

## Paraparaumu

### 1888-1895

1890	21	Paraparaumu	Leete	James		Male	£ 165.00
1891	41	Paraparaumu	Leete	James		Head Male	£ 165.00
1891	41	Paraparaumu	Ramage	Mary		Assistant Female	£ 50.00
1892	45	Paraparaumu	Tuckey	Henry E		Head Male	£ 150.00
1892	45	Paraparaumu	Ramage	Mary		Assistant Female	£ 50.00
1893	37	Paraparaumu	Foster	William		Head Male	£ 195.00
1893	37	Paraparaumu	Ramage	Mary		Assistant Female	£ 50.00
1894	43	Paraparaumu	Foster	William		Head Male	£ 195.00
1894	43	Paraparaumu	Robertson	Jessie		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 30.00
1895	51	Paraparaumu	Foster	William		Head Male	£ 195.00
1895	51	Paraparaumu	Robertson	Jessie		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 30.00

**James Leete** was teaching at Matarawa North of Greytown when Wellington Education Board started their records. He was there until 1883. Then he went to Gladstone until 1888. In 1889 he was at Matarawa and spent two years at Paraparaumu before ending his teaching career for the Wellington Education Board in 1894 at Mangamahoe 27 Kilometres North of Masterton on the railway line just North of Mauriceville.

In October 1875 the Bush School Committee wrote to the Marlborough Education Board asking for confirmation of Mr James Leete's appointment

**Mary Ramage** only taught for the Wellington Education Board for four years at Paraparaumu.

1895/3431	Mary	O'Sullivan	Thomas	Ramage
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**Henry E Tuckey BA** started teaching at Featherston in 1880 for the Wellington Education Board he finished there in about 1883 and didn't teach again for the Wellington Education Board until 1889 at Kilbirnie as an assistant master, In 1891 as sole teacher of Levin and 1893 at Paraparaumu and ended his career with the Wellington Education Board in 1893 at Te Whiti school with a roll of 14 east of Masterton

17th September 1919 Within of reaching his 90th birthday, the Rev. H. E Tuckey an old Wellington settler held in the highest esteem, passed away last Thursday. Born at Compton Beauchamp in Berkshire. England, he graduated at St. John's College, Cambridge. He took classical honours and also distinguished himself in athletics He was a Cambridge 'blue' and moreover held both the Head of the River Medal and the Thames and Isis Medal. He has ever taken a keen interest in rowing and cricket. He also possessed a very active memory, and could readily quote from the Latin, Greek and English classics. Even right up to the end he was able to quote from Tennyson's "In Memoriam," and from Shakespeare. Mr Tuckey was a widower. He leaves the following family: Mr F. H. Tuckey, Treasury Department; Mr A. Tuckey, Ohingaiti, Mr E. V. Tuckey, England; Major H. P. Tuckey, on the Vaal, South Africa; another son, Staff-Sergeant-Major R. S. Tuckey, was killed in France last year. There are two daughters, Mrs Chatfield, and Mrs H. S. Hadfield, of Lindale, Paraparaumu.

**William Foster** had a distinguished career with the Wellington Education Board 1893-1895 Paraparaumu Sole Teacher

1896-1897 Manakau Headmaster

1898 1900 Assistant Master

1901-1906 Headmaster Mitchelltown in Wellington City

1907-1909 Headmaster Mt Cook Boys' School

1910-1915 Headmaster Petone DHS gaining an MA by 1911

1917-1923 when my records end headmaster of Clyde Quay School Wellington

28th March 1925 After forty-six years' service in the cause of primary education, Mr. William Foster, Quay School, will retire on Tuesday next. He was enthusiastically farewelled at a largely-attended meeting of the Wellington Headmasters' Association held in the Education Boardroom yesterday afternoon.....

**Jessie L Robertson** only taught for the Wellington Education Board as a Pupil Teacher 1894-1896 at Paraparaumu 1897-1899 at Kilbirnie and 1900-1901 at Rintoul Street Wellington .

30th January 1889 Wellington Education Board An application for an aided school at Paraparaumu was granted, and the selection of Mrs Rummage as teacher was approved. [An aided school was a school run and provided for by locals and the Board subsidized it with a per head grant.]

1st February 1889 Wellington Education Board A communication was received from Paraparaumu, announcing that a school had been built there. It was decided to constitute the school an aided one, and to confirm Mrs Ramage's appointment as mistress

28th March 1889 Wellington Education Board It was decided to purchase two sections of land at Paraparaumu as a site for a school.

28th November 1889 Wellington Education Board New School.—It was decided to instruct the architect to prepare plans of a new school at Paraparaumu, on the Manawatu Railway line

12th February 1890 TENDERS for the Erection of a School at Paraparaumu will be received by the Secretary of the Education Board up to the 25th instant. Plans and specifications at the Schoolhouse, Paraparaumu, and at my office. THOS. TURNBULL, Architect to the Board.

26th February 1890 Ten tenders were received for the erection of Paraparaumu School, and that of C. Jonson was accepted.

21st July 1890 Mr. James Leete, who has been in charge of the Matarawa School, has received the appointment of master of the Paraparaumu School.

8th November 1890 The new settlement at Paraparaumu is being fast developed. A large number of fruit trees are being planted and the mildness of the climate augurs well for their success.

12th December 1890 Wellington Education Board The offer of Mr G. Boothley to lease a house at £20 per annum for school purposes at Paraparaumu was accepted .[ £20 in December 1890 is worth September 2020 \$4188.67 Equal to \$80.55 per week.]

13th December 1890 An offer made by Mr G. Boothley to sell a house at Paraparaumu suitable for a teacher's residence for .£200. or lease it for £20 per annum, was not accepted.

26th February 1891 Wellington Education Board £1000 for residences at Belvedere, Porirua, Paraparaumu, and Ohariu, and a similar sum for furniture, plans, and contingencies.[That's £250 average for each residence]

6th March 1891. Inspector's report for 1890 Paraparaumu 35 children presented. 10 passed Discipline and Order fair Manners good.

25th March 1891 Tenders were ordered to be called for the erection of teachers' residences at Belvedere, Porirua, and Paraparaumu.

25th April 1891 The following nominations have been received for the Paraparaumu School Committee Messrs Henry Beuck, Wm. Dousett, James Hehir, James Jones, James Stewart, R. Davis, F. Cordukes, Joseph Fitten, Wm. Howell, Joseph Shepherd, Peter Wooten.

8th May 1921 Wellington Education Board tenders received Paraparaumu—J. Russell, £193 10s (accepted) ; R. Davis, £210 10s; Darke and Fowler, £200 10s ; A. Seamer, £213 ; S. J. Green, £239 10s; J. Brooks (informal), £260.

15th July 1921 The Secretary of the Board of Education notifies that tenders for a five years' lease of the School Reserve at Paraparaumu will be received at the office of the Board up to 5 o'clock on Saturday, the 25th inst.

31st July 1891 Mrs M. Ramage was appointed assistant at Paraparaumu at a salary of £50 per annum

26th August 1891 Wellington Education Board The Board decided to offer £5 for the old school at Paraparaumu as a shelter-shed for the new schoolhouse

30th September 1891 The Paraparaumu School Committee applied for a grant for a shelter-shed. The matter was referred back to the committee

27th January 1892 Wellington Education Board Mr. Richard Davis waited upon the Board on behalf of the Paraparaumu Committee, and ventilated a local grievance in reference to their school. After some discussion, the Board undertook that a remedy would be applied as soon as an opportunity offered.

