

## Petone West

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Staff above is at the end of the school year

Below :Service is with Wellington Education Board only

Bedingfield Douglas S: Kaitoke 1891, Paikakariki 1892-1898, Hamua (Between Eketahuna and Pahiatua), Petone DHS 1905-1908, Petone West 1909-1919, Petone DHS 1921-

Robertson David: 1907-1908 Kilbirnie 1909-1915 Petone West

Carter Elsie: 1892-1908 Pitone/Petone. 1909-1921 Petone West

Ogg James 1909 – Petone West

Cook Ada M 1891-1892 Mount Cook Infants, 1893-1901 Te Aro, 1902-1903 Mitchelltown, 1904-1906 Te Aro, 1907-1908 Petone DHS, 1909-1912 Petone West, 1913-1923+ Brooklyn

Skelley Mary E C 1902-1904 Mt Cook Boys, 1905 Clyde Quay, 1909-1911 Petone West

Wright Margaret A 1909 Petone West

Braddock Catherine 1909-1911 Petone West

26th February 1909 Wellington Education Board that the Petone West School be not roofed with asbestos plates

30th April 1909 If anticipations are realised, the new school at Western Petone will be ready for occupation in about a month or six weeks' time

28th May 1909 Petone West (new/desks), 'Messrs. Silas Bros.....The board, in committee, decided to invite applications for the various positions on the state of the Petone West School, which will provide accommodation up to Grade A.

28th May 1909 Wellington Education Board Petone west, ornamental front fence east ,£17 8s, West ,£34 10s, boarded fence, sides, wire back fence, metalling 260 cubic yards\

17th June 1909 The Western Petone School is practically finished, and almost ready for occupation. The brickwork and plastering, for which Messrs. Southgate and Melhuish had the subcontract, has been completed, and all the building, which was included in the work of the contractors (Messrs. Croft and Son), has been done; The men are now engaged in grading the playground, and in that connection, Mr. McDougall, the Education Department's architect, visited the site yesterday and decided the levels. A tender for the erection of a boundary fence between the school and the road on one side and the Maori property on the other has been accepted.

9th June 1909 Wellington Education Board Petone West — Accommodation for an average of 328 (grade VIII A). For grade VIIIA the salaries of positions vacant would be as follows,, but the Board gives no guarantee that, the attendance will immediately justify payment at the rates quoted : — Head Master, £310 to £340, and £45 h.a. Assistant Mistress, £150 to £180. Assistant Master, £135 to £150. Assistant Mistress, £120 to £135.

17th June 1909 It is understood that there are already over 100 applicants for the headmastership of the new Petone West School.

1st July 1909 Over two hundred householders were present at the election of a committee for the new Petone West School last evening. The following were elected Messrs Tarrant, Cotton. Maynard, Burrige, Marsden, Davie, Evans (secretary, Castle (chairman), and McCrockett, There were twenty-seven candidates.

5th July 1909 APPOINTMENTS TO PETONE WEST SCHOOL. The following will form the staff of Petone's new school:—Headmaster, Mr Bedingfield, B.A. assistant master, Mr Eustace King, M. A., B.Sc.: assistant-mistress, Miss Carter second assistant-mistress, Miss Cook. The appointment of junior assistant has yet to be made. All the successful candidates are well known in Petone Mr Bedingfield, Miss Carter, and Miss Cook are at present on the staff of the central school, while Mr King is the director of the new Technical School in Petone. . The new school is now almost finished and will be opened early in August.

7th July 1909 APPOINTMENTS OF TEACHERS. A regrettable incident which happened in connection with the appointment of a headmaster for the now school at Petone West the other day makes it clear that so far as the Wellington district is concerned teachers cannot look forward with, any-degree of confidence to, promotion on the ground of professional merit alone, but must rely, as in the past, on their personal influence with school committees. At the last meeting of the 'Wellington' Education Board it was decided to give the Petone West School Committee the option of selecting from a list of four names of candidates the headmaster of the new school. Accordingly, from a very, large number of applicants, the following list, in order of merit, was prepared :

1. A. Stevenson, headmaster, Woodville District High School, CI certificate, 29 /years' service.
2. A. Erskine, first assistant master, Terrace District High School, 1 CI, (section of B.A. degree), 28 years', service..-'
- 3 John Caughley, Bl, M.A., assistant-in-charge,' secondary department, Normal Training College, 22 years' service, .
4. D. S. Bedingfield. Bl, B.A., first assistant master, primary department, .Petone District High. School, 27 years' service

The above list in a sealed packet, was forwarded to the chairman of the Petone Main School Committee, with instructions to hand it over to the chairman of the Petone West School Committee immediately, after the Election of the latter body.

On the evening- of June 30 the householders of the Petone West School District met-in the Petone Main School and elected their' new' committee' the members of which appointed Mr. J G. Castle chairman and to him was handed by the chairman of the Petone Main School Committee as the sealed packet containing the list of recommended candidates for the headmastership of the Petone West On the following day (July: 1) there appeared in, the news columns of the Petone paper the following :paragraph

"The Wellington Education", Board has forwarded, to the School-Committee the, i following-names of applicants head teachership of the Western Petone School:—Messrs. Bedingfield, B.A., (Petone), 'Erskine' (Terrace) Stephenson (Woodville) and Caughley (Normal), The selection will be made at the first meeting of the newly-elected committee And in the editorial columns of the same issue of that paper appeared an article advocating Mr Bedingfield's claims

The above extracts constitute the regrettable incident referred to. Subsequently Mr Bedingfield was recommended by the Petone West committee for final appointment by the Education Board .....[There is a lot more not copied and the long article ended with:]

The gist of the whole matter is simply this. The Petone School Committee has secured the appointment of the local candidate. Whether he is the best man available for the position is a matter upon which the public should have no difficulty in arriving at a decision The incident serves as an additional argument against the present system of appointments and promotion. The schools should be freed from the taint of back stairs influence and parochial intrigue

8th July 1909 Wellington Education Board Petone West School.—Headmaster, Mr. D. S. Bedingfield, B.A.; first assistant master, Mr. Eustace King, M.A., M.Sc.; first assistant mistress, Miss E. Carter; second assistant mistress, Miss A. M Cook.

9th July 1909 The following petition has been forwarded to the Education Board :— "We, the undersigned, being candidates for election as committeemen of the Western Petone School, pray that you declare the election of the present committee null and void on account of the following irregularities in the conduct of the poll :— (1) Some ballot papers were stamped with the stamp mark (Petone State School), and some had no stamp mark at all; (2) a ballot paper had ten names on it; one name was erased by one of the scrutineers; (3) a torn ballot paper was also used ; (4) there being two candidates of one name (Mr. and Mrs. McCrackett) standing, a ballot paper containing the name McCrackett (Mr. or Mrs. not specified) was counted; (5) a ballot paper with five names. on it, two names able to be read, and three names unable to be read, was counted; and (6) a ballot paper with ten names on it, one candidate's name appearing twice, was counted."

10th July 1909 Petone West — Assistant Master. Probable salary, £135 to £150

24th July 1909 Met for the first time in open committee, the Petone West School Committee on Thursday evening entered upon the routine of its duties. The necessary sub-committees were appointed and authority issued for purchase of necessary equipment. It was decided by a unanimous vote to support the candidature of the Rev. A. Thomson for the vacancy on the Education Board,

12th August 1909 Mr J Ogg appointed assistant

[Note 10 feet (ft) = 3.04 metres]

17th August 1909 WESTERN' PETONE SCHOOL. • The newly-erected Western Petone. School is now ready for occupation. The building consists of six class-rooms, four of them measured 26ft. by 21ft., two 30ft. by 21ft., and two 18ft. by 16ft., the headmaster's -room is 10ft. by 7ft. 4 in., and there is a teachers' room of the-same dimensions. There is. an up-to-date lavatory, and a library of the latest style. The corridors are lofty- and 9ft. in width. The school is the finest in the Wellington education district, and , one of the', finest in New Zealand. The building is of the. latest design, and built throughout on hygienic principles, all the corners being rounded to prevent the accumulation of dust. The general up-to-datedness

of the school is illustrated by the fact that the old blackboards and easels are entirely dispensed with, the new ones running right round the walls, at a convenient distance above the floor, and rising to a height of about four feet. The exterior is of pressed brick with cement facings. Messrs. G. T. Croft and Son erected the building, the contract price being £3500. The brick and concrete work was sublet to Messrs. B. J. Southgate and Co. The ground, which covers about two acres in extent, cost £1300. The school district takes in children living West of Nelson Street, and the building was planned to accommodate 500 children, but it will only be used by about 400 at first. The headmaster is Mr. D. Bedingfield, B.A.

23rd August 1909 The Petone West school committee has postponed consideration of an application by the Rev. H. Braddock for permission to give object lessons on elementary religious subjects after school hours. The committee declined Mr Braddock's request for the use of one of the rooms for Sunday afternoon services.

4th September 1909 The teaching staff of the Petone District High School assembled at the school yesterday to take leave of Mr D. A. Bedingfield, first assistant (who on Monday week assumes the head mastership of the Petone West School and Misses Garter and Cooke (also to be transferred to Petone West—the former to be mistress). Presentations were made in each instance, Mr Bedingfield being the recipient of a set of standard works. Miss Carter of a gold pendant, and Miss Cooke of a gold brooch. The Rev. A. Thomson officiated. Each of the teachers was earlier in the day presented with a token of esteem from those of the scholars who will continue to attend the Main School,

6th September 1909 The deadlock between the Wellington Education Board and the Petone School Committee anent the appointment of a first assistant to the staff, of the main school continues. The board has declined to have the legal aspect elucidated by stating a case for submittal to the Attorney-General under the Statutory Declaration Act, whilst the committee is obdurate in its refusal to sanction any appointment without its having had a choice of candidates. Meanwhile the vacancy will require to be filled by Monday next. On that day the Petone West School is to be opened. [This action is because for this appointment the Education Board only sent the name of one applicant]

8th September 1909 Mr E. King, M.A., B.Sc., at present first assistant at Petone West, to be first male assistant in place of Mr D. Bedingfield, who becomes headmaster at Petone West;

18th September 1909 Petone School Committee It was decided to grant the request of the Petone West School Committee for the use of a room in Price's Buildings for meetings — at a fee of £1 per year to cover the cost of lighting, firing, etc

24th September 1909 BIBLE-IN-SCHOOLS QUESTION. The Bible-in-schools question cropped up at last evening's meeting of the Petone West School Committee. The headmaster, Mr. D. Bedingfield, intimated that as all the members of the staff had not arrived, and as a responsible teacher was needed while religious instruction was proceeding, he could not report definitely on the question. The chairman mentioned that at a previous meeting an application from a clergyman for permission to give religious instruction after school hours, had been held over. Mr. McCrackett contended that the lessons should not be given by Mr. Braddock (the evangelist-minister in question), as he was frequently absent from the town. If anything was done at all, it should be by the local clergymen. According to Mr. Davis, Bible instruction was a waste of time. It kept the teachers late, added to the work of the caretaker,

and the children did not understand it. Any such instruction should be imparted at the Sunday schools. The committee re\*solved to postpone further discussion until Mr. Braddock's return to the district, when he will be asked to confer with the committee.

