

I am afraid of suffering in health as my predecessor died from the effects of exposure

1st August 1885 Surveyor instructed to survey new site

42 Section Moroa Block A measure of 5 acres

1st September Mr. Varnham to be paid for loss of lease of 5 acres £12.0-0 for loss of land

12th September Letter from Mr. Curtis claiming that the school is being damaged by a bad report from the Secretary of Education when no inspection has been made.

29th September A translated message from Maoris at Papawai included

- a) We are pleased that the school is to be built on land given by us for a college
- b) That the government should provide food for our children as has been formerly done when the first school was built here at the same place
- c) That clothes and books for the children of the Papawai school be provided by the Government as had been done with the first school
- d) There are in Papawai 23 children The number of children belonging the Rakaiwhakaire tribe and living in Waitapu, Kohunui, Turanganui, and Te Kopi amounted to about 41

26th October Plans for new building are out for tender

11th November Lease of school site confirmed

10th November Three tenders H J Stevens Carterton £320.

Trotman and Humphries Greytown £419 and Grey of Greytown £454

11th December John King of Masterton appointed supervisor for 5% of total cost

18th December Inspectors report included

- a) Present 18
- b) The school is being held in a Rununga House which is in a good state of repair
- c) Some ink marks on desks
- d) Much whispering and shuffling
- e) A little military drill

- f) A want of neatness is manifest in the school. Perhaps this is partly due to the apathy of the parents
- g) Prompt obedience almost unknown
- h) Sewing I did not put Mrs Curtis to the trouble of walking out to Papawai for this lesson
- i) Singing by ear when Mrs Curtis is present

19th December Memo I think Mr. Kerr's report is damning and Mr. Curtis should be removed to a less important position
 Telegram from Greytown North Mr. Buchanan would prefer Tuesday for the opening school if convenient to you

1886

F H Brittain is teacher no notes about his appointment or the removal of Mr. Curtis (*In 1886 Mr and Mrs Curtis (Sewing) are teaching at Wairau School Marlborough*)

Telegram to Mr. Gibbes Secretary of Education

We would like a feast at opening Papawai They want to know if Government will give them a grant towards it. They have meeting tomorrow and want answer by Monday. No papers at all in school Please send requisition abstract

6th February 1886 Letter from F H Brittain The natives seem most anxious to make a feast at the opening of the school. The chief reason being that the Europeans may come and so be induced to

bring their children back to Papawai, if they do this we shall have about 35 of 45 on the roll

If Mr. Harper will let me know when he arrives with Mr. Beetham I would ask the natives to send a trap for them

They want meeting to start at 10 O'clock on Thursday so as to allow plenty of time for talking

I have the Honour

Yours Obediently

F H Brittain

(Unfortunately because of the amount of great material at Auckland Archives I didn't have enough time to record all the information available I will be back)

Up to 1882 1889

Log Book

School Committees

1898 School Committee's listed in log book

Taitua Waitere, Paratene Matenga, Duncan King (Chairman)

Alice Mahupuka, Toki Paoroa

1899: Duncan King (Chairman), Taituha Waitere, John Manihera, King Manihera, Charlie Faulkner. Chosen at meeting 16th December

1900: Taituha Waitere Chairman, Duncan King, Charlie Faulkner, Harry King, Joe Ashton, Chosen at meeting 16th December 1899

1901 Committee same as for 1900 Re-elected January 1901

1898

P H Clemance

31st January Recommended school after Christmas holidays

1st February Monday's work to be taken this afternoon in place of Tuesday's

10th February Percy Tilson received 4 strokes of the cane for idleness

18th February The weekly average since re commencing school on the 31st have been as follows showing a very small attendance

16.9, 18.6, 15.9, 8

24th February Joe King 2 strokes cane for swearing

4th March meeting held to choose Committee. Chairman not yet selected

16th March 2.50 to 3 Singing instead of usual routine

17th March Holiday St Patrick's Day

21st March Rawhiti for disorder received 2 strokes cane

24th March Percy Tilson Ditto

Lena Kopu (a little girl) for improper language received slight CP

25th March Rawhiti for kicking a little girl received CP

29th March Walter Tilson, James R King Each received two strokes of cane for disorder

30th March Sonny Manihera for culpably careless reading received CP

1-1.30 Singing substituted dictation

Joe King for appropriating a ruler and telling untruths about the same received CP

1st April Holiday on account of visit of Lord Ranfurly, Governor of New Zealand

2nd April A meeting of the committee was held this day for the purpose in the first place of electing a chairman- The choice fell upon Mr. Duncan King. Mr. D King then took the chair and the teacher then reported on

- 1) The attendance which chiefly from removals had sunk to an average of 17.5 for the quarter ending March 31st. It was pointed out that an average of 30 should be maintained if possible
- 2) The necessity of more firewood being supplied before winter commences
- 3) Cleaning The question was mooted whether to continue the present system of paying for the cleaning or to allow the cleaning to devolve again upon the children as was done before. The latter alternative was decided upon

8th April Holiday Good Friday. 11th April Holiday Easter Monday

22nd April Stanley Skeet and Basil Burch each received two strokes of the cane for disorder

3rd May Joe King and Hanui Waitere (little boys) each received 2 strokes of the cane for swearing

1-1.20 Singing taken instead of usual routine

5th May Ditto

9th May Joe King, Hauni Waitere each received two strokes of the cane (Swearing)

11th May Basil Burch for talking received 2 strokes of the cane

Ditto for neglecting his work 2 more
Rawhiti talking two strokes
Joe King Truancy strokes
18th May Hanui Waitere, Joe King each received two strokes of the cane for swearing
20th May Te Ratima 2 strokes cane disorder
27th May Annie Repa and Polly Creighton each received 4 strokes of the cane for playing games on slates instead of working
Waitere (Haunui) 2 strokes truancy. Taku Rangi 2 strokes talking
30th May 1.30 to 2 Standard 1 and 2 English replacing geography
2nd June Alec Andrew for chewing gum in school (an offence often repeated) received two strokes cane
7th June Rawhiti for talking 2 strokes cane
Ditto repeating the same offence shortly afterwards 4 strokes
17th June Joe King Haunui Waitere For fighting in school each received 2 strokes cane
24th June Walter Tilson for most culpably careless work received 2 strokes cane
13th July Sam King for bullying smaller boys received four strokes of the cane
18th June 11.30 -1 11.50 Grammar lesson substituted for usual routine work
20th June Ditto
21st June Basil Burch received 4 strokes cane for playing during school time
Percy Tilson 2 strokes ditto
John Toki 2 Strokes ditto