6th April 1892 PARAPARAUMU SCHOOL. TENDERS for the Erection of Shelter Sheds for the above School will be received up to Friday, the 15th inst. Plans and specifications to be seen at the Post Office, Paraparaumu, where tenders are to be left. W. HOWELL, Chairman of School Committee

26th April 1892 PARAPARAUMU. A rather lively meeting was hold in the schoolroom, Paraparaumu, last evening. A correspondent sends in the following account of the proceedings :— One householder demanded the full report of the outgoing committee, but the committee did not wish to give it, the Chairman declaring that he would not stay in the chair if it was read. The meeting resolved on its being read, whereupon the Chairman left his place, which was immediately taken by another chairman. But as the Chairman of the committee assumed an aggressive attitude, this gentleman also vacated the chair in favour of yet another Chairman. Matters then went a little more smoothly for a while, but after the minutes of the past year had been read, the householders wished the correspondence to be also submitted, but the outgoing committee declined to allow it to be read, so the meeting proceeded to elect the new committee. The ballot resulted as follows :— Dowsett, 22; Howell, 17 White, 16; Davis, 15; Buick, 14; Connor, 14 Kells , 12 ; Wise, 9 : Shepperd, 7. The election has been appealed against to the Board on several grounds.

28th April 1892 The following is the correct list of the new Paraparaumu School Committee ; —Messrs Dowsett Fitton, White, Howell, Connor, Buick and Davies. ‘

28th April 1892 It would appear that the meeting held at Paraparaumu on Tuesday evening to elect the School Committee for the current year was of a particularly lively nature.

Supplementary to the bare facts already reported, a correspondent, " Non-combatant," writes as follows :— The proceedings commenced as usual by a chairman being elected, though, evidently, the said chairman was not in touch with the meeting, for at the conclusion of a condensed report read by the Secretary he refused to permit the past work of the Committee to be investigated, and when the point was pressed by some householders present he expressed his determination to leave the chair and the room. Another chairman was elected with acclamation to fill his place. The said chairman, however, did not meet the wishes of the late Chairman of School Committee, for on calling to order a non-householder the late Chairman immediately threatened the chair with personal chastisement, and an exciting scene followed, actual fighting being only averted by the strenuous efforts of the more peaceable householders present.' Some degree of order being restored, and yet another chairman called to the chair, business was resumed, though a free exchange of personalities, interlarded with hints of personal violence, continued to disturb the meeting at intervals. But no efforts could induce the late committee to make public the grounds on which they had requested the schoolmaster to resign, nor could any clear account be obtained as to the origin of the petition for the dismissal of the schoolmaster. The Chairman having been notified that an appeal to the Education Board would be made, the election of a new committee was proceeded with. This is a plain statement of the facts, made in the interests of the school, and also to raise the question if it be or be not necessary to insist in future on some test of qualification for the office of Chairman of School Committee other than being a householder."

4th May 1892 THE PARAPARAUMU SCHOOL MEETING.

TO THE EDITOR. Sib— In reference to your correspondent's report of the householders' meeting at Paraparaumu, allow me to say I did not leave the chair because I was not in favour of the committee's report being read. The report, such as it was, had been read, but one householder insisted on a full and exhaustive report being read. I explained to the meeting that I had no power to compel the committee to give a more exhaustive report than they had done, but I was quite sure the chairman and members of the outgoing committee would be quite willing to give any further information asked for. My reason for leaving the chair was that I had no inclination to sit and hear the minutes and correspondence for the whole twelve months which the "full and exhaustive" householder insisted on being read. With reference to " Non-Combatant's " reference to me not being in touch with the meeting I can hardly think that Chairman No. 2 could have been much more popular, although he says he was voted to the chair by acclamation, for on a vote being taken between him and No. 3 the latter was voted to that position by a very large majority. I fear Non - Combatant " does not know the difference between acclamation and derision. I am, &c, Chairman No. 1. Paraparaumu, 2nd May, 1892

5th May 1892 THE PARAPARAUMU SCHOOL ELECTION.

TO THE EDITOR Sir — In your issue of this evening I notice a letter signed Chairman No. 1." I suppose that is the result of last Sunday's meeting of the late School Committee here. One part, to my surprise, No. 1 admits that the report was not a proper one (for he says such as it was). I wonder No. 1 did not prepare a better one, as he always ruled the Committee. All the explanation No. 1 gave was that he would leave the room and the chair, and he was as promptly told he could do so. No. 1 cannot deny that the meeting unanimously elected No. 2 to the chair, and that owing to the violent action of the late Chairman of the committee, he

left the chair in favour of No. 3. I distinctly informed the meeting so. My supporters did not vote, as I wished to have the floor. No. 1 evidently takes the stand now because the Board have called on his side for an explanation of their conduct at the meeting. Surely, sir, any householder can insist on having a full report of their past year's conduct when the Committee had made grave charges against the schoolmaster but were ashamed to own them. That was why he wanted the full and exhaustive report, as "No. 1" says. "With regard to my popularity, I should be and am at all times willing to test " No. 1's " popularity with him, but I should not look to him for to decide. In conclusion, I may state that " Non-Combatant's " report was a fair comment on the meeting, so " No. 1" knows, if he speaks truthfully. For my part, I can afford to treat " No. 1's " slurs with contempt, I am, Ac, Chairman No. 2, Paraparaumu meeting. 4th May.

7th May 1892 TO THE EDITOR. Sir— I have read " Chairman No. 1's " letter with regard to this meeting, and he has not stated the correct facts with regard to what took place prior to, and which actually caused, the unpleasantness at the meeting. The Committee's report, such as it was, had been read, but what the householder wanted was not a " full and exhaustive report," but the correspondence that took place between the committee and the Education Board with respect to a petition for the removal of the schoolmaster, that had been got up by some of the committee, and it was on the refusal of this correspondence that the unpleasantness began. The whole matter connected with this petition has been considered by the Education Board, and the schoolmaster is still in charge. If the facts in connection with the petition were fully known, many of those who signed it would be ashamed of having done so; therefore you can imagine the Chairman's refusal to have the correspondence read. I am, &c, Impartial. 5th May, 1892.

10th May 1892 It is evident "Impartial" was not present at the Paraparaumu school meeting, or he must have heard the householder demand a full and exhaustive report, which the late committee never refused to give. The unpleasantness referred to was caused by the householder who took the chair without being voted to it and refused to leave it when ordered to do so by the Chairman of School Committee. I am, &c , One Who Was Present.

25th May 1892 Matters in connection with the alleged illegal election of the Paraparaumu Committee were considered. The Board resolved that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant them in ordering another election

21st July 1892 APPLICATIONS for the following appointment will be received at this office, up to Tuesday, the 26th instant :— Master, Paraparaumu School. Salary, £160 on present average attendance of 48, but which may be reduced to £145 if attendance falls. Residence attached All applications must be made on forms to be obtained from this office. 1 A. DORSET, Secretary.

27th July 1882 Wellington Education Board A letter was read from the Paraparaumu Committee, applying for a grant of £12 towards the cost of erecting & fence round the ground. The Chairman explained that the Board had already voted £5 to the committee. It was decided to write to the committee, asking for further information

31st August 1892 Wellington Education Board It was resolved that the Rev. Mr. Tuckey should continue in charge of the school at Paraparaumu.

27th October 1892 Mr O. Leek, [actually Leete] who has been transferred from Paraparaumu to Mangamahoe, was granted his former salary of £140 a year.

13th March 1893 Master for the Paraparaumu School. Salary, £160 on the present average of 47, but the attendance may fall and reduce the salary to £140. Residence provided

26th April 1893 School Committee Paraparaumu.— The following gentlemen were elected as the new Committee :—: — Messrs. A. Monk (Chairman), Sheppard, Wootten, Bouick, Crawford (Secretary), Cornor, and Heher.

29th May 1893 Mr T Fleming Education Board School Inspector will make the following visits this week Paraparaumu and Paikakariki

31st May 1893 Wellington Education In regard to a dividing fence at Paraparaumu, the Inspector was asked to make a report fixing the division [Some playgrounds had a boys playground and a girl's playground divided.]

29th September 1893 Mrs Ramage resigned.

25th October 1893. First grade drawing examination Paraparaumu 22 sat 6 passed

29th November 1893 Wellington Education Board The Board decided to invite tenders for the erection of a shed at Fernridge and the removal of outbuildings, papering two rooms of the Mungaroa residence, and erecting a dividing fence at Paraparaumu and removing sheds in connection with the school there

19th January 1894 Wellington Education Board Pupil teachers are required at Porirua and Paraparaumu

1st February 1894 Miss Jessie Robertson was appointed pupil teacher at Paraparaumu

1st March 1894 A grant of £10 for boarding expenses was made to Miss Jessie Robertson, pupil teacher at Paraparaumu.