PETONE SCHOOL COMMITTEE. At a meeting of the Petone West School Committee last evening, the Main School Committee intimated that it was prepared to grant the use of Price's Building for meetings, at la fee of £1 per year. After some discussion, it was decided to respectfully decline the offer, and use the headmaster's room instead. According to the headmaster (Mr. D. Bedingfield) the number of pupils on the roll was 394, with an average attendance 374.4. The secretary of the Education Board advised that Mr. D. Robertson, the newly-appointed assistant, would take up his duties on 1st November. The chairman said he proposed to give a prize of a guinea for the pupil making the best progress ; and Mr. S. V. Burrige offered to donate a prize of a guinea for the best-kept plot ' in the school grounds. The donors were heartily thanked by the rest of the committee.

1st October 1909 Wellington Education Board Permission was granted Petone west school to establish a cadet corps

22nd October 1909 The committee , of the Petone West School met last evening, when there. Were present: Messrs. J.-G. Castle (chairman), G. Davis (Acting Secretary),. G. V. Burrige, L Parrant,, G V Burrige and D. Bedingfield (headmaster). Mr. E. King (first assistant) notified the committee that he had received, an appointment at the Petone District High School, and' therefore would resign his position on the Petone West School staff at the end of the month.

, A communication was received , 'from' the School. Committees' 'Association conveying the rules and objects of the association. It was decided that the committee should seek affiliation with; the body, and. Messrs. 'Burrige, Castle, and Maynard were appointed delegates/

3rd November 1909 Mr. Eustace King, M.A-...' who is leaving the Petone West School to take lip the position of first 'assistant at-the Petone Main School, has been.- presented ,by the pupils with a. silver mounted walking-stick as a token of esteem

11th December 1909 Mr., Castle, of the Petone .West School Committee, waited; upon the Education Board yesterday, with, reference to the board's proposal to alter the school boundaries. The position at present is that the new school is overcrowded, while-the main school is being depleted.:, In order to bring about a more proportionate distribution; of 'the school population, Mr. Castle urged that the original boundaries' be adhered :to, ,It was pointed; out that the Petone West School Committee should undertake to see that its school was not unduly crowded at the-'expense of the main school. The western boundary would .be defined-as, Nelson Street,' from the sea to the Hutt Road, on the; condition 'that in the, event of overcrowding the children on both sides of- Nelson Street would.be required to attend the main school.

16th December 1909 Students passing proficiency examinations Petone West.— Boys. L. Andrews, H. Appleyard, . A. Ackroyd, C. Ackroyd, G Boesen, F. Bird, F. Beynon, A. Colquhoun, R. Coakley, C. Davis, F. Mockridge, E. Newland, Parrant, E. Platt, H Pribble, A. Parrant, L. Senior, F. Stanton S Snow A. Sydow, K. Stanford. Girls: G Bradley, E. Caverhill, A. Greening. M Hicks, I Humphrey, I. Lockwood, M. Mullis, E. Reid. A. Webster

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20th January 1910 Junior Scholarships Top children get s scholarship and others on the list get a Free Place at a secondary school

Petone West Alba Greening, Frederick Mockridge, Elsie Caverhill, Arthur Parrant, Horace Appleyard and Harold Andrews was not a candidate but qualified by examination for a place 12th February Miss Wright and Miss Skelley appointed assistants Madge H Wright only taught 3 years at Petone West for Wellington Education Board Mary E C Skelley 1902-1904 Mount Cook Boys. 1905 Clyde Quay and then 1909 to 1911 at Petone West for the Wellington Education Board

22nd April 1910. "The final meeting for the year of the Petone West School Committee was held last evening. Present: Messrs. J. C. Castle (chairman), Evans, Davis, Maynard, Cotton, : Burrige, and Parrant. The committee invited Messrs;' Bedingfield and Robertson to act as judges for the garden plots, as Mr. Dudding was unable to 'do so. A .-vote of thanks was accorded Mr. S. Burrige for his donation of £1 Is. for the best plot. The secretary's report: showed that a water service had been laid all round the school and that the garden plot scheme had been a great success. The headmaster's report stated that the school had opened last September with 394 names on the roll. During the first term .46 were admitted and 45 withdrawn leaving a roll at the end of the term of 395. Daring the second term 78 were admitted and 81 withdrawn, leaving a roll at the end of March of 392. The average attendance for this, term was 348.

26th April 1910 The result of the election at Petone West was as follows:—Messrs. J. Cotton, L. Parrant, J. G. A. Castle, S. N. Burrige, T. Maynard, A. Marsden, G. Davis; W. G. D. Evans, C. H. Snow. Mr. Castle was re-elected chairman, Mr. W. G. Evans secretary, and Mr. G. Davis . assistant secretary.

29th April 1910 The newly-elected Petone West School Committee do' not intend to let- the Brass grow under their feet. They have already begun to organise a bazaar for the purpose of raising funds. At a meeting held on Wednesday, a large attendance of ladies decided to • work every at 2.30. Mr. D. Robertson, assistant master, was elected secretary, and it was decided to hold the bazaar during the first week in July.

21st May 1910 The newly-elected committee of the Petone West School met on Thursday, evening. Members present were: Messrs. Castle (chairman), Parrant, Cotton, Maynard, Evans, and Davis. The Education Board offered a sot of historic pictures for the use of the school at a nominal fee, and the chairman was empowered to purchase these. Permission was granted to the Hutt and Petone Ministers' Association to give religions instruction for half an; hour on one day each week.

1st June 1910 Wellington Education Board authorised a rack for rifles.

15th July 1910 The opening of the Petone West End School Bazaar took place yesterday afternoon, in the Petone Drill Hall. The initial ceremony was performed by the Mayor (Mr J W McEwen) who spoke of the great interest in educational-affairs in Petone. He also reviewed the steps by which they first got their primary school and secondary school and technical school and added that they would not be content till they got a high school proper. ' Speeches were also given by Mr. Robert Lee, Mr. Hogg, M.P., and Mr. Bedingfield (headmaster of the school).

Business -was brisk during the afternoon, and the hall crowded' in the evening. The bazaar will continue till Saturday.

The following is a complete list of stallholders:— /

Christmas Tree: Misses Thompson (3).

Fancy Stall: Misses Finch (2), Miss Lawrence, Mesdames-Marsden and Maynard.

Plain Stall: Mesdames Castle, Davis, Cotton, and Bedingfield.

Bachelors'-Stall: Misses Shaw and Monty

Skittles: Mr. Brown.

Art Gallery: Mr. Wilson.

Waxworks: Mr. Barnett.

Sweets Stall: Misses Riddler, Maynard, Castle, Burton,

Cool Drink, Mesdames Robertson, Greenough. and Miss Davis. . .

Jumble' Stall: Misses Johnson and Skelley.

Produce Stall: Misses Snow, Cotton, and Hill.

Refreshments: Mesdames Parrant, Johnson and Cross,

19th July 1910 The doors closed on the Petone West School Bazaar on Saturday night after three nights of success. The crowded attendance on Saturday night was to a large extent gathered on the way by the procession of the "Darktown Fire Brigade" and "Mouth Organ "Band." who marched from the railway station to the Drill Hall, where the bazaar was in progress. The proceeds are estimated at £150 .

27th July 1910 Wellington Education Board The Education Department's suggestion to convert the Korokoro School (Petone) into a side school did not meet with the approval of the board. It was agreed that the Korokoro' School being too far distant. from the Petone West School, could not conveniently be controlled as part of the latter. Reverting at a later stage to the general question of side schools, the chairman remarked that the board did not favour them.

19th August 1910 The monthly meeting of the Petone West .School Committee was held last evening, when there were present Messrs. Castle (chairman), . Burridge, Maynard, Snow, Parrant, Cotton, Marsden, and the acting-secretary, Mr. Davis.

The Education Board wrote stating "that as the action of a certain school committee in carrying out certain alterations had proved detrimental, of the foundations, the board had found it necessary to advise all committees of the following resolution recently passed "That before any structural alterations to any school building or site, alteration or improvement, is undertaken by a committee, the sanction of the board should- be obtained."

The board forwarded capitation due for quarter ended June, 1910. A lengthy communication relative to the keeping of accounts, and certain instructions were also received from the board, and the committee resolved to acknowledge same.

A deputation of 20 Koro Koro residents waited on the committee to urge that Koro. Koro School be made a side school, under the jurisdiction of the Petone West Committee. The committee expressed the view that they were entirely in sympathy with the deputation, and informed the latter that they would assist the Koro Koro School in every way possible. It was resolved on the motion of the chairman (after the deputation had stated that they would leave the matter in the committee's hands) that the committee wait upon the Education Board, with a view to furthering this proposal.

Mr. Bedingfield (headmaster) recommended certain alterations to the school buildings to provide accommodation for the library-museum.

27th August 1910 Girls Peace Scouts All girls desiring to become scouts will come along to the Museum street corner any fine Saturday afternoon at 2.45. All girls desiring to communicate with the district secretary should address letters to Petone West School.

31st August 1910 Wellington Education Board A deputation from Korokoro waited on the board, asking that the school be reduced to a third standard school and that the children be permitted to attend the Petone West School. It was decided that the matter be allowed to stand over until the Inspector furnishes a report on the school.

16th September 1910 The monthly meeting of the Petone West School Committee was held last evening. present were: Messrs. Castle (chairman), Burridge, Snow, Davis, Parrant, and Maynard.

It was resolved to fence the garden plots in the playground, the money to be drawn from the concert fund. Mr. Burridge was deputed to supervise the work.