26th July Change timetable from date Dictation etc Tues and Thurs 1- 1.30 Drawing Wednesday only
13th August On account of heavy rain coming on at midday held no afternoon school
1st August Joe King for stealing slate pencil Received two strokes of the cane
15th August Basil Burch for persistent talking received 2 strokes cane
Taitua Waitere ditto
19th August Attendance for present quarter very low; and 2 girls only in regular attendance
8 girls are on roll and the chairman thinks all these names should be kept on the roll until a meeting can be held and the question of attendance discussed
23rd August As heavy rain was falling at noon I continued school until 1 p.m. and then dismissed
12th September No school was held today the teacher being in bed with a heavy cold or influenza
15th September John Toki for stealing received 4 strokes of the cane
10th October As it was raining very heavily at noon I continued school until 1 p.m. and then dismissed
14th October Received notice of inspection and examination to take place on or about December 12th
The Dept will have learned from the return of the quarter ended 30th September that the attendance for that quarter 15.2 was considerably lower than that of any quarter since the present teacher has been in charge

For the three weeks ending October 14th only one girl has been in attendance and that an European- since the great meetings of last quarter a number of Maoris have removed either temporarily or permanently from Papawai

17th October Four more European children entered today (girls) making a total of 3 Maori and 5 European Girls on the roll

None of the former however being at present in attendance

31st October Christina Whyte for disorder after repeated warnings 2 strokes cane

4th November Holiday on account of Carterton Agricultural Show

8th November Christina Whyte, Georgina Terry for untruthfulness received 2 strokes each of the cane

9th November Holiday Prince of Wales Birthday

11th November As it was raining heavily at Noon I continued school until 1.15 and then dismissed

14th November Percy Tilson for untruthfulness received two strokes of the cane

15th November Basil Burch for talking received 2 strokes

18th November Christina Whyte for playing with water so as to soak her own and her sisters clothes received 6 strokes of the cane

Isaac Pohatu for entering the school room by the window during the dinner hour 6 strokes cane

22nd November Rawhiti, Hemi Waitere, Joe King, Stanley Skeet for indecency each received a caning

Repairs needed December 1898

The cost of papering dining room with oil cloth dado and painting ceiling will be 32/-

Amount asked for papering etc the front bedroom 20/-

These two rooms badly need doing. Mr. Bears has not forwarded me his estimate for the other work though he has had the matter in hand nearly a week

New gates to the playground are badly needed Those at present fixed are quite rotten- each £1-15-0

The dining room, kitchen and two bed rooms need papering and the wood work of the same rooms needs painting

The teacher would be glad if the Department would authorise the cost of a special addition to the house in the shape of a small spare room or bathroom opening out of the smallest bedroom Estimate £15-0-0

New gates are required on the closet belonging to the school residence is at a long and inconvenient distance there from. I append an estimate for removal to a more convenient spot and for the erection of a suitable screen (*This paragraph neatly crossed through with one line*)

1884/2854	Clemance	Winifred Mary	Emma	Philip Henry
1885/7264	Clemance	Grace Anna Dora	Emma	Philip Henry
1889/12151	Clemance	Herbert John	Emma	Philip John
1892/1205	Clemance	Alice Emma	Emma	Philip Henry
1894/13245	Clemance	Clement William	Emma	Philip Henry
1894/13246	Clemance	Phyllis Sarah	Emma	<u>Philip Henry</u>
<u>1901/12968</u>	Clemance	Arthur Philip	Emma	Philip Henry
1901/12969	Clemance	Edna Constance	Emma	Philip Henry

12th December Only one member of the Committee is at present in Papawai (Except the chairman who is sick) he will probably wait upon the inspector with information with regard to matters effecting the attendance

A Sunday School has been resumed with the past quarter- only Maoris attend

Two Band of Hope meetings have been held during the past year- attendance good and interest gratifying

James H Pope 12.12.98 (inspector signed)

16th December A meeting of Natives was held this day for the purpose of choosing a Committee for 1899

The following names were proposed and seconded and there being only five were duly declared elected

John Manihera, Taituhu Mahoe?, King Manihera, Charles Faulkner, Duncan King (Chairman)

Reported to Education Department same day P H C (Clemance)

1899

30th January Reopened school after Midsummer vacation with attendance of 18 in the morning and 19 in afternoon

31st January Christina Whyte for breaking bar in front of shelter shed received 4 strokes cane

Joe King for indecent conduct in the playground receive corporal punishment

3rd February Average for week 18.8

6th February Heavy rain coming on at midday I continued school until 1 pm and then dismissed, marked register for morning school only

27th February Joe King (A little boy) for indecent language received two strokes of the cane

1st March Christina Whyte for using bad language received four strokes of the cane

8th March Ditto for inexcusably rough usage of another child received four strokes of the cane

13th Mrs Clemance indisposed excused sewing

15th Ditto

17th March Proclaimed holiday in Greytown. St. Patricks day- Fire Brigade Sports

21st March Heavy rain at Midday. Continued school until 1 p.m. Register marked morning school only

Basil Burch for purloining slate pencils received 5 strokes of the cane

22nd March Sam King for similar offence and denying same received 8 strokes

29th March Stanley Skeet for disorder and untruthfulness received four strokes of the cane

4th May Christina Whyte for improper conduct in the playground etc received 4 strokes of the cane

23rd May Percy Tilson for disorder received two strokes of the cane

5th June Basil Burch for coming to school with extremely dirty hands (Cautioned before) received two strokes cane

Ditto for improper conduct in playground received 2 strokes

Ditto Sam King ditto for improper conduct

15th June Haunui Waitere for poor neglect of his work received two strokes of the cane

April 4th, 27th May 9th On each of these occasions very heavy rain falling, school was continued until 1 p.m. and then dismissed.

22nd June Today being a gala day for Papawai Natives who are holding a celebration in commemoration of the "Record Reign" I closed afternoon school at 2 pm in order to allow the children to witness the proceedings which began at that hour

21st July A circular was received from the Education Department sometime since requesting teachers to observe Arbor Day the 19th inst. The 19th turned out very wet and stormy, but on the afternoon of the 21st I released the children at 2 pm for the purpose of transplanting some young wattle trees. The juniors were in the meantime employed scrubbing desks and slate frames

28th July Percy Tilson for disorder received 2 strokes of the cane

3rd August Christina Whyte for absenting herself a very long time when out on leave received 2 strokes of the cane

10th August Athol? McNeil and Huanui Waitere for disorder received 1 stroke each of the cane

11th August Sam King for deliberate copying in doing translating work received four strokes of the cane

15th August Sam King for deliberately tripping up a small boy when running in the playground causing him to be severely husky received 8 strokes of the cane

22nd August Joe King Impudence 2 strokes cane

12th September Basil Burch for disorder received 1 stroke of the cane

13th September Ditto for prevarication received four strokes of the cane

12th October In consequence of a very furious gale shaking the room so violently that it was impossible to give proper attention to school work, afternoon school was dismissed

30th October Eva Terry for persistent untruthfulness received five strokes from the strap

Amanda Skeet for a similar offence received two strokes

3rd November Holiday for Carterton Agricultural Show

10th November Eliza Terry for very culpable waste of school time received two strokes of the strap

9th November Holiday Prince of Wales Birthday

1st December Notice of Meeting for election of School Committee posted on front gate

6th December Morning school only held having received authority from Ed Department to close at 12 noon. (Parliamentary Elections)

11th December Standard IV allowed to go with mapping from 2 to 2.30 in place of time table work

Work Needed

The gate on the 12th October overturned one of the closets it has been temporarily replaced but needs securely fixing to blocks.