12th April 1894 Te Horo News Great interest was taken in the cricket match between Te Horo and Paraparaumu State School Boys, which was played in Mr. Gear's paddock on Saturday last. This was the first and only match our boys had played, and great credit is due to them for winning against an older club and bigger boys. The teams were entertained at Mr. Waugh's by Mr. Drummond, the master at To Horo, to whose kindly interest the boys owe their success

5th May 1894 Inspectors will inspect Paraparaumu on 31st May and June 1st

30th May 1894 Wellington Education Board The Board's carpenter was directed to attend to the roofing of the Waihakeke School with iron. He was instructed to report as to the necessity for certain works at Paraparaumu, Pahautanui, and Mount Cook.

27th June 1894 Wellington Education Board It was decided that the Board had no power to grant a request made by the Paraparaumu Working Men's Institute for the use of a piece of the school ground as a public hall site.

30th November 1894 For the Wairarapa relief fund Paraparaumu public school 18 shillings. [There were 20 shillings in a pound] [The SS Wairarapa ran aground on Great Barrier Island with the loss of many lives]

2nd January 1895 The annual treat to the children of the Paraparaumu Public School took place yesterday. The youngsters were well looked after by the head teacher (Mr. William Foster) and the committee.

13th February 1895 Jessie Low Robertson passed her first year pupil teacher examinations.

27th April 1895 Just for Interest: Opossums liberated at Wainui [North of Paraparaumu not Wainuiomata] and Paraparaumu have not since been seen, but he has reason to believe that owing to the good cover afforded them they will increase.

3rd May 1895 Inspector Lee to inspect Paraparaumu on 8th May

25th September 1895 The Board of Education was interviewed this morning by Mr. J. G. Wilson, M H R., who urged the erection of a schoolhouse at Waikanae. The population was, he said, increasing, and there were 40 children who were practically unable to obtain schooling. -The Chairman explained that provision had been made for the conveyance of the children to and from the school at Paraparaumu. Mr. Wilson said that there was a difficulty in obtaining a site at Waikanae, as the land was in the hands of the natives, who were unable to sell without legislative sanction.

## 1896-1899

1896	44	Paraparaumu	Smith	John A		Head Male	£ 205.00
1896	44	Paraparaumu	Robertson	Jessie		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 33.10
1897	42	Paraparaumu	Smith	John A	D1	Head Master	£ 175.00
1897	42	Paraparaumu	McKeown	Emily		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 20.00
1898	42	Paraparaumu	Smith	John A	D1	Head Master	£ 175.00
1898	42	Paraparaumu	McKeown	Emily		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 25.00
1899	45	Paraparaumu	Smith	John A	D1	Head Master	£ 205.00
1899	45	Paraparaumu	McKeown	Emily		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 32.00

**John A Smith** had a long career in Wellington Education Board schools

1887 Masterton Assistant

1888-1889 Dreyerton later Called Kopuaranga between Masterton and Mauriceville North East of Masterton

1890-1895 Waihakeke 6 Kilometres South East of Carterton on Riversdale road. [Not Riversdale Beach Road]

1896-1904 Paraparaumu

1905-to at least 1909 Makara School through Karori near the coast.

**Emily Maria McKeown** served from 1897 to 1901 at Paraparaumu then 1902 at Johnsonville and finished her career with Wellington Education Board at Tokomaru North of Levin as an assistant until 1908. In 1909 was appointed to Tologa Bay School for the Hawkes Bay Education Board. Died in 1920

12th February 1896 Jessie Robertson Pupil teacher passed her second year examination.

21st February 1896 Paraparaumu, the village of orchards, will be en fete on Saturday, February 29th. On that date there will be opened what is believed to be the first workshop in connection with a primary school in the Colony. The building has been subscribed for by local residents and others interested in the welfare of Paraparaumu. It is 30ft by 17ft, with a 10ft stud, and has attached to it a smaller shed 17ft by 7ft. The opening ceremony will take the form of a luncheon, for which invitations have been issued to the Ministers of Education and Lauds, the chairman and members of the Education Board, and Messes Lee, Fleming and Riley. A village picnic is to be held on the same day in the school grounds, when children's and adults' sports will be held. A band will be in attendance-, and the day's festivities are to end in a leap year dance. Given fine weather, the day should be a red letter one in the annals of this beautiful little village. [ 30 feet is 9.144 Meters: 17 feet = 5.1816 meters: 10 feet is 3.048 meters: 7 feet= 2.1366 meters]

24th February 1896 TO THE EDITOR. Sir, —In this morning's Times it was stated that the workshop opened in connection with the Paraparaumu School was the first of its kind. Paraparaumu, however, is rather late to claim that honour. Nine years ago a workshop was opened in connection with the Richmond (Nelson) State School, under the direction of Mr Cowles, the headmaster, Mr Robert Malcolm, now of Palmerston North, being the first instructor. The class was a great success and was discontinued only when the instructor left and another suitable one could not be engaged.—I am, &c.. The Big Willow Tree. Wellington, February 21, 1896.'

26th February 1896 PARAPARAUMU. OPENING OF SCHOOL WORKSHOP. SATURDAY, 29th FEBRUARY, 1896. THE Wellington-Manawatu Railway Company has kindly consented to run the 10.10 a.m. train on SATURDAY, February 29th, as far as Paraparaumu, for the convenience of visitors and others desirous of attending the Paraparaumu Village Fete.

5th March 1896 THE OPENING CEREMONY ON SATURDAY LAST. SPEECH BY THE PREMIER. In response to an invitation from the chairman and members of the Paraparaumu School Committee, the Premier, Mrs Seddon, Dr Newman, M.H.R., Messrs Blair, Brady, Young, Dorset, Fraser, Leo, Riley and others visited Paraparaumu on February 29 to be present at the opening of the new workshop school. On the arrival of the train the Premier was received by the chairman (Mr W. Howell) and the members of the school committee (Messrs Bowek, Davis, Monk, Fitton, Perry and Drewitt). The party then proceeded to the school grounds where the children were drawn up in two lines.

On his appearance the Premier received three hearty cheers from the children, and a shrill, long drawn-out shriek of welcome from one of the Native women present. The school grounds were gay with bunting, and the Otaki Brass Band at intervals played selections.

The workshop is by no means a pretentious building, and is as yet guiltless of paint, but this, it is understood, will be remedied in a short time. Inside there are two benches, and on the walls were saws and augers, but a full collection of tools has yet to be obtained. The schoolmaster, Mr Foster, suggested to the school committee that a workshop be erected, and a concert was given and realised about which went towards the building expenses. In order to raise further capital, 100 five shilling debentures were prepared, 88 of which have been disposed of amongst 62 of the settlers in the neighbourhood. The security behind these debentures is a moral one on the part of the committee. It is intended to give concerts during the winter months in order to raise funds to pay off the debentures.

Arriving at the workshop the visitors on Saturday found an appetising repast provided by the ladies in the district, who were also answerable for the table appointments. All the fruit served, with the exception of oranges and bananas, was grown in the district.

The toasts of the Queen and the Governor having been duly honoured,

Mr Monk proposed the health of the Wellington Board of Education,, and the toast was responded to by Mr Blair, who said the Paraparaumu School had been increasing in efficiency—(hear, hear) —and the erection of the workshop was an advance in the right direction.

The Government and Parliament of New Zealand, coupled with the names of the Premier and Dr Newman, was next proposed by Mr W. Perry, who said he did not intend to beat about the bush, but would state that one of the wants of the district was a road



between Paraparaumu and Paikakariki. (Laughter.) The next thing was a road between Paraparaumu and the beach. (Applause.) Another little thing they wanted was a few pounds to provide tools for the workshop.