Mr. Burridge asked the chairman if the Hutt and Petone Ministers' Association had received any authority to circularise the district in reference to giving Bible readings in the school after hours.

The chairman replied that a motion giving the necessary permission to the association had been passed.

"Then," continued Mr. Burridge, "I wish to enter my emphatic protest against this Bible teaching; The ministers have exceeded their duty, and they are taking a mean advantage of the parents of the West End. School pupils in distributing these pamphlets.

Mr. Bedingfield (headmaster) said that he had received several complaints from parents about the matter. Mr. Davis said that it was an insult, to the intellect of the parents and an insult to the committee. The motion passed by the committee allowing the school to be used for religious instruction was right and proper but the ministers had exceeded their duty in using these circulars.

Mr. Evans (secretary), referring to the minute-book, stated that at previous meetings the committee had passed a resolution allowing the school to be used for Bible instruction, one day a week, after school hours, provided that the attendance was subject to parents' approval, and that the matter of arrangements be left in the hands of the headmaster. The speaker thought that there was nothing objectionable in the circular, which simply states: "I do not desire my children to remain for Bible lessons on Tuesday afternoons. Signed, etc.". The chairman remarked that most people objected to the word "not." If the circular had been worded differently no harm would have been done.

28th September 1910 Wellington Education Board It was agreed to grant a library. Subsidy of £5 for Petone West,

28th September 1910 There has been a proposal before the Education Board to make the Korokoro School a side-school to Petone West. After investigation and report by the inspector, the board decided yesterday that the Korokoro School should continue independent.

26th October 1910 Wellington Education Board Intimation was received that the Petone West School Committee had raised £180, to be spent on improving the new school. Application was made for a subsidy. The chairman remarked that it was very satisfactory to find a school committee so active, but the maximum subsidy which the board was empowered to give was a very small sum. - The school committee proposed the following expenditure:—Library. £50; apparatus, £30; show-case, £25; piano, £20; tennis court, £15 extension of shed, £40 [Lengthening shed 80 feet [24.34 metres] : total, £180. The chairman, secretary, and chief inspector were appointed to consider the matter.

30th November 1910 Wellington Education Board It was resolved -that- members of! the board conveniently situated should visit-the Petone West School and report upon requirements.

13th December 1910 At the Petone West School last evening a concert was given by the pupils. An operetta entitled " Queen of the Seasons " was well rendered

16th December 1910 The final meeting of the Petone West School Committee was held last night, there being in attendance: Messrs. .Castle (chairman), Burrige,. Davis, Maynard, Snow, Marsden, Parrant, and Cotton. Surprise was expressed by committeemen at the action of the Education Board in arriving at a decision to the. effect that they would not make certain alterations to the school as--requested-.- -The board were holding the money, and the committee 'were in a dilemma. -It was resolved to draw up fresh specifications and call for tenders for the laying down of an asphalt tennis court in the school ;ground,...as all the original tenders were considered too high.

17th December 1910 At the breaking-up ceremony in 'connection with the Petone West School on Thursday afternoon, the chairman Mr. J. G. Castle, presented Kathleen Norman, dux of the school, with a silver medal donated by Mr. C. E, Skelly.

## 1911

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31st January 1911 Wellington Education Board The board decided it was inadvisable to sanction the structural alterations suggested at Petone West. Dorothy Babington and Annie Davis appointed Probationers at Petone West. Dorothy Babington was not teaching for the

Wellington Education Board by the end of 1911 and never taught for them again. Annie Davis was at Taita in 1915 back at Petone West by 1917 and in 1923 was at Epuni School

1st February 1911 Girls Peace Scouts The Girl Peace Scouts will meet as usual next Saturday at 2.45 at Te Aro baths. A good attendance is requested. Miss Skelley, hon. district secretary, is back again from her holidays. Those who wish to communicate with her should address their letters to Petone West School. ' The social which was to have been held last Saturday has been postponed until February 25th. . The secretary will be at the baths next Saturday to see the scouts and make preliminary arrangements for the scouts' swimming sports

17th February 1911 Part of a long article The Petone West School Committee is aggrieved because it has not been consulted upon the proposal to establish a rural course in the secondary department of the Petone District High School. The West School.-Committee was not asked to send representatives to a conference at which the proposal was recently considered. At its meeting last evening, the committee expressed its opinion of the position in the following resolution, proposed by Mr. Castel and carried unanimously "That the Petone West School Committee places on record that it' was not asked to take part in the recent conference between inspectors and . the Petone District High School Committee, for the purpose of discussing the proposed rural course, seeing that the question affects the interests of education in Petone as a whole,.....

17th February 1911 Messrs Castle (chairman), Evans, Maynard, Marsden. Parrant, Cotton, Snow, and Davis attended the monthly meeting of the Petone West School, held last evening. Communication was received from the Petone Technical School Board offering to award six scholarships for the school, viz.. three for drawing and three for woodwork A letter oi thanks is to be 101 awarded to the Technical School Board.

On the Education Board writing to express regret, that it could not accede to the committee's request to alter the school as> required for the establishment of a school museum, Messrs. Castle, Burrldge , Davis, and Evans were appointed a deputation to wait on the Minister of Education and to lay the position before him. The headmaster reported that at the conclusion of last, year there was a roll number of 403 pupils. The average attendance for the past fortnight was 380.

28th February 1911 Wellington Education Board The j committee recommended that the following applications be declined {included] Petone West An application for separate building for use of cadets.

17th March 1911 The Petone West School Committee met last' evening.. Present:—Messrs. Castle (chairman), Burrldge, Marsden, Evans, Snow, Davis and Cotton.

The Education Board, replying to the committee's protest as to why they were not invited to attend the conference in respect to the rural course for Petone, pointed out that, in other centres, the arrangements had been made with the District High School Committee only, even though pupils were drawn from adjoining . schools.—Received; .

In reference to cadet equipment the board further wrote stating l that it regretted that separate buildings could not be erected for, cadet equipment. The practice had never been followed at any school, but the board was prepared to provide a cupboard for cadet uniforms at a cost of :£2 10s. The cadet commandant stated that the present shed could be fitted to accommodate a hazard target, and this, with two rifles, could be provided for a sum of -£3 15s. The equipment would be procured from Auckland.

Mr. Burridge and Mr. Bedingfield were deputed to confer with the commandant with a view to ascertaining if the targets would be suitable for the school. A letter of thanks is to be forwarded to the board.

The Minister for Education intimated that the request of the committee touching the establishment of a school museum was one entirely for the Education Board, and he could not see how any benefit could be derived from an interview with him.

The headmaster (Mr. Bedingfield) reported that the average attendance for the past four weeks had been 374, and the roll number 391. '

A list was submitted of museum specimens now in the school and the headmaster recommended writing to New Zealand firms for further exhibits

22nd April 1911 PETONE "WEST SCHOOL. The final meeting of the present Petone West School Committee- was held on Thursday evening. Members of the committee present were: Messrs. Castle (chairman), Snow, Burridge, Maynard, Evans, Parrant, Cotton, Marsden , and Davis.

Mr. Maynard was thanked for various gifts of New Zealand woods and kauri gum, which he had donated for the school museum.

Messrs. Burridge and Castle reported that negotiations with the Education Board in regard to a miniature rifle range were now complete.

Messrs. Bedingfield and Burridge were appointed overseers of the work in connection with erecting a fence 12 feet away from the eastern boundary for the purpose of constructing garden plots. The contractors are Messrs. Riddle and Firth, and the cost is £19 18s.

Some discussion took place over a letter received from the Education Institute, which requested that the following motion be put before the householders at the election of the committee) next Monday night:—"That this meeting of householders considers that in the best interests of education a Dominion scheme for promotion of teachers is urgently required, and that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Education, Wellington." It was decided that the chairman put the motion as required.

The headmaster (Mr. Bedingfield) reported that the attendance for the quarter ending March 31 was as follows: —Number on roll at end of last quarter, 403; pupils admitted, 61; withdrawn, 74; number on roll at end of present quarter, 393; average roll, 397; average attendance 372.

During last month the scientific apparatus ordered some time ago had been received and the remainder would be forwarded as soon as possible. The report recommended that a grant of £2 should be made from the sports fund in order to furnish footballs for the school team. This recommendation was agreed to. Concluding, the report thanked members for the courtesy and assistance extended to the headmaster during last year, and also made complimentary reference to the staff.

25th April 1911 The committee, for the Petone West School is:—Messrs. J. Cotton, J. G. A. Castle, Rev. A. J. Seamer, H. R. Johnson, T. Maynard, W. H. Shardlow, E. Morris, A. J. C. Parker, A. Liebezeit. Mr. Bedingfield (headmaster) thanked the retiring committee for the great assistance given him during the year. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded them. At a subsequent meeting Mr. Castle was again appointed chairman. A resolution submitted by the Teachers' Institute Was adopted. The-resolution was in favour of a Dominion scheme of promotion for teachers

25th April 1911 Petone Brough Council Application was made 'by the headmaster of the Petone West School that the borough carts might deposit soil from the road on the playground of the school for filling in purposes. The request was agreed to.

22nd June 1911 At the Petone West School a number of parents and children assembled to witness the unfurling of the flag, run up to the top of a new flagstaff only just erected in the school garden facing the Hutt-road. The pole had been donated by various people. The Gey J Meat Company (through Mr. J. Castle, chairman of the School Committee) presented the top of the staff, and Mr. H. A. Morris, a member of the committee, the remaining portion. The timber for the base was provided by Mr. Hart Udy, while Messrs. Briscoe, McNeil and Co. and Messrs. J. Duthie and Co. gave the wire supports.

After unfurling the flag, the Mayor (Mr. McEwan) briefly addressed the assembled scholars. He said he thought it very appropriate that the committee should have chosen such a memorable occasion for the ceremony he had just performed. The British Empire, he continued, stood for everything that was 'good in civilisation, and every child should be proud to belong to it. They should learn to love their native land, as the Scotchmen loved theirs. He urged his hearers to be loyal in the first place to their town. Petone; loyal, secondly, to their country, New Zealand; and loyal, finally, to their Empire and to their flag. He called for three cheers, for the King, and afterwards all joined in singing a verse of the National Anthem. Mr. J. G. Castle, on behalf of the School Committee, thanked Mr. McEwan for attending. Prior to the ceremony the children were handed the Coronation medals.