Estimate from Mr. C Burch 6/-

Cast Iron plates are needed for the Dover stove The firebricks at the side being burnt out

New lock for front door This is needed at one cost 5/-

Six sash lines are needed in various rooms in the house

Latch for room window

3rd November Received notice of inspection and examination of school to take place on 12th December

As to repairs etc required on the occasion of the inspector's last visit 12th December 1898 it was noted on schedule that the fence dividing the playground from paddock would have to be tendered before long. Estimate from Mr. Charles Burch for five chains post and wire fence, four wires the top being barbed, with apace eight feet £3-0-0

Hastily reviewing the course of events during the past twelve months it may be noticed that the first three quarters showed some improvement upon the closing quarter of 1898, the last quarter however of the present year however shows a decided decrease, the average since its commencement but a point or so over 14- As to the Native attendance, there are but seven names of native children on the roll, five boys and two girls, these two little girls are extremely irregular in their attendance. And of the five boys, two are well grown lads able to work, are not likely to remain longer at this school. These two should both pass standard IV and be eligible for Te Aute

Under these circumstances, the teachers feels that it is better to ask the Department, if it is not already decided upon, for removal to another school. More than seven pleasant years have been spent at Papawai and it is with regret that they notice an almost complete absence of native children in Papawai itself

If natives in the Wairarapa took sufficient interest in the school, many children who do not attend school at all, might be located at Papawai and make use of this school, but this matter has been discussed before, and the inspector knows what the natives have said about it

Signed Seen James Poe 12.12.99. (*Inspector*)

16th December 4.50 p.m. A meeting has just been held in the school house at which the following natives were present They duly proposed an seconded each other as the Committee

Taituha Waitere Chairman, Duncan King, Charlie Faulkner, Joe Ashton, Harry King

The first meeting for the new year to be on Saturday 27th Jane 1900
Mr. C Faulkner promised a cricket ball for the boys and Mr. D King promised two practice bats.

1900

27th January The first meeting of the new Committee was held this day, all the members being present

The teacher proposed that if the Committee and parents would undertake to supply him with firewood, he would defray the expense of school cleaning and attention to closets

Several names of likely pupils were mentioned.

16th February Holiday Papawai fair

20th February For being 15 minutes late for morning school and absence yesterday without excuse Percy Tilson received four strokes of the cane

28th February Half holiday by desire of Hon R J Seddon, Premier of NZ to commencement the surrender of General Cronje and his troops

16th March Basil Burch for misbehaviour 2 strokes of cane

22nd March Holiday (Proclaimed in district) on account Papawai Maori carnival in aid of "More Tutu" fund

2nd April For being late without excuse an offence which is becoming rather frequent, Stuart, Fergus and James McNeil each received two strokes of the cane

12th April Basil Burch for a similar offence received 4 strokes of the cane

13th April Good Friday 16th Easter Monday

7th May Basil Burch for indecent writing received 6 strokes of the cane

8th May Owing to heavy rain at Midday Morning school was continued to 1.00 and then dismissed

12th April A meeting of Committee was held, when the question of the supply of firewood to the master (in return for his taking the cleaning liabilities upon himself) was discussed

Night School The master stated that he was prepared to begin an evening class for the benefit of adults provided a sufficient number would join (and pay their fee in advance) to make it worthwhile

19th April A general meeting of natives was held for the purpose of inaugurating a night school, as noted above- Some dozen or so put down their names and fair start was made on the following Monday (April 23rd)

10th May James Waitere for an act of extreme indecency before children of both sexes received a thrashing on the body

22nd May Holiday held in honour of the Relief of Mafeking

4th June Ditto British at Pretoria

5th June Basil Burch for theft and falsehood received a thrashing

8th June Basil Burch and James Waitere received two strokes of the cane for cutting desks

28th May (*Order is as in log*). A meeting of the Committee was held, chiefly to consider a question raised in a circular from the Secretary of Education with regard to supply of firewood for school The Committee decided that they would be responsible for the supply of firewood, and so (if supply satisfactorily carried out) be entitled to pictures, flag etc Named in Education Circular

Certain members of the Committee agreed to see parents of absentees re sending their children to school

16th July A meeting of Committee was held today

The chairman reported that he had written and interviewed Tauria as to sending his boy to school

The teacher reported that the 18th being appointed as Arbor Day the Education Department expected teacher's and Committee to plant (and protect) trees, if possible

As the protecting work however is required to be very strong and so to be done by adults, in consequence of the dividing fence being down

The teacher asked the Committee if they would be willing to assist in the work- they were however not in a mind to do so and thought the Ed Department should first renew the dividing fence

The question of what should be done in the way of joining any celebration on the occasion of the present South African war being brought to a conclusion was discussed

The teacher brought before the Committee the subject of the Night School and asked them to do anything in their power towards securing a few new pupils

24th July Albert Clemance for wasting school time drawing ludicrous figures received 2 strokes of the cane

24th July Basil Burch and James Waitere for disorder each received two strokes of cane

13th August Basil Burch for refusing to answer questions put by teacher received two strokes of cane

6th, 8th, 10th, 13th Lantern Exhibitions in afternoon from about 3.15 to 4 15

15th August Final exhibition of same from 7 to 9 pm Good attendance

16th August Owing to heavy rain at midday I continued school until 1 pm and then dismissed marking register for morning school only

17th August Owing to a sudden attack of sickness was unable to perform school duties on this date

21st August Elizabeth Terry for extreme idleness received two strokes of the flat ruler

18th September Received notice of visit from inspectors to take place about November 1st

2nd October I attempted to get a meeting of Committee on this date but two members only turning up. The meeting lapsed

22nd October Stuart, Fergus, Victor, James McNeil each received 2 strokes of the cane for coming 20 minutes late (Without excuse)

Elza Terry Ditto

Sarah Faulkner for a dirty action received slight corporal punishment

27th October Specification of repairs required with estimate of costs will be found over leaf.