The toast having been honoured, The Premier, who, on rising, was received with tumultuous applause, said that the matter-of-fact speech to which they had just listened left him very little to reply to. Suffice it to say that he and Mr Perry had met before, and had been miners together on the West Coast, where it was the custom if anything was wanted to ask for it without any beating about the bush. Mr Perry, no doubt, remembered those days at Waimea when they generally got what they wanted. (Mr Perry : Thanks to Mr Seddon.) The Premier, continuing, said that as head of the Government it gave him very great pleasure to be in their midst on an occasion which marked an epoch in the history of that small and somewhat scattered community. It proved that in the locality there were men and women who had the welfare of their children at heart, he trusted that though it was a small beginning it would have a glorious ending which would redound to the credit of those who had promoted the technical school at Paraparaumu. (Applause.) The community which had not first of all primary education was one lacking in intelligence in not embracing that which has been given up to the State, and which he hoped would at all times be maintained by the State. But it was necessary to keep pace with the times, and though the starting of a technical school at a small place like Paraparaumu might be scoffed at he predicted that its example would be in the near future extensively copied. The State education was only primary, and it would not be complete till the children of the masses received technical education. (Applause.) The parents of many of the children attending the public schools could not afford to keep them at school beyond the age of 12 or 13 years, and if New Zealand was to be a progressive country they could not blink the necessity, apparent to everyone, of their artisans receiving education in their handicrafts at the public schools or at technical schools. (Applause.) If this were not done they would be unable to compete with the artisans in the older countries. An artisans New Zealanders were equal, he was almost saying superior, to those in the Mother Country—(applause)—and the reason of that was, he believed, that the best stock had come from the Mother Country and had left the evils behind. (Hear, hear.) he apologised to the Education Board for not having earlier visited the Technical School at Wellington, where he had been agreeably surprised at the work done there. (Some little credit was due to the Government, he considered, for their assistance, which had long been wanted, to technical education in the Colony. He would like to see the education boards taking advantage of the Legislature's assistance to promote technical education. He had been connected with educational matters ever since the passing of the Education Act and had been chairman of the school committee in the district in which he resided. It had not fallen to the lot of many men as it had to him to see three or four generations of school children pass before them. He had not evaded the hard work of our educational system, and whether he was in the Government or in the cold shades of Opposition, he assured his hearers there would be no more enthusiastic advocate of education than the gentleman who was at present at the head of the Government in Now Zealand. (Hear, hear.) In Parliament, strange to say, so far - the larger subjects were concerned

[Unfortunately a portion was not able to be copied]

That Paraparaumu was hemmed hemmed in was apparent but of this whoever had been in charge of local matters in the district were probably to' blame. In other districts there were roads parallel with the railways. To do this loans had been obtained under the Loans to Local Bodies Act, and the people of Paraparaumu had no roads, they probably were not so heavily rated as those in other more favoured districts. He would not at that time go into the matter further than to say that any reasonable claims brought before the Government would receive every consideration. The Government with the money at its disposal had done their best in the past and would do the same in the future. Paraparaumu, he considered, should be connected with Paikakariki, and with the beach. Then as to the building they were now in, let application be made in the proper form,- supported as he had no doubt it would be by the education authorities, then it would not be out of place for him, on behalf of the new Minister of Education, to promise favourable consideration for it. (Applause.) He apologised for the Hon Mr Walker's absence on the present occasion, as he had gone to Christchurch. He (Mr Seddon) had had a most agreeable change in his trip to Paraparaumu and had not words to express his appreciation of their treatment of him. Referring to the fact that all the fruit was locally grown, he said the importation of fruit from Australia had been a standing blot to Wellington, and if everyone present became an advertiser of the good quality of the Paraparaumu fruit, there would soon be a large demand for it. So far as the Government - was concerned, they endeavoured to do their best according to their ability; but though they were not perfect, he hoped that due credit would be given them for pure and patriotic motives. He had been continuously in Parliament since 1879, but it was far from him to allege that his political opponents had been animated by other than pure and patriotic motives, and all the Government desired was a like consideration from them. According to the Government's ability it was doing what it could for the freedom and happiness of our country audits people. (Long continued applause.)

Dr Newman expressed his pleasure at being present on that occasion, and he could not help thinking of the difference between the past history of the place and its present. In the past, instead of Mr Seddon and himself dining together, Mr Seddon, as the bigger chief, would have dined off him. (Laughter.) He spoke at some length respecting the necessity of technical education, and said that, whereas in the past only a quarter of a boy was educated, in the near future the whole of a boy would be educated,

The Premier then proposed the toast of the Paraparaumu School Committee, which was responded to by Mr Howell, the chairman, and Mr Forster, the school teacher.

Mr H. A. Field proposed the toast " Success to the Paraparaumu Workshop," which was responded to by Mr A. D. Riley, of the Wellington Technical School, who suggested that instruction in agricultural and orchard pursuits should be given in addition to instruction in woodwork.

The toasts of "The Ladies and the Press " were also honoured.

During the afternoon a programme of sports was given, the competitors being chiefly the school children, though there were also races for adults. Photographic groups of the children and of the visitors were taken by Mr Burgess, of Wellington. Shortly after 4 o'clock the visitors boarded the train, and three cheers for the Premier and Paraparaumu were given as it steamed from the station.

20th April 1896 Brunner West Coast coal mining disaster: Paraparaumu school children 19 shillings 7d

15th May 1896 Mr T R Fleming will inspect Paraparaumu school on the 19th and 20th May

8th September 1896 Wellington Education Board Mr W Foster at present at Paraparaumu to be transferred to Manakau School

12th September 1896 Head Teach Paraparaumu School salary £155 to £175 according to classification

30th September 1896 At the meeting of the Education Board to-day a selection was made from the list of applicants for vacant positions in Mount Cook Girls', Paraparaumu, and Kaiwairua schools. The names will be forwarded to the committees interested for approval. T

1st October 1896 A very successful concert was held in the Paraparaumu School last Friday evening the proceeds to go towards paying off the school workshop debentures. The Chairman of the school Committee, Mr O'Brien presented to the head teacher, Mr Foster, a handsome marble clock, which had been subscribed for by the scholars and residents of the district. Mr Foster is leaving Paraparaumu shortly to take charge of the Manakau School. The following ladies and gentlemen gave vocal and instrumental selections Miss Cundy, Miss St. Clair, Misses Drewitt, Misses Travers, Miss Grapes, Miss O'Brien, Messrs Foster, Grapes, O'Brien and Whiting.

5th November 1896 First Grade Drawing Examination Paraparaumu. —H. Drewitt, Louisa McKeown, Mabel A. Monk, Sydney Wiggery, Henry Watton

6th November 1896 Mr. J. A. Smith, at present Head Master of the Waiwairua School, will take up the position of Head Master of the Paraparaumu School on the 1st of December

28th January 1897 Wellington Education Board A letter from Miss Jessie Robertson, Paraparaumu, asking for transfer, was placed upon the usual list of such applications.

23rd February 1897 Jessie L Robertson Paraparaumu is classified as 4th year Pupil Teacher

6th May 1897 Wellington Education Board Miss Robertson from Paraparaumu to Kilbirnie

31st May 1897 Wellington Education Board For School Committees who failed to elect a School Committee at First Call IT is hereby publicly notified that meetings of Householders for the annual election of the new School Committees will be held on MONDAY, the 28th day of June next, at 8 p.m., in the respective school buildings of the following districts Taueru, Park Vale, Gladstone, Mungaroa, Porirua, Manakau, Paikakariki, Paraparaumu, Kaiwarra ; and that the first meeting of the Committee then elected shall be held in the same place immediately afterwards.