27th June 1911 A special meeting of the Petone West School Committee will be held on Thursday night, for the purpose of discussing the resolution of the District High School Committee. "That the Wellington Education Board inaugurate the agricultural course in the Petone District High School from January 1, 1912." The Mayor of Petone (Mr. J. W. McEwan) will speak, and Mr. P. C. Freeth, who has made a special study of the subject, and who has inspected the experiment stations in many countries, has been asked, and has consented, to give his views.

21st July 1911 The Petone West School Committee have given authority to their headmaster, Mr. Bedingfield, to purchase two dozen pines to be planted on the south side of the school to shelter 1110 grounds in cold weather, and also for sun-shelter in the summer. The epidemic of measles has decreased the Petone West School attendance on an average by 100 children in the last two months. Present indications however show an improvement.

30th August 1911 Tenders were accepted as follow — fencing at Lansdowne. J. McArley; grading playground Petone West, McEwan and Carter;

16th September 1911 SCHOOLS' COMPETITION. PETONE WEST WINS THE CHAMPIONSHIP. The public schools' competition was brought to a close yesterday at Athletic Park, when To Aro and Petone West, who defeated Wellington and Hutt Valley respectively, played off. Playing against a stiff southerly, Petone West more than held their own, and had hard luck in not scoring on several occasions. On changing round Petone West became aggressive, and Curtis ran over. A few moments later McALEY scored a try for To Aro, the ball hitting the bar and coming into play again. With just two minutes to go Petone West livened up, and, snatching the ball from a rebound, Riddler ran in from half-way. Nicholls kicked a splendid goal, and Petone West won by 8 to 3. The winners record this

season is: Played 10, won 10; points for, 202; points against, 15.. Mr Kitto controlled the game.

13th December 1911 At the Petone West School the following pupils were presented with certificates this morning : — Proficiency — Norman Brian, Clarence Babington, Matthew Corner, Rupert Curtis, Harold Crawford, James Colquhoun, Harold Nicholls, Leigh Percy, Arthur Price, Llewellyn Price, William Parker, John Riddler, Charles Tasker, Robert Woods, Albert Pere. Esther Bedingfield. Ina Bradley, Vinola Edwards, Mabel Firth, Constance Jones, Merle Jacobson, Emily List, Amy Lockwood, Elsie Maynard, Ethel Reid, Winifred Simons, Irene Sussex, Lily Valentine, and Marjory Wylie. Competency — Daniel Flynn, Frank Gruar, and Gertrude Senior.

The dux of the school was William Parker, and he was presented with a medal donated by Mr. Skelly, of Blenheim.

20th December 1911 Pupil Teacher Transfer Miss Speedy Epuni to Petone West/ It appears that Hortense Speedy went to Wellington Training College instead of Petone West She was at Castlepoint in 1914 and Takapau in 1915

## 1912

1912	353	Petone West	Bedingfield	Douglas S	B1	Head Master	£320.00
1912	353	Petone West	Robertson	David	C1	Assistant Master	£230.00
1912	353	Petone West	Carter	Elsie	C2	Assistant Female	£170.00
1912	353	Petone West	Ogg BA	James	B3	Assistant Master	£145.00
1912	353	Petone West	Cook	Ada M	D2	Assistant Female	£130.00
1912	353	Petone West	O'Brien	Grace E	D4	Assistant Female	£105.00
1912	353	Petone West	Best	Sarah E		FP3	£105.00
1912	353	Petone West	Davis	Annie		FP2	£25.00

18th January 1912 Qualified for Junior free Places at Secondary Schools Petone West; Annie de la M. Thirkell

26th February 1912 About 1200 people attended the annual picnic of the Petone railway workshops, held at Trentham on Saturday. Scholars from the Petone West school held their picnic in conjunction with the workshops people

22nd March 1912 Lana Bedingfield was ordered to pay to the Public Trustee .£10 8s 6d on or before April 4th, in default seven days' imprisonment. [Birth registered as Mary Lina Born to Douglas Bedingfield and first wife Carolina Marianna in 1891]

23rd April 1912 The meeting at the Petone West School was well attended, and considerable interest was evinced in the proceedings. The annual reports revealed a satisfactory position both as regards finances and general work. The attendance during the year had been fairly well maintained. The following g committee was elected: Messrs. Maynard, Shardlow, Cotton, Castle, Parker, Liebezeit, Norm, and Head. At a subsequent meeting of the committee Mr. Castle was re-elected chairman and Mr. Shardlow was elected secretary.

29th May 1912 Wellington Education Board The following recommendations of the chairman and the inspector in regard to Petone West were approved: —If the committee will provide £50, the board to give £100 for the erection of a suitable room in corrugated iron for instruction in science; that additional cupboard accommodation be provided.

29th May 1912 Mr D. Bedingfield headmaster of Petone West School, has been appointed by the Wellington Education Board to succeed Mr Stuckey (promoted an inspector), to take charge of the Saturday class for teachers.

29th May 1912 M E Skelley Petone West resigns

31st July 1912 Speedy (Petone- ' West), Wright {Petone West) Resign

25th September 1912 Wellington Education Board The proposal of the committee of Petone West School to grant £40 for a science-room was approved on condition that at least £10 be provided towards the fittings.

25th September 1912 . At Athletic Park yesterday afternoon Terrace and Petone West met in the final for the Schools' Championship Banner, which was held by the latter. An interesting and fast game ended in a win for Terrace by 17 -points to 3, and although the game was of a much more even character than the score would seem to indicate.

30th October 1912 Wellington Education Board Hamua (residence site)— Mr. Bedingfield granted a three years' extension of lease to December 31, 1918, provided he puts the building into, and maintains it in, order to the satisfaction of the board. [Mr Bedingfield taught at Hamua from 1899 to 1905 and must have used it as a holiday bach/Hamua is on the Main Road between Pahiatua and Eketahuna]

## 1913

1913	345	Petone West	Bedingfield BA	Douglas S	B1	Head Master	£325.00
1913	345	Petone West	Robertson	David	C1	Assistant Master	£235.00
1913	345	Petone West	Carter	Elsie	C2	Assistant Female	£175.00
1913	345	Petone West	Ogg BA	James	B3	Assistant Master	£150.00
1913	345	Petone West	Stanton	Alice J	C2	Assistant Female	£120.00
1913	345	Petone West	O'Brien	Grace E	D4	Assistant Female	£105.00
1913	345	Petone West	Gibb	Muriel E		Assistant Female	£90.00
1913	345	Petone West	Best	Sarah E		FP4	£60.00

26th February 1913 The Petone West School Committee has decided to join with the Petone High School Committee in protesting to the Prime Minister against the discontinuance of free books by the Education Department

1st March 1913 The pupils attending the Petone West School are holding their •annual picnic at the same place in conjunction with the workshops' employees.

3rd March 1913 The pupils attending the Petone West School held their annual picnic on Saturday in conjunction with the workshops' employees, at Trentham racecourse. Over three hundred children attended. The school championship medal was won by C. Davies, E. Tempest second, and W. Dickens third.- The medal given for competition among the pupils of Standard VI. was won by A. Shardlow, F. Cotton being third. [No mention of 2nd place getter]

29th March 1913 With the object of discussing ways and means of completing and furnishing 'the newly-erected science room at the Petone West School, the committee held a special meeting last evening. After some discussion it was decided that a letter be sent to the Education Board drawing its attention to the unfinished state of the science room at present and regretting the committee's inability to provide further funds for completion

29th April 1913 Old School Committee elected again unopposed Messrs Castle (chairman), Maynard, Cotton, Liebezeit, Morris, Head, Johnson, Parker, and Shardlow (secretary)

30th April 1913 Wellington Education Board With regard to an application from the Petone West School for the lining and fitting of the science room—an iron shed at present—the board agreed to allow a £ for £ subsidy up to £70, for the work.

2nd May 1913 Miss Cook, of Petone West School teaching staff, who has received a promotion ! to Brooklyn School, was made the recipient of a writing portfolio, from the teachers and scholars this week.

10th May 1913 The scholars attending Petone West School were yesterday accorded a benefit entertainment, which took the form of a motion-picture show, given by the proprietor of the Mascotte Pictures. A large number attended, and the proceeds will go to supplement the school sports' fund.

19th November 1913 Miss Lauchlan, Miss Crawford, and Miss Braddock, ex-students of the Training College, have been appointed to junior ' assistantships, the two former at South Wellington and the latter at Petone West. ' Catherine Braddock did her Pupil teacher position at Petone West, then had 2 year at Wellington Training college and worked to before 1917 at Petone West on graduating

22nd December 1913 The prizes won at the Petone West School are as follows: — Attendance.—First class certificates: Ivy Andrew, Irene Kelly, William Green, Robert Kerr, Gordon Philp, George Spence, Eileen Dundas, Maude Parrant, Lyndon Parrant, Albert Berry, James Crooks, May Andrew, Olga Calogaras, Euphemia Clarke, Rebecca Lawrence, Lily Dickens, Claude Parrant, Kenneth Usmar, Andrew Warden, Edward Smith, Soften Parrant, James Spence, William Price, Neil Dickens, Matthew Gough, Alfred Dickens, Thomas Jones, Redvers Senior, Elsie Garner, Ada Blakeley, Jack Pollock. Second class certificates; Alex. McFarlane, Roland Parker, Phyllis Green, Nellie McDougal, Esme Woodhead, John Dundas, Norman Lawrence, Guy Nicholls, Charles Dickens, Gladys Curtis, Isabel Lepper, Annie Mason, Mary Pollock, Leslie Bradley, John Garner, Raynor Goddard, Albert Henwood, Harold Henwood, Herbert Lawrence, Geoffrey Nicholls, Harold Woodhead, John Young, Leopold Curtis, Bernice Wyllie, Ella Calogaras, Arthur Burnley, Vincent Bradley, Valentine Hutchinson, William Pere, Evelyn Jones, Alma Clarke, Lily Taylor. Proficiency certificates. Arthur Brace, Wm. Costley, Alf. Dickens, Matthew Gough, Norman Greer, Valentine Hutchinson, Sidney Jones, Thomas Jones, Alfred Osborn, William Pere, John Smith, Redvers Senior, John Shanahan, Claude Smith, Alma Bird, Laura Clarke, Edna Davis, Jane Jackson, Hannah Love, Laura Osborn, Gwendoline Prebble, Mabel Prebble, Anne Stunt, Ruby Smith, Lily Taylor, Alice Rowley, Dorothy Hunter.