Inspector's Visit November 1900. Repairs etc required

Two years ago the Department was good enough to authorize the renovating of the school house dining room and the teacher has

experienced a considerable increase of comfort as a consequence of this much needed work having been done. At the same time that an estimate for this work was obtained prices were also obtained for papering and painting of woodwork in the other rooms of the house and in the passage and the teacher would now be glad if the Department would authorise this work also

1, Teacher's bedroom requires repapering and painting of wood work 30/- estimate

2, Sitting room same required 30/-

3. passage needs some attention £2-10-0

4. Kitchen Ditto £1-5-0

5. Front Bedroom ditto £1-10-0

The total cost of the preceding five items £8-15-0

The guttering and spouting around the school and residence is in many places in bad condition. I have seen Mr. Beard of Greytown (from whom the prices above were obtained) about this and hope he may be able to visit the school and give an estimate of the cost of what is required to be done before the Inspector's visit

The two chimney pots were some time ago blown down – we find from experience they are needed. The cost of replacing could be not more than £2-0-0

2nd November Mary Norman for theft and falsehood received Corporal Punishment

5th November Elsa Terry for president falsehood received two strokes of the cane

8th November Inspector's Holiday

9th November Code Holiday being Prince of Wales Birthday

14th December Closed school for Christmas Holidays

14th December was the day originally appointed by the Education Department for the election of Committee for 1901. I consulted with the chairman and found that but few Maoris would be in Papawai on this date, and that in his (Chairman's) opinion better meeting could be got at the end of January. I therefore wrote to the Secretary for Education suggesting that Monday January 18th 1901 should be set apart for the purpose of electing a Committee instead of the present date. The course suggested meeting with the support of the Department.

1901

28th January A meeting of Maoris was held on this date for the purpose of electing a Committee for the present year. The meeting resulted in the re-election of Last Year's Committee

Four of the Committee being present. Business was then proceeded with

The Committee felt that it could not proceed with ordinary business without first expressing its great grief at the loss sustained both by the Europeans and natives by the death of our Beloved Queen Victoria.

- a) The teacher reminded the Committee of the necessity of providing a proper supply of firewood for the coming winter
- b) It was agreed that the cleaning for the current year be done by the school children
- c) The teacher intimated that he would be willing to hold a night school during the winter months, provided a sufficient

number would agree to join and pay the school subscription in advance

- d) Some discussion took place as to the date and place of school picnic. Postponed on account of the death of the Queen agreed to hold same on Mr. Tilson's land on the 15th February all parties to bring their own provisions
- e) The teacher spoke of the desirability of placing in the school some memorial of the late Trooper Harry York, formerly a scholar of the school, who succumbed to scarlet fever at the Hospital, Kimberley South Africa 30th November 1900
- f) Those present were unanimously in favour of such a course, but it was considered desirable to defer taking any steps until the conclusion of the war and the safe return (We Trust) of another old scholar
- g) Signed Taituha Waitere Tiamana

7th February Very heavy rain school continued till 1 pm and then dismissed

15th February The school picnic was held on this date and went off with much satisfaction (I believe) to everyone concerned. Parents and friends had given subscriptions which were devoted to the purchase of prizes for sports and the supply of liquid refreshments

11th February Holiday Imperial Troops in Masterton

4th March Victor McNeil for disobedience received 2 strokes of the cane

7th March James Waitere for swearing and denying same received six strokes of the cane

11th March Basil Burch for misconduct in the playground received six strokes of the cane

28th March First exhibition of views of London etc (Lantern No 5)

1st April Second ditto

3rd April Third Ditto

20th March Heavy rain occurring at mid day, School continued until 1.15 and then dismissed for the day

16th March With the permission of the Secretary of Education I have lent to Miss Blackiston Greytown four (Half a set) of the Native Reading cards

23rd March I have also let Miss B have the use of a spare easel for her classes for Maori women and girls

26th March Received telegram from Ed Department announcing despatch of Magic Lantern No 5. This I fetched from the Greytown railway Station on the next day

17th March Also found a parcel from Messrs Whitcombe and Tombs containing plasticene. (This was delivered to me in error being intended for Public School Greytown)

29th March James Waitere for disorder on the previous evening after the lantern exhibition received three strokes of the cane

5th April Good Friday Code Holiday 8th Easter Monday Ditto

15th April James McNeil for talking during roll call received 2 strokes of the cane

26th April Athol McNeil for conduct calculated to provoke a breach of the peace received six strokes of the cane

Basil Burch for scattering manure in the school porch received 4 strokes of the cane

29th April Basil Burch for impertinence received 4 strokes of the cane

7th May James Waitere for using bad language was “sent to Coventry” so far as playground was concerned for remainder of the week

7th May Heavy rain occurring at noon School was continued until 1 pm and then dismissed

17th May James McNeil for deliberate falsehood received corporal punishment

24th May Holiday in memory of Queen Victoria

5th June Mary Norman for theft and falsehood received two strokes of the cane

17th – 26th June Midwinter holidays held in advance of usual date and extended to 10 days on account of visit of Duke and Duchess of York

5th July James Waitere for lying received 8 or 9 strokes of the cane

17th July Holiday- Arbor Day- Trees were planted by teacher, chairman and children and protective work begun

15th July Elsa Terry for culpable laziness received 2 strokes of the cane

26th July Mrs Clemance excused sewing on account of indisposition

30th July Heavy rain Continued school until 1 pm and then dismissed

31st July James Waitere for Cribbing the working of sums from old Exercise Book and denying same received 6 strokes of the cane

3rd September James McNeil for hurting another boy by kicking him received four strokes of the cane

10th September half holiday proclaimed on account of football match between Wairarapa and Taranaki

20th September Ena Terry for persistent denial of an offence in spite of clear evidence to the contrary received four strokes of the cane

7th October Mrs Clemance excused sewing on account of sickness in the family

31st October Holiday Carterton Agricultural Show

8th November Received NZ ensign per parcel post

19th November Ena Terry for frivolous conduct whilst undergoing punishment received two strokes of the flat ruler

21st November Tommy Morgan for using indecent language in school received two strokes of the stick

25th November Stuart McNeil for striking a girl in the playground (probably inexcusably rough play rather than deliberate assault and battery) received six strokes of the cane

Fergus McNeil for interrupting his teacher during inquiry into the foregoing (after distinct caution) received two strokes of the cane

27th November Tommy Morgan for using bad language to other children on the way home from school received two strokes of the cane

28th November Ronald Prentice for stone throwing in the playground (resulting in injury) received two strokes of the cane

Victor McNeil for inciting R P to stone throwing received 2 strokes of the cane

19th November (Omitted) A special meeting was held on this date to consider the question of the erection of a flag pole for the flag recently received Present Messrs Waitere (Chairman), Duncan King, and Harry King. The Committee resolved that somehow or other they would manage to get flagpole erected so that the ceremony of

hoisting the flag might be performed by the Inspector (if Willing) on the occasion of his approaching visit

29th November One of the Committee Haare King arrived today bringing a white pine pole for the flag staff- The chairman trimmed and prepared it for planting

I should have been glad to hoist the flag if the pole had been quite ready J H P Note from Inspector

3rd December Mental arithmetic substituted for timetable work for Standards III, IV and VI from 1-1.30

Re last Arbor Day I regret that a great number of the trees planted have died. Some however have survived and the protective work remains ready for the repletion of more trees on a future occasion

I regret also the work of repairing and repairing guttering and spouting for which the Department was authorised in July has not yet been done though repeated promises have been made by the plumber who has been extremely busy

The teacher would be extremely glad to receive from the Department authority for papering and panting asked for a year ago- the items will be found on P33 of this log. All this work really badly needs doing, and the cost of the whole £8-15-0 does not seem a very large amount, still if it is thought that the whole of the expenditure is not warranted, they would be glad to receive authority to get as much as possible of the work done

Owing to domestic circumstances I do not now press for the removal for which I asked two years ago, which question has been allowed to remain in abeyance by the Department

There seems to be now a tendency towards an increase in the number of European scholars Though not in that in that of Maori

Children – of these however there are a few young ones coming on tho' not yet of school age- With the exception of the meeting held to consider the question of the erection of a flagstaff there has been no meeting since that at the time of the election at the beginning of the school year

My timetable remains substantially the same as last year

While not venturing much in the way of forecasting results of the impending examination I venture to think they should be good in the lower part of this school at least. My "Primer" class is well on with a good deal of Standard 1 work and some should perhaps pass that Standard. Similarly Standard 1 is well on with a good deal of work of Standard II. With so few Maori in attendance all these with one exception being in Primers and Standard 1 class. The difficulty of teaching the "English" as laid down in code increases.