1st July 1897 . At a meeting held at Paraparaumu on Monday night the following were elected a school committee:—Messrs Philip (secretary), Monk (chairman), McEwen, McGrath, Bailey, Hare and Buick (treasurer). Mr Blair, Chairman of the Education Board, has presented the school library with two handsome volumes of the Dictionary of Geography, Biography, Mythology and Chronology

13th September 1897 A successful concert in aid of the Prize Fund of the Paraparaumu School was held on Friday evening. Mr. Monk, Chairman of School Committee, opened the proceedings with an appropriate speech. The school children's two musical items were exceedingly good, and the school boys' dialogue very amusing, Master Buick giving a clever interpretation of his part. Vocal solos were given by Miss Travers, Miss

E. Travers, Mrs. Smith, Miss Scott, Miss Barnicoat, and Mr. Moore, and a pianoforte solo by Miss K. Lynch. Miss Phyllis Barnicoat danced a hornpipe, which was a feature of the evening, and Mr. Philips gave recitations. Mrs. Smith played the accompaniments

21st April 1898 Inspector T R Fleming to inspect Paraparaumu School on the 30th and 31st May

27th April 1898 Wellington Education Board Minor works were ordered in respect of the Kaiwairua, Paraparaumu, Pahautanui. and Kaitawa schools.

14th November 1898 6th for scholarships with school with a roll of less than 100 was William Perry with 294 marks Top mark 405

1899 27th April 1899 School Committee Paraparaumu. — Messrs. Monk (Chairman). Bench (Treasurer), C. Whiting (Secretary), Cornor, Davies, Howell, and McKeown.

22nd December 1899 Scholarship Class D W Perry Paraparaumu topped the list with 448 The scholarship valued at £35 [Inflation adjusted to \$6894.38 in December 2020]

## 1900-1904

1900	38	Paraparaumu	Smith	John A	D1	Head Master	£ 205.00	
1900	38	Paraparaumu	McKeown	Emily		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 32.00	
1901	39	Paraparaumu	Smith	John A	D1	Head Master	£ 175.00	House
1901	39	Paraparaumu	McKeown	Emily M		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00	\$ 10.00
1902	39	Paraparaumu	Smith	John A	D1	Head Master	£ 175.00	House
1902	39	Paraparaumu	McKeown	Emily M		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00	\$ 10.00
1903	34	Paraparaumu	Smith	John A	D1	Head Master	£ 175.00	House
1904	29	Paraparaumu	Smith	John A	D1	Head Master	£ 143.00	House

1st March 1900 Wellington Education Board having trouble with salaries J A Smith Paraparaumu is being paid £30 over regulations,

19th December 1900 The concert held at Paraparaumu in aid of the School Picnic Fund, was well attended, and the financial result satisfactory.

7th February 1901 More about salaries Paraparaumu E McEwen [Actually McKeown] Present salary £30 Proposed increase £8

27th February 1901 More re salaries J Smith Paraparaumu Present salary £205 amount in excess £20

21st March 1901 Paraparaumu Attendance average 39 Pupil Teacher £41 a rise of £5

29th August 1901 Wellington Education Board had a tender of £17 be accepted for fencing at Paraparaumu;

17th October 1901 At a meeting of the Paraparaumu School Committee held on the 12th inst. a vote of confidence in Messrs. Bradey, Hogg, Young, and Robertson was passed. :[Members of the Wellington Education Board ]

1st November 1901 Scholarship Examination for schools with roll less than 100 George Smith was listed as third and won a scholarship and Raymond Fitton got 326 and was last of 10 candidates. Paraparaumu was the only school with rolls under 100 who had two children sitting scholarship examinations.

28th January 1902 Queens scholarship offered in connection with Victoria university Raymond Fitton from Paraparaumu was near the bottom of the long list.

3rd March 1902 Transfer of Pupil Teachers owing to new colonial scale included E McKeown Paraparaumu to Johnsonville

4th November 1902 Education Board Scholarships for children attending schools with average attendance under 100 Raymond Fitter topped the list with 480 marks

6th May 1903 Wellington Education Board A dispute regarding the lease of a reserve at Paraparaumu was referred to the chairman.

8th May 1903 Paraparaumu once again did not have a School Committee elected on the due date and along with 14 other schools was ordered to hold an election on the 8th June

13th January 1904 Jessie Smith finished 2nd in the scholarship examinations for small schools. Girls from Makairo school later called Kohinui school were 1st and 3rd. 11 Kilometres North east of Pahiatua.

## 1905-1910

1905	31	Paraparaumu	Kidd BSc	H L	B5	Master	£ 138.00	House
1906	38	Paraparaumu	Vaughan	F T	D3	Master	£ 144.00	House
1907	42	Paraparaumu	Vaughan	Frederick T	D2	Master	£160.00	House
1908	42	Paraparaumu	Vaughan	Frederick T	D2	Master	£165.00	House
1908	42	Paraparaumu	Hurley	Margaret		Assistant Female	£85.00	
1909	51	Paraparaumu	Vaughan	Frederick T	D2	Master	£185.00	House
1909	51	Paraparaumu	Hurley	Margaret		Assistant Female	£90.00	
1910	62	Paraparaumu	Vaughan	Frederick T	D1	Head Master	£190.00	House
1910	62	Paraparaumu	Hurley	Margaret		Assistant Female	£90.00	

**Henry Lee Kidd** only taught for Wellington Education Board at Paraparaumu

### **Frederick T Vaughan**

1899 Pupil teacher Clyde Quay

1900-1902 Pupil Teacher Rintoul Street Wellington

1903 Pupil Teacher Mitchelltown

1904-1905 Assistant Mt Cook Boys' Wellington

1906-at least 1917 Paraparaumu

1919-1923 Headmaster at Taita when my records end. Retired from Taita school in 1939

### **Margaret Hurley**

1903-1904 Pupil Teacher Shannon

1905 Pupil Teacher Ohau

1906- 1907 Pupil Teacher Levin DHS

1908 -1910 Paraparaumu Assistant Female.

10th January 1905 At St. Augustine's Anglican Church, Petone, yesterday, Mr. F. T. Vaughan, master of the Paraparaumu school (son of Mr. F. A. Vaughan, of Wellington) was married to Miss Ethel Fanny Sebley, second daughter of Mr. W. H. Sebley, of Petone. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. J. D. Russell. The bride was attended by Miss Mabel Sebley (sister of the bride), and Miss Vhea Vaughan. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. F. J. Proctor as best man. A reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents.

1908/19054	Vaughan	Frederick Sebley	Ethel Fanny	Frederick Thomas
1910/11642	Vaughan	Edna Margaret	Ethel Fanny	Frederick Thomas
1911/17180	Vaughan	Arthur Augustus	Ethel Fanny	Frederick Thomas

24th January 1905 A fete was held at Paraparaumu yesterday in aid of the building fund of the Anglican Church. There was a largo gathering in the State school grounds from the whole of the parish, and an attractive programme of comic and mounted-events was carried out. There were also competitions for decorated bicycles and go-carts and guessing.....

3rd May 1905 Wellington Education Board Special grant for requirements Paraparaumu £3 10s

15th June 1905 Wellington Education Board Paraparaumu— Solo Teacher ; £138 and house.

24th November 1905 Wellington Education Board Paraparaumu Mr H L Kidd resigned

29th November 1905 Paraparaumu Sole Teacher, £144 and house

12th February 1906 TENDERS for Painting, Repairs, etc., at the Paraparaumu School, and for fencing the Korokoro School site, will be received at the Education Board Office, Wellington, until noon of Monday, February 39th. Specifications for the former may be seen at the Paraparaumu School, and at the "Otaki Mail" office, and for the latter at the Korokoro School and the Board Office. G. L. STEWART. Secretary.

7th March 1906 F T Harding won the tender as above.

31st August 1906 Wellington Education Board . Paraparaumu That section 95, block 11, Paekakariki. be offered for lease for a period of ten years, subject to right of resuming one acre if required for a school.

6th July 1907 At the last meeting of the Paraparaumu School Committee the circular from the Bible-in-Schools League was dealt with, and it was unanimously de- • aided to answer the questions submitted in the negative, "the opinion of the committee being that the feeling in the district was strongly against the introduction of a subject that may undermine the foundation of our present admirable education system

15th July 1907 At a meeting of the . Paraparaumu School Committee a resolution was passed unanimously-protesting against Bible reading in schools. Three members of the committee, speaking to the motion, stated that they had attended schools in Scotland, where nothing but dissension and strife was caused amongst the boys by the Bible-reading.