Competency certificates. Oscar Greer, John Jackson, Myrtle Busing, Esther Foster, Agnes McDougal, Alice Pickering. Dux of school (awarded the Skelley medal).—Gwendoline Noel Prebble.

## 1914

1914	344	Petone West	Bedingfield BA	Douglas S	B1	Head Master	£335.00
1914	344	Petone West	Robertson	David	C1	Assistant Master	£240.00
1914	344	Petone West	Carter	Elsie	C2	Assistant Female	£180.00
1914	344	Petone West	Ogg BA	James	B3	Assistant Master	£150.00
1914	344	Petone West	Stanton	Alice J	C2	Assistant Female	£130.00
1914	344	Petone West	Haldane	Janet M	D3	Assistant Female	£105.00
1914	344	Petone West	Braddock	Catherine C	C4	Assistant Female	£100.00
1914	344	Petone West	Robinson	Mary G		FP2	£50.00

28th January 1914 Mr Frederick C Mathews appointed as pupil teacher/probationer. In 1914 Frederick Mathews was at Worser Bay School

15th May 1914 While playing in Petone West schoolgrounds, a boy named James Mosely slipped and fractured his left arm in two places. First aid was rendered by the staff, after which the boy was attended to by Dr Wilkins'

20th May 1914 The Horne Memorial-Committee, has decided to-transfer its fund to the headmasters of Petone District High School (Mr. W. Foster) and the Petone West School (Mr. D. Bedingfield ), for investment by them. The annual interest is to be equally divided between the two schools, for the purpose of providing a prize for each, to-, be known as the Horne Memorial Prize. The allotment of ,the prizes is to be left to the discretion of the headmasters of the respective schools.

23rd May 1914 Dr. Elizabeth Gunn's report on school children of the Hutt Valley and other parts of Wellington Province is a very unpleasant revelation of the apathy, carelessness. or thoughtlessness of many parents....."A great many of the children examined and reported on last year in the Petone High School, Petone West, Lower Hutt, and Eastern Hutt Schools had had no treatment

18th June 1914 Wellington Rugby Union Master D. Robertson applied for a football for his club, the Petone West school.—The request was acceded to.

14th July 1914 Petone Borough Council The secretary of the Petone "West School Committee wrote, asking the council to supply the school with shrubs and plants for planting in the School grounds on Arbor Day. The matter was referred to the caretaker of the Recreation Ground.

29th July 1914 Miss G Obrien assistant Petone West resigns.

26th September 1914 There is a bit of a hubbub in Public Schools Rugby Football circles just now. It seems that the Terrace and South Wellington schools have been declared to be equal in the contest for champion-, ship honours. That is all right, but before the champion of the year can be found the leading town team has to play the best of the Hutt Valley schoolboy sides, and the Public Schools Rugby Union, in its wisdom, has left it with the Petone West team, the winners of the Hutt Valley competition, to say which team they prefer to meet out of South Wellington and Terrace.

They have elected to play South Wellington, and a strange position now arises. Should Petone West defeat South Wellington they will be the public school champions for the year, and Terrace, although bracketed equal with South Wellington as far as the town schools are concerned, will not have an opportunity of a try-out with, either of them. It seems to me to be

manifestly unfair to the Terrace boys and is not the sort of logic you would expect to see ' from gentlemen occupying the positions of assistant masters in our public schools.

17th October 1914 Miss M Haldane appointed From 1906-1908 Miss Haldane taught at Upper Hutt. 1909 1910 She would have been training college. She then taught at Dalefield. After her appointment to Petone West in 1914 she was still teaching there in 1923 when my records cease

28th October 1914 Wellington Education Board Approved Petone West : roof, sashes, etc. (painting) £40

7th November 1914 Belgium children relief fund Petone West School £20 2s 11d

14th December 1914 Tender of J E Battersby accepted Petone West Painting'

18th December 1914 At the "breaking-up" ceremony of the Petone West School yesterday the I following pupils received recognition for the year's work: —

Dux of the school — Sydney James Grinstead, winner of the Skelley silver medal. Proficiency certificates^ — L. Bedingfield, N. Brodley," G. Barber, D. Cameron, F. Cometti , M. Leadbetter, M. Nicholls, P. Shaw, N. Smith, C. Walsh, D. Wilson, A. Warden, R. Watson S. Grinstead, R. Morrison, G. Boyd, M. Bessing, A. Clarke, M. Froke, E. Jones, E. Percy, J. Jackson.

Good attendance certificates, first-class — N. Bradley, C. Edwards, M. Leadbetter, S. Parrant, J. Spence, A. Warden, N. Anderson, L. Goddard, J. Clarke, L- Dickens, M. Reid, B. Wylie, C Goddard, C. Parrant, M. Andrews, G. Curtis, R. Lawrence, I. Lepper, L. Aicheson, R. Goddard, J. Crooks, J. Hamilton, G. Spence, R. Lovey, E. Parrant, A. Spence. Second class: L. Bedingfield, G. Boyd, A. Clarke, E. Jones, M. Osborne, E. Adcock, D. Nicholls, G. Prebble, F. Toomath, P. Chudleigh, A. Mason, A Barber, C. Dickens, H. Henwood, H. Lawrence, F. Shepherd, E. Toomath, J. Astwood, A. Hamilton, N. I Edwards, J. Elder, J. Dundas, I. Andrews,' A. Andrews

## 1915

1915	378	Petone West/Side School	Bedingfield BA	Douglas S	B1	Head Master	£345.00
1915	378	Petone West/Side School	Robertson	David	C1	ASS Master	£270.00
1915	378	Petone West/Side School	Carter	Elsie	C2	Ass Female	£190.00
1915	378	Petone West/Side School	Ogg BA	James	B2	Ass Master	£190.00
1915	378	Petone West/Side School	Stanton	Alice J	C2	Ass Female	£140.00
1915	378	Petone West/Side School	Haldane	Janet M	D3	Ass Female	£120.00
1915	378	Petone West/Side School	Braddock	Catherine C	C4	Ass Female	£110.00
1915	378	Petone West/Side School	Robinson	Mary G		FP3	£65.00
1915	378	Petone West/Side School	O'Donnell	Leo D		MP3	£65.00
1915	378	Petone West/Side School	Woodhouse	Iris H		FPr 1	£60.00
1915	378	Petone West/Side School	Morris	Isobel N C		FP2	£45.00

27th January 1915 Probationer Iris H Woodhouse

24th March 1915 When the children of the Petone West School held their' annual picnic this month they unanimously decided to forego the usual race prizes, and to devote the money to the New Belgian Relief Fund. This resulted in £6 15s being available, and that sum has

reached us, through the headmaster, Mr. D. Bedingfield, and has been duly, handed to the Mayo

16th April 1915 Another juvenile bazaar in aid of the Belgian Fund will be held on Saturday afternoon at 79 Fitzherbert Street, Petone, at 2.30 p.m. The youthful promoters are (lie Misses Boyd, Jones, and Chesterman, ex-pupils of the Petone West School

4th May 1915 There was an attendance of about thirty at the Petone West School. The Chairman's report stated that the number on the roll at the end of March 1914, was 375 ; and it was now 412. The school picnic had been held as usual, but the children gave the money that was to have been spent in prizes to the Belgian Fund. This, in addition to the amount collected by the children on 5th November, totalled £30. The finances of the school were in a satisfactory position. The work of the children and teachers was commendable, considering the difficulties under which they were working. The following committee was elected : — Messrs. G. J. Castle 28, J. Cotton 28 H. Johnson 28, G. Parker 28, G. Shardlow 28. H. Morris 26, H. Jay 26 C Kelly 25, H. Head 21. ' " Mr G. J. Castle was elected chairman, and Mr G. Shardlow secretary

15th May 1915 Apart from this, the schools of the Hutt Valley play a separate competition for a silver cup, won last year by Petone West. Most of the senior games will be played on Athletic Park, and the junior at Kelburn Park and "Wakefield Park. In previous years Athletic Park has been the scene of many keen battles, and the Schools Rugby Union would welcome any enthusiasts who have the time and inclination to attend and help to encourage the boys in their sport. Matches are played on Friday afternoons between 3 o'clock and 5. On Friday last a preliminary round was played, and the Management Committee has classified the teams entered as follows: — Senior A — Mount Cook, Hutt Main, Petone Main, Petone West, Newtown, South Wellington, and Terrace.

20th May 1915 Wellington Rugby Union Several schools applied for footballs. Petone West and Mount Cook were each granted two, and Kilbirnie one.

24th May 1915 At the last meeting of the Petone District High School, advice was received from the Education Board to the effect that it has instructed its inspector to report on the whole question of accommodation at the Petone West School, and that it would later deal with the question of providing open air shelter shed, at the Main School.

26th May 1915 The Petone West School was overcrowded, and the recently-built Shannon School is too small for its purposes. These facts were reported to the Wellington Education Board yesterday, and the board decided to ask the Education Department for funds with which to add accommodation to these schools.

29th May 1915 Wounded soldiers fund Petone West School raised £30

5th June 1915 Only one game was played in the senior A competition. Petone West v. Mt. Cook. As on previous occasions, the strength of the Mt. Cook team was chiefly in the forwards. Westwood and Humphries again doing most of the work. Hanson had much of the back work to do and saved well on many occasions. The Petone team deserved their win and are improving each week. Raurangi is their star player. Besides being fast, he handles the ball neatly and knows how to score a try

2nd November 1915 A special made by the scholars of the Petone West and District High Schools on Friday next for the purpose of collecting patriotic funds. Last year the combined efforts of the Wellington, Hutt, and Petone school children resulted in £700 Being raised for

the relief of Belgian children. The Petone schools will be open to visitors from 10.30 a.m. to noon, and from 2 to 3 p.m. Special lessons will be given during the visiting hours calculated to interest visitors, who in their turn will have ample opportunity of showing their appreciation.

17th December 1915 At Petone West, the medal presented by Miss Skelley to the dux of the school, was awarded to Majorie Cook.