It appears to me that the best solution of the difficulty is to take all the Maori Pupils together in a special English Class and teach the English pupils as near as possible in accordance with the Board School Standards. I have made one or two experiments in this direction of a Combined Standard "Maori English Class" and think the idea is quite practicable

J H Pope Inspector writes So do I and the English might be conversational

Seen James H Pope 10th December

1902

27th January This being the day set apart for the election of a Committee for the present school year, it had been arranged to hold

a meeting for that purpose at 9.00 a.m.. Three (3) natives only turned up at that hour viz Messrs Waitere, Hone Manihera, and Henare Parata- These three were agreed that it would be advisable to take advantage of the Native Schools Code and to elect a European Member on the Committee in order that the parents and guardians of European Children should be represented thereon.

It was consequently agreed to adjourn the meeting until 8 pm so that in the meantime European Parents might be asked to attend and nominate one of their number- This was consequently done and the adjourned meeting held at 8 pm.

There being a good attendance of parents of both races

The result of the meeting was the election of the following: Pou Manihera, Duncan King, Haare Manihera, Taitaha Waiter, Chairman, Henare Parata and Walter Tully

26th November 1902 Note: From Inspector: :Mr. Clemance please see code on this point J H P

With the exception of Duncan King who was absent, the Committee elected Mr. Waitere as chairman

There being four new members of Committee the teacher read the minutes of both meetings held during 1901 so that all might be in command in school affairs

27th January it was resolved that the cleaning of the schoolroom be carried out as before by the school children under the supervision of the teacher

That an endeavour to raise funds should be made by an entertainment to be held in the Rununga House at aa date in the winter to be fixed hereafter

Most of the members of the Committee promised to help in the direction of supplying firewood. Mr Parata making a definite promise of a load to be delivered before the end of February

It was resolved to hold the school picnic on the first available Saturday

The teacher was deputed to make enquiries as the cost of a suitable tablet for the late H York

Mr. Parata promised a Totara pole to be erected as a flag staff

That the flag presented to the school by the Education Department be kept in reserve until the approaching coronation and then flown for the first time

The matter of school attendance was fully discussed and it was resolved to hold a further meeting (to be convened by the chairman) about the middle of February

Signed Taituha Waitere

22nd February The school picnic was held on this date in a paddock near the Waiohine River. There was a good attendance of parents (Of both races) as well as a full attendance of children. The day was very fine and pleasant and everything appeared to pass off satisfactorily

27th February Arna Manihera received 2 strokes of the cane

4th March Ditto Ditto for using bad language in the school

28th March Holiday Easter

4th April Today being the occasion of the Premier's (Hon R J Seddon) visit to Papawai to take farewell of the natives previous to his leaving for England to attend the Coronation of King Edward and finding that the chairman, and the only other member of the Committee I had to opportunity of consulting desired that the

children should have the opportunity of witnessing the proceedings-school was dismissed on the arrival of the Premier's party at Papawai at 11.55 a.m. and holiday granted for the remainder of the day

Note from Mr. Pope Not quite regular, but reasonable

11th April Very heavy rain occurring at midday. I continued school until 1.20 and then dismissed school for the day on this occasion. I marked the afternoon attendance as well as the morning

25th April Clement and Phyllis Clemance, William R and Mary Brown each received two strokes of the cane for disorder

7th May Ronald R for disorder received two strokes of the cane

13th May Ena Terry for disorder received 2 strokes of the cane

16th May Received memo from Department asking if flag staff were yet erected

19th May Meeting of Committee Present Messrs Waitere, M Tully and R Manihera

Teacher reported receipt of memo as above. That as Mr. H Parata had promised a totara staff and as he would probably again be in Papawai at the end of the week . a meeting should be held upon his return in order to see whether his promise would be rendered good. The question of firewood supply out of providing finds for cleaning were also discussed

The teacher reported the decision of Committee above as promised to write again when anything definite had been done re reception of flag staff

2nd June Monday The Committee having waited until today to secure Mr. Parata's attendance at a Committee meeting. A meeting was held in the evening of this day, but the gentleman named not

attending. The Committee resolved to procure and erect a white pine staff- the only wood available- this to be done without delay so that the flag might be unfurled on Coronation Day.

The teacher reported this decision to the Education Department

The question of providing funds for defraying cost of sanitary work was discussed. The chairman promised to collect funds from the Natives. The teacher to see European parents with regard to the same matter. Present Mr. Waitere (Chairman), N Tully, D King, R Manihera, H Manihera

Signed Taituhu Waitere

Entry made June 5th 1902

Papering: Painting: Attention to roof

In the beginning of April the teacher received authority from the the Department to accept Mr. J Beards tender (£5-12-6) for papering, and painting woodwork and in passage and four rooms of the school residence; also authority to expend the sum of £ 2-5-0 upon wall paper. This work was finished early in April, the result conducing greatly the comfort of the teacher and their family

The attention to the guttering, spouting and flashing of the roof of school residence has for some months been authorised but difficulty has been experienced in getting the work done. The main part of this work has now been done and the teacher is waiting the return of the workman (Mr. Stanley) to completely finish the work and sign contingency voucher for amount due

5th June James McNeil for culpably careless work received two strokes of the cane

10th June Noho Toki for throwing stones at children in the playground received two strokes of the cane

June 2nd (Omitted) News of peace between British and Boers being received this morning according to a previous intimation that the Government desired that all schools should be observed as a holiday it was so observed

3rd June Holiday Prince of Wale's Birthday

23rd -27th June. This week being that week but for the King's illness was to have been the coronation week, was in accordance with instructions received from the Education Department observed as a holiday

30th June 11th July Ordinary mid winter holiday

7th August The ceremony of hoisting the flag was performed this afternoon after school

Children were drawn up in lines facing flag staff, In the absence of the chairman through illness the flag was hoisted by the teacher and then saluted.- Children sang the National Anthem- the teacher then addressed the children explaining the significance of the ceremony- cheers were then given for His Majesty the King after which the souvenir cards presented by the Department were distributed amongst the children.