29th October 1907 Paraparaumu Owing, to the number of children 'at present laid up 'with measles, the State' school has been closed until November. 18.

16th January 1908 Wellington Education Board Paraparaumu Assistant Mistress £85

14th February 1908 Miss M Hurley appointed assistant Paraparaumu

26th June 1908 Wellington Education Board that the applications from Waingawa, - Masterton, Paraparaumu, . Ballance, and Roseneath be referred to the Clerk of - Works for report at a future meeting;

24th December 1908 Wellington Education Board Tenders were let to L Arcus and Company Ohau for work at Paraparaumu School and residence.

24th January 1910 VAUGHAN.— On Sunday, 23rd January, at Nurse Burrows, Clyde-quay, to Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan, of Paraparaumu — a daughter.]

24th February 1910 Wellington Education Board Miss Hurley Resigned

25th February 1910 Wellington Education Board Request for improvements at Paraparaumu were declined.

10th March 1910 Wellington Education Board Paraparaumu Assistant mistress £90 to £120

23rd March 1910 Paraparaumu, fencing half cost, provided the adjoining owner pays the other half..... grant for increased accommodation at Paraparaumu is to be applied for, provided the additional evidence to be submitted by the committee justifies.

27th April 1910 Wellington Education Board The inspectors were-asked to' report' upon the accommodation at Rongokokako [West of Eketahuna] and Paraparaumu . after "visiting the schools.

27th July 1910 Wellington Education Board The department notified the following grants : —[including] Paraparaumu, £345 (additions)

19th August 1910 Wellington Education Board calls for tenders for work at Paraparaumu

### 1911-1915

1911	56	Paraparaumu	Vaughan	Frederick T	D1	Head Master	£195.00	House
1911	56	Paraparaumu	Skelley	Henrietta M	C4	Assistant Female	£95.00	
1912	52	Paraparaumu	Vaughan	Frederick T	D1	Head Master	£200.00	House
1912	52	Paraparaumu	Skelley	Harietta M	C3	Assistant Female	£100.00	
1913	60	Paraparaumu	Vaughan	Frederick T	D1	Head Master	£205.00	House
1913	60	Paraparaumu	Newman	Alice M	D4	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1914	66	Paraparaumu	Vaughan	Frederick T	D1	Head Master	£210.00	House
1914	66	Paraparaumu	Neumann	Alice M	D4	Assistant Female	£100.00	
1915	71	Paraparaumu	Vaughan	Frederick T	D1	Head Master	£220.00	House
1915	71	Paraparaumu	Neumann	Alice M	D3	Assistant Female	£120.00	

**Harriette M Skelley** In her first year teaching at Paraparaumu she was listed as Henrietta but for the rest of her career was listed with various spellings of Harriett. Started in 1905 at Carterton as a Pupil teacher until 1907 Then a gap presumably while at Training College of 3 years until Coming to Paraparaumu in 1911 and 1912. Eketahuna from 1913 to at least 1917. Then from 1919 to 1923 back at Carterton being infant mistress by 1923. When my records end.

1975/34928	Skelley	Harriet Mary	14 June 1887
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**Alice M Neumann** Was at School in Nelson in 1910. Got a teacher's Certificate from Blenheim in 1911. Was at Wellington training college in 1912 .Taught at Paraparaumu from 1913 to at Least 1917 and by 1919 was teaching at Picton. [Marlborough became part of Wellington Education Board in 1915]

1921/1119	Alice Mary	Neumann	James Robert	Donovan
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26th April 1911. Wellington Education Board Repairs were authorised at Paraparaumu

17th December 1912 The Wellington Education Board has" decided to effect improvements at the Paraparaumu School: These improvements are to include ventilation, gutters, • excavation, and metalling



16th April 1913 Wellington Education Board Tenders: Paraparaumu — Bathroom, Repairs, Painting, etc. \_ All plans and specifications may be seen at the Education Board Office, and at the school

10th April 1913. Visit to HMS New Zealand in Wellington Harbour The school children visitors to-day include those from Paekakariki, Tawa Flat, Johnsonville, Ngaio, Linton, and Paraparaumu, besides others from Wanganui and Foxton

30th April 1913 Tenders Let: Paraparaumu papering and painting residence -Bourke and Sons

12th August 1913 Wellington Education Board Paraparaumu — Assistant Mistress; £90 to £120

8th September 1913 Assistant at Paraparaumu school Miss Newman

18th January 1914 Wellington Education Board £50 for improvements

9th May 1914 School Committee Paraparaumu.— Messrs. McLean (chairman), Mantle(secretary), Lynch, Howell, Dowsett, Walkley, and Rev. Jones.

26th August 1914 Wellington Education Board Paraparaumu residence boundary fence.

9th November 1914 In a Golden Wedding article on Mr and Mrs Howell of Paraparaumu was this: . It is interesting to note that Mr. Howell helped to build the first school-house erected in Pahautanui, some fifty years ago, and later assisted in the erection of the first school building at Paraparaumu, which was built on a sledge on the road, just in front of the present schoolhouse.’

20th July 1915 Mr. S. Duncan, of Waikanae, desires to acknowledge with thanks a sack of books from the Paraparaumu : School children, [For the men in the army camp at Waikanae]

## 1916-1923

1917	78	Paraparaumu	Vaughan	Frederick T	D-56	Head	£240.00	
1917	78	Paraparaumu	Neumann	Alice M	D-86	Assistant	£140.00	
1919	81	Paraparaumu	White	Alfred T	C-50	Head	£320.00	
1919	81	Paraparaumu	Roberts	Gladys V		Assistant	£126.00	
1921	101	Paraparaumu	Barnett	John	D	Head	£360.00	
1921	101	Paraparaumu	Smylie	Whilelmina	D	Assistant	£240.00	
1921	101	Paraparaumu	Hawkins	Anna L		Reliever	£120.00	
1923	93	Paraparaumu	Barnett	John	D-101	Head	£375.00	
1923	93	Paraparaumu	Pigott	Emily L Mrs	B-156	Assistant	£253.00	
1923	93	Paraparaumu	Richards	Flora M	C-205	Assistant	£205.00	

**Alfred T White** was serving in the army from Hastwell School in the Wairarapa by 1915 and was Head of Paraparaumu in 1919. By 1921 he was at the Terrace School in Wellington and was still there in 1923; In 1924 he was head of Shannon School/ In 1929 was head of Carterton School retiring in 1935 . In 1936 was back living in Paraparaumu

**Gladys V Roberts** was at Paraparaumu in 1919 and Petone West in 1921 and sole teacher Takapu school in 1923/ in 1929 appointed assistant at Lyall Bay.

**John Barnett** started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Mauriceville East school and was there until 1912. He then went to the two school at Rongokokako [7 Kilometres west of Eketahuna] in 1913 followed by 1917 he was at Hamua half way between



Eketahuna and Pahiatua. By 1921 he was at Paraparaumu and was still there in 1923. 10th September 1924 was appointed Headmaster of the Hutt District High School

**Wihelmina Smylie** Taught at Featherston as a probationer in 1910 and 1911. Then a two year gap where she was at Training College 1914 was at Maranui until 1919 when the school has been renamed Lyall Bay and was at Paraparaumu school by 1923 when my records end.

**Anna L Hawkins** In 1919 Anna Hawkins was a probationer at Eketahuna, In 1921 she was a reliever at Paraparaumu and in 1923 was sole teacher at Hinemoa School east of Pahiatua near Kaitawa.

**Emily Leonora Pigott** taught at Wadestown in 1911 and 1912 and was at Longbush near Carterton in 1914 and then taught at Paraparaumu in 1923.

1969/47088	Pigott	Emily Leonora	76Y
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**Flora M Richards** was a pupil teacher at Levin in 1919 and was teaching at Paraparaumu by 1923

31st May 1916 Wellington Education Board granted Paraparaumu £5 for works.