The following children obtained proficiency- certificates:— • Laurence Bedingfield, Harry Beynon, Benjamin Carter,- Leopold Curtis, Neil Craig, James Cotter, Edward Hunter, Malcolm Leadbetter, ; Sefton Parrant, William Price, Robert Palamountain, Harold Scott, Kenneth Usmar,' Andrew Warden, William Wilson, John Young, Raymond Johnson, Vera Anderson, Esme Adcock, Leila Blakely, Marjorie Cook, Vera Collins, Cathrine McGowan, Eunice Percy, Gladys Prebbye, Jessie Stunt, Rewa Tovey, Olive Gill.

The following obtained good attendance certificates:— First-class.—Eric Stinson, ,May Dickens, Norman Lawrence, James Crooks, William Grean, John Hamilton,. Alex. Macfarlane, George Palamountain, Geo. Spencer, Rona Elliott, Dolly Sanders, Eileen Toomath, May Andrew, Jessie Rowley, Victor Bertram, Frederick Shepherd , Harold Moseley, Claude Parrant, Eric Edwards, Florie Toomath, Constance Lacey, N. Craig, M. Leadbetter, S. Parrant, R. Palamountain, A. Warden, J. Young, E. Adcock, M. Cook. Second-class.—Albert Andrew, Herbert Aplin, Ernest Elder, John Lock-wood, Ethel Clausen, Ruby Gibson, Victor Edlin, Eileen McLean," Marjory Parrant. Guy Nicholls, William McGowan, Kenneth bough, Oswald Clarke, Eileen McWhirter, Fergus Macfarlane, Lyndon Usmar, Albert Gough, Andrew Hamilton, Robert Kerr, Edna Beynon, Lilian Hunt, Muriel Hitchings, Nellie McDougall. Elsie Parrant. Ivy Wright,. Stacey Hutchinson, Marion Crooks, Herbert Lawrence. Cyril Goddard, Loraine Goddard, Elsie Finch, Edward Hunter, Kenneth Usmar, Catherine M Gowan, Pearl Chudleigh

## 1916-1917

1917	299-131	Petone West/Side School	Bedingfield BA	Douglas S	B-15	Head
1917	299-131	Petone West/Side School	Stephens	James T O	B-58	Assistant
1917	299-131	Petone West/Side School	Carter	Elsie (i)	C-57	Assistant
1917	299-131	Petone West/Side School	Ogg BA	James	B-62	Assistant
1917	299-131	Petone West/Side School	Stanton	Alice J	C-69	Assistant
1917	299-131	Petone West/Side School	D'Emden	Amy I	D-100	Assistant
1917	299-131	Petone West/Side School	Haldane	Minnie	D-89	Assistant
1917	299-131	Petone West/Side School	Davis	Annie E	D-105	Assistant
1917	299-131	Petone West/Side School	Hare BA	Janet C	B-98	Assistant
1917	299-131	Petone West/Side School	Morris	Isabel N C		PT4
1917	299-131	Petone West/Side School	Ogg	Amy A		PT1
1917	299-131	Petone West/Side School	Bird	Alfred W		Prob 1

17th March 1916 Miss C M Maynard appointed assistant Miss Maynard was not listed as teaching anywhere in new Zealand state schools in 1917 but was teaching at Petone West from 1919 to at least 1923

14th April 1916 There being an insufficient number of persons nominated to fill the vacancies in the Petone West School Committee, the shortages will have to be made good by appointments made by the Education Department from persons willing to serve. [Actually to be made by Wellington Education Board]

18th April 1916 At Petone West the following members were elected to the committee unopposed :—Messrs. John Castle (chairman), Henry Jay (secretary), William Shardlow, Henry Morris, John Cotton, H. R. Johnson, and W Bird. It was decided to nominate Messrs. Rowley and Churchhouse for the vacant positions. The meeting recorded its appreciation of the work done by the outgoing committee and the school staff. The headmaster's report showed the roll, number to be 427, against 405 at the end of last year. The school last year was overcrowded, and the committee applied to the Education Board for a grant for the erection of an infant school. This was not obtained, but as a temporary expedient the old Sydney-street High School building was made available and has proved satisfactory. Last year 29 children qualified for proficiency certificates, four for special free places, and one obtained very high marks in a National Scholarship. A pupil who attended the school in 1914 obtained a National Scholarship at the District High School. The boys are proud of their football record. The school having been placed in the first grade obtained third place for the whole Wellington district and won the Samuel Cup for the champion team of the Hutt Valley. Besides sending a large amount of material such as caps, bandages, etc., the children have collected £82 17s 5d for patriotic purposes.

19th April 1916 The Petone West committee reported that during the year 186 children had been admitted and 164 withdrawn, leaving a roll at the present time of 421. Towards the end of last year the school became decidedly overcrowded and the department suggested that, as a temporary expedient, the building in Sydney street formerly used, as a High School should be put under the control of the Petone West School Committee and used for the purpose of accommodating some of the classes. The committee approved the suggestion and took control of the building. The school had now ample accommodation for the children attending. The headmaster reported that the school as a whole was in excellent working order and that the various class teachers were carrying out their duties faithfully and efficiently. The reports of the inspectors show that exceptionally good work was being done in all classes. At the end of last year twenty nine children qualified for Standard VI. proficiency certificates, four for free places, and one obtained a national scholarship, gaining very high marks. Great interest was taken by the teachers in the athletic sports of the children. Swimming classes were conducted by the teachers during the summer months. At the end of the season 44 children qualified for swimming certificates. The meeting placed on record its appreciation of the work done by the committee and the school staff during the year. Messrs J. Castle, H. Jay, W. Shardlow, H. Morris, J. Cotton, H. R. Johnson and W. Bird were elected members of the committee. It was decided to nominate Messrs Rowley and Churchhouse for two vacant places on the committee. The headmaster (Mr Bedingfield) gave a short address reviewing the year's work. He thanked the committee for their hearty co-operation in carrying on the work of the school.

19th April 1916 A very successful practice of the songs to be sung at the unfurling of the Railway flag at Petone on Anzac Day was held this morning. Nearly 1000 children from Petone High., Petone West, Convent, and Koro Koro Schools were present, under the

conductorship of Mr. Foster, and . everything points to the singing of the children being a pleasant feature of the function. . A meeting was held at the Railway Workshops yesterday, and was addressed by Messrs. Sherwin and H. Moore, when final arrangements were made for the ceremony. The railway employees have been granted half a day's holiday on pay, so that they might all be present. ,The platform for the speakers has already been erected, and the children's stand will be built on Easter Monday.'

11th December 1916 Following are the proficiency, competency, and attendance results of the Petone West School.—

Proficiency. Leslie Aitchinson, Hector Bird DI Bedingfield, Alfred Burnley, Leopold Curtis, John Potter, James Churchouse, line Edwards, Charles Putter, Lorraine Goddard, Ernest Jones, Eric McVicar Harold Moseley, James Newell, Geoffry Nicholls, Leslie Ogg, Claude Parrant, Edward Tovey, Ronald Usmar W T Wilson, W. J. Wilson, James Watson Alfred Wakefield, Esme Adcock M ' Bissing, J. Cometti, Nellie Collin, Gladys Curtis, Elsie Finch, Doris Jacobson Dorothy Nicholls, Gladys Prebble, Gertrude Simons, Eleanor Simons, Florence Toomath, Bernice Wylie, Lilian Woodhead. - '

Competency. B. Nesbit, C. Goddard, L. Bradley, H. Smith.

Attendance. Leslie Ogg,- James Churchouse, Lorraine Goddard, Claude Parrant, Florence Toomath, Dorothy Nicolls, Marjorie Busing, Esme Adcock, Eric Edwards, Victor Bertram, Keith Cook, Thelma Davis, Anne Mason, John Craig, Seymour Bell, Frederick Shepherd, May Andrew, Ruby Miller, Agues " Lacey, Marion Crooks, Euphemia .Clarke, Lyndon Usmar, Fergus Macfarlane, Edwin Kelly, Elsie Parrant, Ivy Andrew, Willie Edwards, Phyllis Green, Alice Price, Edith Rowley, Isabel Stewart, Madeline Stapples , Lance Churchouse, Fred Lusty, Alice Williamson, Stanley Prebble, William McEwan, Guy Nicholls, Agnes Spence, Eileen McWhirter, Irene Kelly, Leslie Andrew, George Ninness, Eva Andrew, Vera D'Arth , Marjory Parrant, Lena Steffensen, Joy Vuglar, James Cotterell, Arthur Chudleigh. "Roy Chudleigh, Fred Lovey, Esther 'Hammond, Mavis Kelly, Olive Ninness. Connie Sheppard, Eric Stinson, Ernest Elder, Maurice Chevin. Connie Philp, Molly Evans, Ethel Clausen, Ellen Beddie, Sydney Saunders, Edgar Ninness, Bert Fleet, Bay Fisher, Ray Brown, Albert Andrew, May Armstrong, George Palamountain Rona Elliot, Eileen Toomath, Grace Arflet. Alec McFarlane, Reginald Prebble, George Spence, Andrew Hamilton, John Hamilton, William Green.

11th December 1916 The dux of the Petone West School for 1916 was Harold Moseley. who wins the Skelly medal

15th January 1917 Wellington Education Board WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD. TENDERS for plumbing work, etc., in A fitting up closets and connecting with drainage system, Petone West School, will be received at the Education Board Office up to Noon of FRIDAY, January 19th, 1917. [Up to this stage it appears the toilets would have been emptied by the Night Cart workers]

6th February 1917 Miss J C Hare appointed. Started teaching at Kilbirnie in 1913 In 1915 1916 she was at training college and was at Petone West until at least 1923

9th February 1917 The children of the Petone West School contributed £1 5s in pennies to the fund for providing a treat for the boys on H.M.S. New Zealand

17th April 1917 Petone Borough Council he Petone West School wrote thanking the council for the loan of 100 books for the school library.

16th April 1917 Miss A Lockwood probationer resigns

1st May 1917 The householders present at the Petone West School Committee meeting numbered about 80. The report stated' that the finances of the school were in a good position, and that-in the year the children had given liberally to patriotic funds. The prize money of the picnic fund, amounting' to £12 12s., was given to patriotic work. There were 17 nominations for; the committee and the following were elected:— Chairman, Mr J. G. Castle (re-elected) ; secretary, Rev. Angus McBean ; committee, Messrs. H. Jay, H. Shardlow, J. Cotton, H. Morris, H. Pickard, J. Thompson, and J. Fraser.