The first verse of the National Anthem was then repeated and cheers for H M the Queen followed.

The children were dismissed with the information that the day following would be kept as a holiday in honour of the Coronation of his Majesty King Edward the VII

9th August Coronation Day – Flag Flown

22nd August Anne Manihera, Alice Clemance and Winnie Brown each received two strokes of the flat ruler for talking

28th August Mrs Clemance excused attendance (indisposition)

29th August I have removed from the roll the names of two boys and seven girls. They appear at the moment to be dead heads

12th September Hemora Renanta,, Victor McNeil, Jury Sullivan for talking each received 2 strokes of the cane

30th October People's day Masterton agricultural show was observed as a holiday

10th November (Monday) This being the day following the King's Birthday it was taken as a holiday

13th November received notice of inspection to take place on or about 26th inst

Repairs etc A new sucker is required for pump in the playground the cost should not exceed 5/- (If it does I will defray the balance)

Last year I omitted to ask for an allowance for cleaning the school clock and as it at last completely struck off I had it cleaned and defrayed the cost of 3/6d. It is now in good working order but it is sure to need cleaning again before the next inspection comes around. I shall be glad to be authorised to spend 3/6d on this head when it becomes necessary

The stand for the washing basin in the porch has become quite rotten and a new one is needed. The cost should not exceed 5/- I will attempt this job myself if desired but probably a carpenter would make a better job of it.

In the inspector's last report it was noted that the interior of the schoolroom would soon need repainting. Does the Department desire that I should get prices for tenders for this work

25th November This year has been an uneventful one so far as school work is concerned. The herbal baths treatment under the Tohunga's at Papawai attracted many people from a distance, causing an

increased attendance for a considerable part of the year, Apart from this however the attendance seems to have been on the up-grade. Though a large family, contributing six names on the roll, left Papawai only last week- I hope they may be present for inspection tomorrow.

For the first time since I have been in charge here, the average attendance of girls for the last few weeks has exceeded that of the boys.

Mrs Clemance informed me that all the goods made up are now scarcely saleable at the prices that should be obtained in mind of the cost of materials- The material is now obtainable at considerably less cost- also a number of these articles having been on hand before the present teachers took charge the shapes are out of date; for these two reasons Mrs C would be glad to know if she might sell these articles at a reduced price, also that the material now in hand should be reduced in price so as to make the cost of garments made up in future be less than at present

27th November The influx of children in the autumn of the year necessitated considerable alteration of timetable, school work having now gone back almost to its normal state. I have found it necessary to draw up a fresh timetable. This fairly represents the work of the school at present but as I have not yet found time to analyse it, must necessarily be regarded as provisional P C

26th November Being rather behind with my preparation for inspection and taking into account that children would be kept later than usual today I did not begin school until 10.40 this morning

Yesterday being the day of the parliamentary election was a code holiday, but in the circumstances, I thought half the day was sufficient to allow

Signed Seen James H pope 26th November 1902

27th November Inspector's holiday

12th December Clara Terry received ten or twelve strokes on the hands with a flat ruler for direct lying

1903

24th January Received telegram from Education Department saying that painter from Public Works Department would be coming on Monday the 26th and instructing me to keep school closed another week

26th January Painter arrived and from the 27th to the 30th was engaged in painting the school- room he returned to town on the 31st

3rd February A meeting was held in the schoolroom this evening for the purpose of electing a Committee for the present year- those attending wished that One European at least should be on the Committee but as it seemed doubtful whether the election of a European member would be in accordance with the Department's interpretation of the code, the teacher was asked to communicate with the Department on this point and the meeting was adjourned to the 10th

10th February Memo received from Education Department saying that in the special circumstances in which this school is placed the election of a European member would be permitted

A meeting was held in the schoolroom this evening and the purpose of the above memo conveyed to those present- The election of a Committee was then proceeded with and resulted in the election of Taituha Waitere (Chairman), Duncan King, Robert Manihera, Joseph Ashton, Henare Parata and Walter Tully (European) (The results of this meeting was conveyed per memo to Education Department and Memo received in reply stating that Mr. Tully's election as a (European) member of the Committee was approved by the Minister of Education

The newly elected Committee at once held a sitting and chosen Mr. Waitere as chairman proceeded to business

The matter of attendance was considered. The teacher was requested to intimate to the Headmaster of the Greytown School that certain children residing between the two schools were not in attendance at Papawai School

The question of providing firewood was discussed and the Committee resolved to obtain two loads of sawmill slabs from Mr. W Tully

It was resolved that the Committee should meet again on the 23rd inst but when the date came around it was thought advisable to postpone the meeting until after the arrival of my successor

25th April Having in contemplation our leaving Papawai on the 3rd march so as to be in readiness to take morning train from Greytown for New Plymouth on the following day, I closed school at noon today the 25th in order to get on with packing operations with greater dispatch

The Natives and Friends in Papawai were kind enough to extend to the teachers and their family an invitation to a complimentary picnic

on the afternoon of this day (February 26th) and made it an occasion of presenting them with an engraved address and with an afternoon tea service, the presentation being made in the kindest of terms, by Mr. A C Prentice

The occasion of a tangi at the rununga house and the presence thereat of a great number of visiting natives unfortunately interfered with the attendance of natives at the picnic

28th February Wire from Department Puniho buildings not ready

10th March Eliza Terry for extreme untruthfulness received six strokes from a flat ruler

27th March Letter read from Department informing us that we could leave for Puniho (*Puniho is North of Pungarehu and South of Okato near Cape*) at the end of the month but a subsequent letter read on 30th inst saying that the incoming teacher might be delayed a few days in consequence of his visiting school on the Wanganui River, decided us to continue school until the end of the quarter- this was done but Mr. And Mrs Lyon with their family arrived at Greytown on the 1st April and the outgoing teachers had to make all speed to vacate the school house- This was done on the 4th April the newly appointed teacher coming in on the same afternoon On the 6th Inst took train to Taranaki

Signed P H Clemance 1st May 1903

Forwarded to the Secretary for Education from Puniho Taranaki 1st May 1903

Material from Papers Past

2nd December 1867 On Friday afternoon a fire occurred in the whare occupied by the chief Manihera, at Papawai, Wairarapa. The whare being built of bark was soon reduced to ashes. Manihera lost everything he had, consisting of a quantity of saddles, flour, sugar, tea, and other necessities, besides a money order for £1 12s. How the fire originated is not known PP

14th May 1870 The Native Lands Court continues sitting in Greytown, and the cases are going through with accustomed celerity. On Saturday a block of land of 410 acres at Papawai, near Greytown, (worth about £2,000) was decided to belong to Pirika ; and the claimant, Manihera, has been so upset by this award, that he has been ill ever since, and all the other cases in which he is an interested person have been adjourned. A piece of about twenty-eight acres on the Moroa Plain — sold years ago by the Government to Mr. T. Kempton — has also been decided to belong to the Maoris, and it is an open question that the whole of the Moroa on the eastern aide the main road is Maori property . A few say it was given to the Crown gratis — not being thought to be worth anything — but no deed of conveyance has yet been found to confirm this. As there are fencing and buildings to a considerable value, as it includes two public houses and fifty dwelling houses, a racecourse, a saw mill, it is a prize worth fighting for