16th February 1917 The St. John- Ambulance Brigade and Red Cross Society are very grateful to the pupils of the undermentioned schools for the. excellent parcels of work .they have sent in. The work has been done by both girls and boys, and in some of the schools the boys both knitting and sewing, willing to do anything to provide comforts for our wounded, soldiers., The names of the. schools are as follow: —Paraparaumu et al

8th August 1917 Christmas Pudding Fund from schools included Paraparaumu £2

[The Otaki Mail was printed from 1919 and so much more material re Paraparaumu School was found]

17th February 1919 Mr Malcolm Maclean has resigned the chairmanship of the Paraparaumu school committee in view of his early departure on a trip to Scotland. Mr C. Neeve has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

16th April 1919 The annual meeting of householders to elect a school committee at Paraparaumu was held on Monday evening, when eleven were present. For the five seats seven candidates were nominated, viz: Messrs C. Clark, Charles Hunt, J. Killick, M. J. Lynch, B. Mantle, R. G. Maclean, and C. B. Reeve, and on a ballot being taken Messrs C. B. Reeve, J. Killick, R. G. Maclean, M. J. Lynch and B. Mantle were elected. Those returned comprised four members of the old committee, with Mr B. G. Maclean in place of Mr Malcolm Maclean, who is at present absent from the Dominion.

11th June 1919 Paraparaumu is shortly to lose its popular schoolmaster (Mr F. Vaughan), who has occupied that position for the past thirteen and n-half years. Mr .Vaughan is held in the highest esteem by all residents of the district, and will be much missed, both as a schoolmaster, as an active worker in all local objects, and socially. The local people will take an early opportunity of bidding good-bye to Mr Vaughan. Miss Neumann, assistant teacher at the local school, is also about to leave Paraparaumu. This young lady has made hosts of friends in the district, who will hear with keen regret of her departure.

2nd July 1919 Wellington Education Board Assistant wanted Paraparaumu £140 to £160

3rd July 1919 Miss E M Black appointed]

16th July 1919 On Saturday night a committee of | residents was set up to arrange for presentations and farewell social to Mr and Mrs F. Vaughan and Miss Neumann who are

leaving the district. Mr C. B. Reeve, chairman of the School Committee, was "appointed chairman of the meeting, and Mr A Hadham secretary. Messrs Reeve, M. ,T. Lynch and I W. J. Howell consented to collect subscriptions to the fund. It was decided to hold a meeting later, when final arrangements re the social will be made.

4th August 1919 A very large audience assembled at the Coronation Hall, Paraparaumu, on Wednesday evening last for the purpose of farewelling Mr F. T. Vaughan (headmaster of the Paraparaumu school), Mrs Vaughan, and Miss Neumann (first assistant). The gathering took the form of a social, the dance music being supplied by Mr T. Mahima, and several extras being played by Miss Hurrell. Songs were pleasantly rendered by Misses M. Lynch and Black and Mr Pitcher. ' Mr Vaughan played a violin solo, and Mr Hardham recited.

During the evening Mr C. B. Reeve (chairman of the school committee), on behalf of the residents, presented Mr -and Mrs Vaughan with a cheque for a substantial sum, and Miss Neumann with a beautiful silver purse, filled with bank notes. Mr Reeve voiced the great regret of the parents at the loss of such capable teachers, who, moreover, not only took a keen interest in the education of the scholars under their charge but were also very solicitous of their health and general welfare. Miss Neumann, by her kindly manner, having won her way into the hearts of the scholars, her departure would leave a gap in the school staff which would be hard to fill.

Mr D D. Hyde, on behalf of the Whareroa Rifle Club, presented Mr Vaughan with a gold medal, as a slight token of esteem and remembrance Members of the Rifle Club, he said, were grateful to Mr Vaughan for his services as secretary- of the club for many years past.

Cr. [Councillor] W. J. Howell referred to Mr and Mrs Vaughan and Miss Neumann in their citizen life—how Mr Vaughan had been an active honorary secretary and -accountant for the co-operative store run for some time in connection with the local cheese factory. He had also been secretary of the Paraparaumu Patriotic Society for some years and had been most painstaking and obliging in all his work. His departure would leave many blanks in the various organisations which would be exceedingly difficult' to fill as satisfactorily. Mrs Vaughan and Miss Neumann, too. had been useful citizens, ready to assist on any occasion when required.

Mr B. Mantle referred to his long association with Mr Vaughan on the school committee, stating that during the fourteen years during which the latter had occupied the headmaster's position there had never been a formal complaint before the committee concerning the manner in which the school had been conducted, nor had the committee ever had even a difference of opinion with the headmaster.

Mr Vaughan, on rising to reply, was greeted by continuous applause. He expressed himself as grateful to the residents for their kindly gifts and stated that during their stay in Paraparaumu he and his wife had contracted friendships which it gave them pain to sever. He did not expect to again meet with a warm-hearted or more generous body of people than those of Paraparaumu.

Miss Neumann also briefly voiced her thanks and appreciation for the good wishes and beautiful present she had received.

"For They Are Jolly Good Fellows" , was sung with great heartiness by the audience at this stage, and supper was , then handed round. Dancing was continued into the "wee sma ' hours" of the morning. Mr D. Lynch acted as M.C. during the evening.

During the fourteen years that Mr Vaughan has been headmaster of the Paraparaumu school the roll number has increased from 37 scholars to the present roll of 93.

Such success attended the short night dance held at Paraparaumu last Saturday night, for which Mr D. Howell, was responsible for the arrangements, that it is proposed to make them a regular weekly affair, commencing on Saturday next. A committee is being organised to take charge of the conduct of the dances.

The school children made presentations to Mr Vaughan and Mrs Vaughan on Friday afternoon last, on the occasion of their leaving the school. The Ladies' Guild intend also making a presentation to Mrs Vaughan.

2nd September 1919 Wellington Education Board Assistant wanted Paraparaumu £140 to £160

4th November 1919 Wellington Education Board Assistant wanted Paraparaumu £140 to £160

19th March 1920 A splendid programme was presented by the school children and one or two visitors at the Coronation Hall on Saturday last. The audience was probably the largest gathering ever assembled in the hall, several having to stand. Mr C. B. Reeve was chairman, and at the close of the entertainment expressed what was certainly the greatest opinion, that the efforts of the children far surpassed the expectations of the audience and reflected the greatest credit on the teaching staff of the school. Several songs were nicely rendered by the elder scholars under the baton of the headmaster (Mr A. T. White). Perhaps the gem of the items was an action song by the infant scholars entitled "Snow Drops." Although no encores was the order, the audience would not be denied a repetition of this splendid effort, solos were sung by Misses K. Fortune and S. Lynch, a trio by Misses E. Fortune, S. Lynch and P. Donovan, recitations by Misses Fisher and Shaw (Waikanae) and Masters, E. Hall, H. Fortune and A. Burns, and a dialogue by Misses E. Brazier and O. Harris. Two very clever character dances were given by Misses Z. and N. Adams, and two Scotch dances were nicely performed by Miss C. Miller, of Wellington. A very fine piece of work was a drill by infant scholars, the time and actions being very good indeed. Miss E. Lynch played the accompaniments for the songs and Miss Booth for the drill.

The proceeds are to be devoted to the school sports fund, and a very substantial amount should result.

**SCHOOL PICNIC.** The scholars of the Paraparaumu public school enjoyed their annual picnic on the local recreation ground on Friday last. There was a splendid attendance of parents and friends, and a programme of sports for the young folks was successfully carried out.

5th April 1920 School dentistry in this district is now an established fact and appears to be giving every satisfaction. A very large number of children have been examined and attended to by Mr D. & Mackenzie. At Paraparaumu nearly fifty per cent, of the children are suffering from defective teeth.

21st April 1920 Miss E M Black resigned

30th April 1920 A pleasing little ceremony took place at the Paraparaumu school on Tuesday afternoon last, when Miss Black, of the school staff, who is leaving Paraparaumu for Naseby (Otago), was presented with a brush and mirror. The presentation was made by one of the

scholars on behalf of the pupil-, who much regret miss Black's departure she having been a capable and popular teacher

30th April 1920 PARAPARAUMU SCHOOL. There were fourteen present at the schoolhouse on the occasion of the election of the school committee. Mr C. B. Reeve, chairman of the retiring committee, presided. The financial position as stated by the chairman showed a credit balance of £18 2s.