10th August 1917 Miss A E Davis appointed From Taita School

31st October 1917 Miss L O'Donnell resigns

20th December 1917 PETONE WEST

Dux of school and silver medal, Wey. mouth Keith Cook.

Proficiency. Victor Bertram, Alan Blakeley, Seymour Bell, Leslie Bradley, Keith Cook, Raymond Carter, John Craig, Lennox I Clark, Roy Dixon, Charles Dickens, Robert Elder, Eric Edwards, Rayner Goddard, Cyril Goddard, Frederick Jones, E. Jones, Jas. Kerr, Alex. Millward, Carlyle Rodger, Robert Simons, Fredk. Sheppard,, William. Simpson, Reginald Uren, Harold Woodhead, William Wilson, Beatrice Andrews, May Andrew, Euphemia Clark, Marion Crooks, Nellie Carter, Nancy Craig, Thelma Davis, Mina Davie, Marjory Futter, Irene Gardner, Daisy Home, Myrtle Hunter, Mabel Jollands, Agnes Lacey, Ruby Philp, Grace Parrant, Jessie Rowley, Evelyn Stubbs, Jean Withington, May Wellington.

Competency. Frederick Brace, John Humphrey, Susan Aitcheson, Evelyn Johnson. Ruby Miller, Vena Matson, Anne Mason, Mary Polloc, Cora Scott.

Attendance Certificates. Keith Cook, Victor Bertram, Seymour Bell, Charles Dickens, Rayner Goddard, Cyril Goddard, James Kerr, Carlyle Rodger, Frederick Shephard, May Andrew, Marion Crooks, Agnes Lacey, Ruby Miller, James Crooks, George Spence, Stacy Hutchinson, Reginald Prebble, Andrew Hamilton, Albert Chudleigh, Terence Evans, Walter Finch, Archibald Barber, John Hamilton, Alexander Macfarlane, Robert Tovey, Madeline Stupples, Elsie Parrant, Ivy Andrew, Rita Adshead, Alice Price, Fergus Macfarlane, Ronald Parker, Norman Lawrence, Robert Kerr, William McGowan, May Dickens, Dulcie Nicholls, Irving Rodger, Agnes Spence, Doris Toomath, Jean Vicars, Maurice Chevins, Alan Collin, Gordon D'Arth, Ernest Elder, Edgar Nannes, Gilbert Simpson, Ellen Beddie, Molly Evans, Eileen Lusty, Edith Parrant, Maud Rebay, Alan Murtagh, Albert Andrew, Victor Edlin, Taylor Love, Esther Hammond, Mildred Jackson, Olive Nannes, Shephard, Lena Steffensen. Lilian Rebay, Clifford Hammond, Eva Andrew, Marjorie Parrant, Cora, Vicars, George Nannes, Alec Rodger, Leslie Andrew, Lucy Steffensen, Cranston Barnett, Mabel Parrant.

## 1918-1919

1919	321-163	Petone West/Side School	Bedingfield BA	Douglas S	B-13	Head
1919	321-163	Petone West/Side School	Stephens	James T O	B-45	Assistant
1919	321-163	Petone West/Side School	Carter	Elsie (i)	C-55	Assistant
1919	321-163	Petone West/Side School	Ogg BA	James	B-61	Assistant
1919	321-163	Petone West/Side School	Stanton	Alice Jane	C-67	Assistant

1919	321-163	Petone West/Side School	Haldane	Minnie	D-87	Assistant
1919	321-163	Petone West/Side School	Hare BA	Janet C	B-93	Assistant
1919	321-163	Petone West/Side School	D'Emden	Amy I	D-97	Assistant
1919	321-163	Petone West/Side School	Davis	Annie E	D-97	Assistant
1919	321-163	Petone West/Side School	Dagger	Noeline	D-105	Assistant
1919	321-163	Petone West/Side School	Maynard	Carmelita M	D-105	Assistant
1919	321-163	Petone West/Side School	Cooper	Nora Mrs		Assistant
1919	321-163	Petone West/Side School	McHardie	Alcatha O		Probationer 2
1919	321-163	Petone West/Side School	Lockwood	Amelia		Probationer 1
1919	321-163	Petone West/Side School	Ogg	Amy A		PT2

16th January 1918 Junior National Scholarship Weymouth Keith Cook finished 5th in the National Scholarship for the Wellington Education Board district

9th February 1918 Miss N Dagger appointed Noeline Dagger was at Kilbirnie from 1914-1915 and she was not at Petone West by end of 1921

20th February 1918 S O'Brien tendered for asphaltting at Petone West

26th March 1918 Petone Borough Council Mr. D. Bedingfield, headmaster of the Petone West School, wrote with regard to the purchase of new books for the local school's circulating library, suggesting that the books be procured as soon as possible.

28th March 1918 The following children attending the Petone West School qualified during the season for swimming certificates issued by the N.Z.A.S.A. : 100 Yards— Grace Asplet, Kitty Casey, Rangī Churchouse, Eva Dundas, Eunice Donkin, Constance Long, Ruby Miller, Floriana Pickering, Ida Te Puni, Elmlen Wellington, Ellen Walters.

220 Yards—Elsie Brown, Louis Davies, Albert Gough, Hapi Love, George Palamountain, Mary Pollock, Norman Scoringe, Jean Withington, Richard Cullum.

440 Yards—Richard Coutts, Oswald, Clark, Keith Davies, Robert Kerr, Harold Townsend. \*

880 Yards—Alan Clark, Robert Jones.

23rd April 1918 There was a representative meeting of householders at the Petone West School last evening- The annual report stated that the attendance at the school was increasing rapidly. In 1915 the average attendance for the year rose to 401 with the result that at the beginning of 1916 the grading of the school was raised from 5 to 6. The average attendance for 1917 was 430 and the average number 456. For the first, quarter- of the present year the average attendance was 483 and the average roll 524. The inspector's reports were most favourable. Good results had been obtained at the examinations. One boy (Keith Cook) won the Junior National Scholarship, and the silver medal presented by Mr Skelly, of Auckland, to the dux of, the school. During the year patriotic work had been undertaken with success. The finances showed that the year commenced with a credit balance of £102, and £114 was received as capitation allowance. A number of improvements had been made, and the credit balance in hand amounted to £59 18s 6d.

The following were elected a committee: —Messrs J. G. Castle (chairman), J. Cotton, H. J. Heyward (secretary), H. C. Jay. A. McBean. H. A. Morris. G. Parker. W. H. Shardlow. and J. Thompson.

The following resolutions were carried unanimously : This meeting of householders is of opinion that with a view of obtaining, the best type of men and women as teachers, the remuneration paid to young people just entering the teaching profession should be increased.

This meeting of householders is of opinion that in many of the schools of the Dominion the number of pupils taught by one teacher is too great and that the staffs of the schools should be increased so as to allow of the reduction of the number to a maximum of 40.

Seeing that the establishment of private and sectarian schools tends to perpetuate class distinctions and sectarian differences, this meeting of householders is of opinion that nothing should be done by the Government to encourage the establishment of such schools and that, therefore, scholarships provided from the public funds of the Dominion should be tenable only at public secondary schools.

24th April 1918 Additional reports of householders' meetings for the election of school committees are as follow :—

At Petone West the annual report stated that the attendance at the school showed a considerable increase. The average attendance for 1917 was 430. Last week the average attendance was 504, so that there was a prospect of the school being classed in Grade VII. next year. Forty-four children had qualified for proficiency certificates at the annual examination in December, and one boy, Keith Cook, succeeded in winning a Junior National Scholarship. During the year a piano had been purchased for the main school, and additions had been made to the museum and the school library. The asphaltting of the playground was being carried out. The balance sheet showed a credit of £59 18s 6d. Other particulars of the meeting were published yesterday

14th December 1918 PETONE WEST

The following Standard VI, pupils of the Petone West School have gained certificates Proficiency.—J. Ashman, G. Asplet, A. Barber, K. Darter, A. Chudlejgh, K. Davies, C. Dickens, T. Evans, W. Green, A. Hamilton. J. Hamilton J. Humphrey, S. Hutchinson, R. Jones, A. Macfarlane, A. Mills, A' Millward, L. Murtagh, G. Palamountain, J. Pollock, B. Prebble, F. Sanders, Fred Senior, .Q. Spence, W. Tatterson,. J. Williams, Susan Aitchison, Edna Beynon, Dorothy Gibson, Muriel Hitchings, Constance Long, Merlyn Lowry, Vera. Matson, Ruby Miller, Mary Pollock, Florence Sanders, Cora Scott, Antes Wilson, Jean Withington. .- .

Endorsed Competency Certificate,—A. Devine, J. Crooks, Eunice Donkin. Competency Certificate.—A. Clark, W. Finch, V. Philp, R. Tovey, E. Toomath.

Promoted to Standard VI.—N. Ashman, L. Churchouse, I. Churchouse, A. Gough, R. Kerr, N. Lawrence, H. Love, F. Lusty, G. McKeown, T. Martin, F. McFarlane, R. Parker, C. Philp, N. Scoringe, N. Smith, V. Tovey, L. Usmar , I. Andrew, G. Asplet, R. Ackhead. T. Barrow, R. Boyd, K. Casey, E. Coldbick, E. Dundas, K. Gardner, I. Jones, E. Logan. J. Little, D). Miller, L. Morgan, h. McDougul , E. Nuttall, H. Pickering. E. Philip, A: Price, E. Parrant, E. Rowley, M. Ross, R. Sims, V. Unwin, D. Wilson, E. Walters.

Promoted to Standard V.—Cr. Ashcroft, R. Ashman. E. Beasley. E. Blacker, O. Clarke, P. Clutterbuck,' L. Fletcher, F. Henwood, W. Jay, F. Jackson, J. Merrilees, W. McGowan, B. McKeown, F. Milner, G. Milne, G. Nicholls, H. Parker, S. Prebble, I. Rodger, H. Symons, W. Smith, A. To Puni. F. Wilkinson, M. Aplin. E. Brace, P. Brough. M. Churchouse, I. Cowie,. M. Dickens. L. De Lissa, N. Edwards, M. Fitzsimmons, E, Hamilton, I. .Jones. M. McIlvride, E. McWhirter , U. Nichols S. Stokes. A. Spence, E. Sullivan, D. Toomath, I. Te Puni, G. Valler , E. Wellington, G. Wheeler, K. Davis.