20 Feb 1878 The editor of the Wairarapa Standard has courteously sent us a slip of the report of Sir George Grey's and the Hon. Mr. Sheehan's meeting with the natives at Papawai, a native village two miles from Greytown. There were the usual demonstrations of welcome, and several hundreds of natives were present, including

the chiefs Manihera, Henare Tomina, Te Retimana, Te Koru, Tikawenga, Hikawera, Wi Waka (Haubau) Pearururia, Ranihera, and Ngautere. Some of the chiefs made congratulatory speeches, and amongst other things, stated that they wanted a school established, so that they might have their children educated. This was agreed to. In Manihera's speech he afforded the assurance that the Wairarapa natives would give up the lake to Sir George Grey to arrange for the good of both races and of all parties interested. The meeting appears to have been short, as Sir George Grey had to return to Wellington immediately, and beyond the fact that friendly relations were cemented, nothing of importance was accomplished, but, as we stated on Monday, Mr. Sheehau has since returned to the Wairarapa to make more definite arrangements of the different matters touched upon at the meeting

16th August 1883 There is a miniature Maori Parliament at Papawai, near Greytown. One of their standing orders runs as follows :—" All members not to get drunk during the sitting of the House." How many are allowed to get drunk during the said sitting (Says the Daily) the standing orders do not reveal. A vocal and instrumental concert is to be given at the Athenians to-night, under the auspices of the Southern Cross 16th August 1883

26 Oct 1889 Education Department, Wellington, 24th October, 1889. TENDERS will be received at this office up to Noon of the 18th November for Alterations and Additions at the Native School at Papawai, near Greytown. Plans, Ac, may be seen at the Public Works Office, Wellington; the R.M. Court, Masterton; and the Post Office, Greytown. WM. JAS. HABENS, Secretary for Education

24th December 1889 The Otaria and East Coat Rabbit Board have again met, and appear to be very anxious to introduce more stoats, ferrets etc. In connection with these animals a queer story comes from Papawai (close to Greytown) of a Maori child being left alone for a short time, and being seriously Attacked by something of the weasel or ferret class. This story appears to be capped by another coming from the same place. A man aimed Collier, well-known, was felling bash, when an animal (supposed to be a weasel) attacks him, fixing on his leg and inflicting a **wound**. It was beaten off with the axe, and unfortunately for investigating purposes made its escape. PP

24 June 1891 The Education Department wrote enquiring whether the Board would take charge of the native school at Papawai. The Board decided to apply for further information before returning a definite reply PP

7th July 1891 A deputation of Wairarapa natives, led by Mr. H. Parata, waited upon the native Minister yesterday in regard to the education of Maori children at the Papawai School, near Greytown. They asked that power should be given to the Native Committee to compel the attendance of children, and that the teacher should be empowered to educate the scholars up to the Sixth Standard instead of the Fourth Standard as at present ; and they also asked that steps be taken to enable them to erect a boarding school on the site now reserved for it. The Minister promised to give consideration to the matters laid before him and to endeavour to give effect to their wishes this session PP

30 September 1891 The Chairman (*Education Board*) stated that the Government had reported in a favourable manner of the Papawai

School. There were at present 21 white children, one half-caste, and 21 Maori children, attending the school, and he thought it would be advisable to take it over from the Education Department. Only English was taught in the school. It was decided to take the school over PP

3rd Nov 1891 NATIVE GRIEVANCE. TO THE EDITOR.

SIR — A few days ago the extraordinary tidings reached the natives of Papawai through a paragraph in the local paper (the Wairarapa Standard) that their school had just been handed over by the Government to the Education Board in Wellington. I need not say that such news fell upon their ears with something like the crash of a thunderbolt. No words of mine can give an adequate idea of the intense indignation which such an action has excited in the native mind. Indeed, there is but one feeling' shared by one and all throughout the community, and that is their scornful contempt for such a high-handed and unscrupulous proceeding. They are resolute in their firm purpose of uncompromising and unalterable opposition to the aforesaid business. Surely the Government, before resorting; to such a measure, had every reason, both as a matter of justice, and common courtesy, to consult the persons mainly concerned — viz., the natives themselves, as to what they thought of the affair. On the contrary, not only have they not done so, but they have done diametrically the reverse. The Government some months ago, when they first mooted their designs in re handing over the Papawai School to the Board, received very significant and emphatically expressed notice as to the views of the natives in such a proceeding . These views were unmistakably repugnant to any endeavour to disturb the status quo, viz., their connection with the Department of Education. It appears a member of the Board, who is also a prominent member of Parliament, had written some months ago to the Chairman of the Papawai School Committee, in answer to a

letter from the natives, protesting against the proposed change to say that at the close of the session himself and another member of the Board, before the Board or the Government should come to any decision in the matter, would confer personally with the natives, and meanwhile matters should remain as they were. Yet in spite of that understandings which was supposed to be made in good faith to the natives and accepted as such by them, the whole affair has been gone about after a species of legerdemain, and really such has been the playing of cards in the business that they are at a loss to know what term to apply both to the action of the department in consenting to hand over such a solemn trust as their school without consulting themselves or that of the Board in daring to accept such an offer on such extraordinary and dubious conditions,

I think, sir, that this is a case that should be ventilated widely through the public press, so that all classes of the community, whether native or European, should be informed as to the methods of administering a high and responsible department of the State practised by those in authority on those (as for example a portion of the aboriginals of New Zealand) who have bounden reasons both in law and equity to participate in those privileges supposed to be inherent in the relations between State and citizen. I trust, sir, you will draw public attention to the action mentioned, and offer it that withering criticism and scarifying exposure which during the recent session were such distinguishing characteristics of your leaders in re many of the transactions of the present Government. Let it be known far and wide, and I don't speak without authority on this Question (as my card, which I take the liberty of enclosing, will show) that the natives of the Wairarapa district are most determined to use every legitimate means to overturn and certainly to render nugatory the aforesaid action complained of with bitterest feelings of distrust and pain by those chiefly affected by the proposed change. Or, to put the matter in brief, the Papawai natives will

sooner withdraw their children altogether from school than consent to have it administered by the Board of Education. I am, &c, Historicus. PP

7 Dec 1891 The Minister of Education and Mr. Blair, Chairman of the Education Board, had an interview on Saturday with the committee of the Papawai native school, the object being to effect a transfer of the school from the Education Department to the Board of Education. After discussion the committee decided to let the school remain as it is. The Maoris wanted a boarding school in connection with the day school, and were dubious about making the change lest they should lose their hold upon the reserves. The spokesmen implied that they had been unfairly treated in the past by the Bishop and the Government. PP