The election resulted in the return of Messrs R. G. Maclean, VI. J. Lynch, C. B. Reeve, W. Clunie, and A. Hardham. Other nominations were Messrs E. Clarke, M. Fisher and L. Dabscheck.

A number of motions from the secretary of the N.Z.E.I. were "received," but at a later stage of the meeting a motion was carried "urging upon the Government, the need of making the teaching service more attractive by increasing the salaries paid to teachers and bringing them into line with other Government servants."

Mr White, headmaster, emphasised the need for the offering of greater inducements to men to enter the teaching profession. On the motion of Mr C. Hale a hearty vote of thanks was carried for the energetic work rendered by the old committee.

A resolution carried with applause was moved by Mr L. J. Howell, "That there be recorded on the minute; an appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr Ben Mantle during his twenty years' connection with the committee.

The committee subsequently elected Mr C. B. Reeve as chairman and Mr A. Hardham secretary

6th May 1920 Assistantship Paraparaumu £130 to £140

8th May 1920 Visit of Royal Highness Prince report included: As the Prince passed the Paraparaumu school children he observed war ribbons on the breast of the headmaster, Captain Alfred Thomas White, M.C., 2nd Battalion. Wellington Regiment. His Royal Highness stopped to speak to Captain White, who was in mufti, and asked him what regiment he belonged to. The Prince also expressed his pleasure at seeing the children, and then passed along. Captain White wore the ribbons of the Military Cross. General Service Medal, and Allies' War Medal.

19th May 1921 Temporary accommodation is badly needed at the Paraparaumu School and the Education Board has been considering ways and means for some time past for alleviating the congestion. Mr W. H. Field, M.P. for the district, told the Board yesterday that the Minister of Education would visit the school on Friday, and would no doubt make provision for immediate '• steps to relieve that situation. '

19th July 1921 Mr. Barnett, of Hamua, has been appointed headmaster. in place of Mr. A. T. White, at the Paraparaumu School,' the latter having left to take up duties in Wellington. Prior to leaving he was entertained and made the recipient of presentations from the Sports Club, Rifle and Tennis Clubs, the public, and the school children.

13th March 1922 PARAPARAUMU WINS THE SHIELD. The annual School Sports Meeting was held on the domain, Paraparaumu, on Saturday, March 4th, to compete for the Challenge Shield presented by the Paraparaumu Amateur Athletic Club. The weather was ideal for the occasion and the children thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing; the various events being keenly contested. The schools which usually compete arc

Paekakariki, Paraparaumu, Rikiorangi and Waikanae, but for some reason Waikanae this year did not compete. [List of events and results not copied]

19th July 1920 Wellington Education Board It was decided in reply to representations by a deputation from Paraparaumu, introduced by Mr. W. H. Field, to -line with three-ply the old technical workshop, said to be the first in New Zealand, for further use as a school. The state of this building was stated to be very unsatisfactory at present, affecting the health of teachers and children.-

24th November 1922 Margaret Watson, a pupil of the Paraparaumu School, recently won fourth prize in an essay competition arranged by the New Zealand Alliance

29th November 1922 Mr Harkness electioneering in Paraparaumu included this: . He al--Iso desired to see loyal teachers, ones who would inculcate loyalty into children and thus to do away with great unrest. He would also like to see buildings in the country places put on a par, in proportion, with those in the cities, and instanced how at Paraparaumu children were compelled to receive their teaching in a shed while £43,000 was being spent on a school at Palmerston, and £20,000 elsewhere for a hostel. There should not be extravagance in one place and the reverse in another. He also believed in encouraging sport among school children, and he said there was no reason why the Government should not help.

22nd December 1922 The annual breaking up ceremony and presentation of prizes and certificates. in connection with the Paraparaumu school was held on Thursday. , Prior to the prize distribution the children were entertained at the 'Fish Pond,' where every youngster tried his luck with the fishing rod. Mr R. Maclean, chairman of the School Committee. congratulated the pupils and teachers on the fine work of the school and on the excellent results achieved. Thirty-four good attendance certificates were awarded, and in addition to the certificate each child received a book prize, presented by Mr L. I. Howell.

The prize list is as follows:

Dux —Tessa Barnett.

Std. VI.--Tessa Barnett 1, Joyce Hardham 2 Margaret Watson 3.

Std. V.— Ernest Buckley 1 Sara Barnett 2, John Watson 3.

Std. IV.—Rairi Field 1, Dodd- Maclean 2 Muriel Hunt 3.

Std. III.->Barter Fortune 1, Dulcie Reeve 2. Ruth Cromb 3.

Std. II. —Myla Barnett I. Louis Fisher 2 Mervyn .Johnson 3.

Std. I. —Ngaio Spiers I, Peter Mexico 2 Peggy Brandt 3.

Needlework —Clarice Clarke (Senior Division); Hazel Metzenthui (Junior Division), Proficiency Certificates - Lacey Adams, Tessa Barnett, Edna Dry, Evelyn Fortune, John Field, Laurence Howell, Gilbert Howell, Joyce Hardham. Margaret Watson. Endorsed Competency' Clarice Clarke. Marion Howell. William Hurren.

25th January 1923 Wellington Education Board Urgent works Paraparaumu additions.

16th February 1923 Sports meeting he annual schools' championship I sports meeting was held on the domain | on Saturday under perfect weather conditions when the live schools, Paekakariki , Paraparaumu, Waikanae, Rikiorangi and Te Horo, competed for the shield, presented by the Paraparaumu Club three years ago. With the exception of To Horo, which had only eight competitors, the other schools were represented in full strength. The programme, a lengthy one of thirty-nine events, catered for the child of tender years, intermediate classes, and senior standards, over all distances, and included a boy. tug-of-war,

girls relay, high and long jump.....The points scored by each school were Paraparaumu 117, Rikiorangi 81½ Paekakariki 56. Waikanae 45, Te Horo 12. The Paraparaumu school thus retain the shield for the third year

2nd May 1923 PARAPARAUMU. The meeting of householders at Paraparaumu was a poorly-attended one, but the report on the school was considered highly satisfactory. Two old members of the committee—Mr C. V. Reeve, who has had nine years' service, and Mr Len Howell, at one time secretary resigned, and were accorded hearty votes of thanks for past services. The new committee is as follows: —Messrs K. Maclean (chairman), Dug. Howell (secretary), J. Killick, F Howell, E. Clarke, W. Clunie, and J. Buckley,

3rd May 1923 Levin DHS wanting to become a high school included this reference: That was the first step—purely a temporary measure. Steps had further been "taken to ascertain what number of scholars would be coming forward next year from the schools between Tokomaru and Paraparaumu.

17th August 1923 When does his Department propose to comply with the longstanding application of the Wellington Education Board for a new room at the Paraparaumu School to take the place of the old workshop, which was erected by the people at their own expense thirty years ago, and which has for years past been doing duty as a makeshift classroom?" This question has been addressed to the Minister of Education by Mr. W. H. Field (Otaki). "It is especially asked that the children shall not be forced to use this wretched building for another winter," says Mr. Field [Otaki Electorate MP]

20th September 1923 Miss M Mason resigned as assistant Paraparaumu [There is no record of her being appointed]

12th October 1923 Replying to a question asked in Parliament by Mr. W. H. Field (Otaki). the Hon. C. -I. Parr (Minister of Education) said that when the matter of Paraparaumu School accommodation, among others, was discussed by a deputation from the Education Board last September, a request, was made for a grant for lining the temporary room, it being stated that this would enable the school to be carried on for a few years. The amount applied for was approved accordingly, and he was advised that the work had been carried out. At the present time there was no application before the Department for a 'grant for a new room and he was informed that the school building itself, exclusive of the room to which the honourable member objected, provided 11.4 square feet on the average attendance, which did not seem to indicate any very serious overcrowding.