31 May 1885 Bishop Wallis will address the natives at - Papawai next Monday, when an effort will - be made by the latter to arrange to establish a native school. The College Trustees, who have been receiving rent for native lands, have a considerable sum in hand for disbursing in educational benefits. PP

8 Dec 1898 Mr. J. H. Pope, Inspector of Native Schools, who is now visiting Hawkes Bay, is expected to return to Wellington about a week hence. Te Aute College and the Maori schools at Otaki and Papawai have yet to be inspected. PP

3rd Jan 1900 Another determined effort is being made to bridge the Waiohine River at Papawai. The desirableness of carrying out this work — which would open up the whole country from the Greytown railway station to the East Coast has already been brought under the notice of the Government several times PP

1st March 1902 The annual picnic of the Papawai School was held on Saturday on Mr G. Yorke's property, when a very pleasant day was spent PP

50th January 1904 GREYTOWN NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The settlers around Papawai and Morrison's Bush had rather an exciting time on Friday afternoon, owing to bush fires. The wind about midday got up and carried the fire for a distance of several miles, and owing to the sparks flying around the stacks and houses the residents sent out for the fire engine and they were fighting it till evening when the wind lulled, but a number were up all night watching. In the neighbourhood of Kempton Bush the fire was also raging all the afternoon, and gave the residents in that district an anxious time. At Tauherenikau, on Thursday afternoon and evening, grass fires were in evidence, and Mr Wilkinson lost several stacks of oats. A very large area of grass was also destroyed. The whole of the district is surrounded by smoke PP

9th February 1905 NATIVE SCHOOL AT PAPA WAI.

Mr A. W. Hogg, M.H.R., has presented to the Secretary of the Education Board a petition signed by about fifty Natives at the Papawai Pa Greytown, asking that the Native school there be transferred to the Board. The reasons assigned are that the parents and guardians of the children wish to obtain a better teaching staff than is provided by the Native Department. The attendance averages now about twenty, but it could quickly be increased to between fifty and sixty if the school was placed under the control of the Board. A number of children who now reside within a few chains of the school receive their education elsewhere, because their parents are dissatisfied with the teaching. Fully half the roll of the school is made up of European children whose parents, together with the

Native settlers, have a strong wish that the direction of the school should be taken over by the Board. It is stated that the school has some five acres of land, leased by the Native Department from the Church of England Trustees, and there is also a six-roomed dwelling attached. PP

1st July 1905 At yesterday's meeting it was decided to make the Papawai School a side school under the control of the Greytown schools, and to close the Ballance school for a few days, on account of a case of diphtheria in the teacher's family. An offer from J. L. Bond to lease a Board reserve of five acres at 2s per annum, at Hukanui, was refused. PP

Greytown Side School

3rd September 1907 The Rev. Mr Lyon, at one time teacher of the Papawai Native School, has been on a visit to South Wairarapa PP

23 March 1913 At the Greytown District High School Committee meeting, the chairman reported the necessity for a new clock and some hyloplate for Papawai School PP

3rd March 1913 Miss Freeman, of the Papawai school, has passed her final examination for a "D" teacher's certificate PP

27 Oct 1914 Papawai residence interior painting PP

Cyclopedia of New Zealand 1897

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on the roll, including both native and European, with an average attendance of twenty-five. The pupils are taught the same standard work as in the ordinary public schools, the teacher being appointed by the Education Department.

[Mr. Philip Henry Clemance](#), the Teacher of the Papawai Native School, who holds an E certificate, was born in Essex, England, in 1853. Educated at Cambridge House School, Edgbaston, Birmingham, Mr. Clemance was in charge of the Tokomaru Native School in Cook County on the East Coast of New Zealand for five years ending 1892, when he was transferred to the Wairarapa.

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[Papawai](#) is a small settlement near Greytown, Most of the residents are Maoris, who visit Greytown frequently, and contribute a good deal to the trade of that town. There is a public school in the district, at which both European and Maori children attend. Football—a favourite game with the Maoris—is well represented here, there being two clubs, the Kotahitangas and the Huias. The former of these recently visited the South Island and defeated a Canterbury Maori team—the Ngatu Ahuriri—at Kaiapoi, and also a European team.

Opened 1882 November

1882	20	Papawai	Satchell	C D	Male	£60
1883	16	Papawai	Burch	Miss	Female	£60
1884	28	Papawai	Curtis	R T	Male	£100
1884	28	Papawai	Curtis	Mrs	Sewing	£20
1885		Papawai	Curtis	R T	Male	£100
1885		Papawai	Curtis	Mrs	Sewing	£20
1886	27	Papawai	Brittain	F H	H M	£120
1886	27	Papawai	Brittain	Mrs	Sewing	£20
1887	26	Papawai	Brittain	F H	H M	£120
1887	26	Papawai	Brittain	Mrs	Sewing	£20
1888	37	Papawai	Brittain	F H	H M	£120
1889	39	Papawai	Brittain	Mrs	H M	£195
				Miss C		
1889	39	Papawai	Jackson	F	A F	£20
1890	54	Papawai	Brittain	F H	H M	£160
				Miss C		
1890	54	Papawai	Jackson	F	A F	£20
1890	54	Papawai	Brittain	Mrs	Sewing	£20
1891	37	Papawai	Browne	W F	H M	£130
1891	37	Papawai	Terry	Miss J	A F	£20
1892	30	Papawai	Clemance	P H	HT	£165
1892	30	Papawai	Clemance	Mrs	Sewing	£20
1893	40	Papawai	Clemance	P H	HT	£165
1893	40	Papawai	Clemance	Mrs	Sewing	£20
1894	36	Papawai	Clemance	P H	HT	£118/10
1894	36	Papawai	Clemance	Mrs	Sewing	£12/10
1895	36	Papawai	Clemance	P H	HT	£118/10

1895	36	Papawai	Clemance	Mrs	Sewing	£12/10
1896	32	Papawai	Clemance	P H	HT	£132/4/9
1896	32	Papawai	Clemance	Mrs	Sewing	£12/10
1897	32	Papawai	Clemance	P H	HT	£131/3/4
1897	32	Papawai	Clemance	Mrs	Sewing	£17/11/6
1898	28	Papawai	Clemance	P H	HT	£107/11/9
1898	28	Papawai	Clemance	Mrs	Sewing	£8/15/9
1899	26	Papawai	Clemance	P H	HT	£102/17/11
1900		Papawai	Clemance	P H	HT	£103/11/10
1900		Papawai	Clemance	Mrs	Sewing	£11/6/6
1901	25	Papawai	Clemance	P H	HT	£107/9
1902	27	Papawai	Clemance	P H	HT	£122/60
1902	27	Papawai	Clemance	Mrs	Sewing	£122/60
				Rev C		
1903	23	Papawai	Lyon	A	H M	£115/6/2
1904	33	Papawai	Lyon	C A	Male	£123/16/3
				Miss E	Assistant	
1904	33	Papawai	Freeman	A	Female	£22/10/6
			To Wellington Education Board			
1905	36	Papawai	31st August			1905