Promoted to Standard IV.—H. Aplin, W Ashcroft.. R. Brown. M. Cook, T. Clarke, S. Campbell. M. Chevins, H. Clarice, A. Collin, A. Chudleigh, G. D'Arth , B. Fleet, R. Fisher, W. Gibson, K. Gough, L. Hislop, S. Hislop, H. Hodson H. Hanson, A. Jones, J. Lockwood, R. Love, A. Murtagh, E. Ninnes , E. Pickering, A. Paternester, S. Symons, G. Simpson, A. Sharon, S. Taylor. E. Taylor, J. Tannerhill, J. Trash, P. Warren, K. Wakelin, P. Armstrong, A. Adshead, R. Anderson, E. Beddie, E. Broughton, I. Butterworth, W. Caley, E. Clausen, M. Delissa, L. Ellicock, M. Evans, E. Fowke, R. Gibson, I. Heyward, S. Jenkins, R. Logan, E. Lusby, L. Mills, D. Nesbit, E. Parrant, C. Philip, S. Pomeroy, M. Rebay, G. Morrison, E. Stinson, V. Sullivan, G. Usmar

Further names not copied

17th February 1919 Malcolm Leadbeater, the candidate who gained the highest marks in the National Scholarship for the Wellington district, is a Petone boy. He gained his primary education at the Petone West School^ and has latterly attended the Wellington Boys' College.

5th March 1919 Yesterday afternoon the annual swimming tests held in connection with the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association were carried out at Petone. As the weather was fine and the water calm the competitors were afforded an excellent chance of displaying their prowess. The following competitors' from 'the Petone West' School qualified for certificates:—880 Yards—Hapi Love, Robert Kerr; 600 Yards—Oswald Clarke, Lance Churchouse ; 440 Yards— Ralph Love, Louis Davies; 220 Yards—Tom Martin, James Crooks, Kitty Casey, Eunice Donkin, Grace Ashplit; 100 Yards—Mona Fitzsimmons , Grace Usmar, Harry Reynolds, Lyndon Usmar, Geoffrey McKewan , Atui te 'Puni, Frank Clutterbuck, Will Gibson

15th April 1919 The annual meeting of the Petone West school district householders was well attended. Mr. J. G'. Castle presided. The report for the .year (read and adopted), stated that the attendance had increased from 430 in 1917 to 492 in ]918. .[he increase in attendance, together with an alteration in the regulations relating to the grading of schools, placed the school in the highest' grade (Grade VII). The report of the inspectors on (lie school was most favourable, and their concluding remarks were.: "The •good. influence of . the headmaster is a strong feature.-of 'this school and has a marked effect on its tone. Mr Bedingfield was loyally supported by a hardworking and. conscientious staff.

The silver medal presented lo the 'dux' of the school each year by Miss Skelley was awarded to Alexander Millward.';

The committee had lately brought the matter of suitable accommodation for the infant classes- of the school, before the Education Board and asked that an up-to-date infant school be erected close to the main building. The committee considered that there was not room in the present schoolground for the erection of a building without encroaching unduly ,on the playing area, and that consequently extra ground must be acquired. Alternative proposals were under consideration. ' One was to acquire the native land to the east of the present school building, and the other was .to acquire the whole of the Jackson Street frontage, so that the grounds would extend right through to Jackson Street.

Sympathetic ' reference 'was made to the death of Mr. D. 'Robertson, who was for so long connected with the school.

Ten nominations were received for the committee, but: at the meeting Mr. J. Cotton withdrew his nomination on account of 'business' pressure, and the following were elected, committeemen 'for the ensuing year—Messrs.' Boyd, Head, Shardlow, Thompson, Morris, Castle, Jay, Parker, and Heyward.

6th June 1919 Wellington Automobile Club The Petone West School wrote thanking the club for putting up sign posts warning children to look out for motors at each end of the ground attached^ to the school.

22nd July 1919 Children's Day at Petone was marred to some extent by the bad weather, but it would have taken much to have damped the ardour of the children. After assembling at their respective schools the pupils from the Petone. West and Koro Koro Schools marched to the Empire Theatre, and those from the District, High School and the Catholic School to the Grand Theatre where patriotic meetings were held. - Short -addresses were delivered by the Hon. T. M. Wilford and, the Mayor. (Mr J. W. McEwan) at the conclusion of which the children at the suggestion of the Mayor took part in an impromptu concert. At 12 30 o'clock as each child left the respective they were given sweets, nuts and fruit. In the afternoon the children again assembled and marched to the picture theatres, where they were entertained by a free screening of pictures

10th September 1919 Mr. Wilford (Hutt) is asking the Minister of Education if the Education Department has yet acquired the land necessary for the extension of the Petone West School; and, if such land has been acquired when is it proposed to authorise the necessary sum for additions to the school buildings, the necessity for which has been admitted by the Education Department and the education board for the district.

19th September 1919 NAVY LEAGUE GATHERING A MEMORABLE OCCASION,  
A very interesting-and to the residents of -Petone a memorable-gathering took place at the Grand Theatre yesterday afternoon, when the Petone District High School, the' Petone .West School, and the Koro Koro School, were presented with Blue Ensigns- on the occasion of each school obtaining one hundred or more new- members for the Navy League The Petone schools had succeeded in obtaining over 400 new members in less than one week. , . There was a good attendance of children and the public at the theatre, and Mr D McKenzie, chairman of the Petone District High School Committee, presided.....

3rd October 1919 The question of extending the Petone West School site for the purpose of providing an area upon which to erect additional school accommodation is under consideration by the Government

22nd October 1919 Pupils of the Petone schools yesterday afternoon attended a matinee at the Grand Theatre, where appropriate naval pictures were screened. Addresses were given by the Mayor (Mr. J. W. McEwan) and Mr. C. N.. Haslam, and a letter from the secretary of the Wellington branch of the Navy League concerning the distribution of badges to school members of the league was read. Mr. McEwan also announced the names of the successful candidates in connection with the trades alphabet writing competition, held recently, as follow. Petone West: Standards V and VI—Violet Unwin, Norman Ashman. Standards III and IV—Maurice Cook, 1; Gladys Daniel, Mildred Rising, highly, commended.

1st November 1919 Pupils of the Petone West School were asked to .give a written account of what happened on the day on which the school, was presented with a flag from the Navy League, and for the best essays prizes were offered by Mr. T. M. Wilford, M.P. The prize-

winner are now announced as, follow:—Standard VI.: Mavis Ross 1, G McKeon 2. Standard V.: Irene Cowie 1, Ida Jones 2. Standard IV. : E. Ninnes I, R. Love '2.

19th November 1919 ASSAULT ON A TEACHER PETONE RESIDENT FINED,

A case which excited some interest in Petone was heard to-day before Mr. E. Page, S.M., when Alice Ann Jones was charged with assaulting Mrs. Cooper, a teacher of the Petone West School, and also with creating a disturbance before the scholars. Evidence showed that Mrs. Jones took exception to her child being punished; and visited the school and insulted and struck the teacher on several occasions before the scholars. According to the evidence of the headmaster (Mr. D. S. Bedingfield) "and the assistant master, (Mr. J. T O. Stevens), Mrs. Jones was a source 'of terror to the lady teachers, and action would have been taken earlier, except that the lady teachers were loath to appear in Court.

In her defence, Mrs Jones denied striking Mrs. Cooper, but admitted pushing her The Magistrate said that the position ' was quite intolerable and could not be allowed to go on. Defendant had her I proper remedy if the child had been unfairly punished. She would have to find a bond for £25 for twelve months that she would not again "interfere with Mrs. Cooper and pay 28s costs within seven days; and on the charge of abusing the teacher in the presence of the children would be fined £1, with 28s costs.

Mr Hislop appeared for Mrs.[Nora] Cooper and the Education Department.

30th November 1919 The charge laid against Mrs. Alice Ann Jones, .of having assaulted Mrs. Cooper, a teacher of the Petone West School, was laid by the Education Board, not the Education Department, as might be inferred from our report of the case

16th December 1919 PETONE WEST. Proficiency.—N. Ashman, A. Clark, A. Davie, L. Davies, T, Evans, H. Love, F. Lusty, G. McKeown, F. Macfarlane, H. Reynolds, N. Smith, R. Tovey, L. Usmar, Grace Asplet, Ellen Coldbeck, Eunice Donkin, Hilda Gardner, Janet Little, Mavis Ross, Edith Rowley, Hazel Simpson.

Endorsed Competency.—L. Churchouse, J. Crooks, T. Martin, R. Kerr, Vivian Philp, Violet Unwin.

Competency.—W. Finch, V. Tovey, Dorothy Wilson, Eva Philp, Doris Miller, S. Kelley.

Winner of medal for Dux pf School: G. McKeown Winner of Home Memorial Prize :R. Tovey. Winners of prizes for most popular boy and most popular girl :R. Kerr, Millie Carter. Winners of Mr. T. M. Wilford's prizes for Essays on the Navy League gathering on 18th September last: Standard VI., Mavis Ross 1, G. McKeown 2; Standard V., Irene Cowie 1,- Ivy Jones 2; Standard IV., E. Minness 1, K. Love 2.

## 1920-1921

1921	322-168	Petone West/Side School	Burnes MA	John C	B	Head
1921	322-168	Petone West/Side School	Manning	William A	D	Assistant
1921	322-168	Petone West/Side School	Ogg BA	James	B	Assistant
1921	322-168	Petone West/Side School	Carter	Elsie (i)	C	Infant Mistress
1921	322-168	Petone West/Side School	Stanton	Alice Jane	C	Assistant
1921	322-168	Petone West/Side School	Haldane	Minnie	D	Assistant
1921	322-168	Petone West/Side School	D'Emden	Amy I	D	Assistant
1921	322-168	Petone West/Side School	Hare B	Janet C	B	Assistant

1921	322-168	Petone West/Side School	Davis	Annie E	D	Assistant
1921	322-168	Petone West/Side School	Hansen	Ingeborg M	D	Assistant
1921	322-168	Petone West/Side School	Roberts	Gladys V	D	Assistant
1921	322-168	Petone West/Side School	Maynard	Carmelita M	D	Assistant
1921	322-168	Petone West/Side School	Black	Sholto		Probationer 2
1921	322-168	Petone West/Side School	Ralph	Edith L		PT2
1921	322-168	Petone West/Side School	Parsons	Elizabeth R		Probationer 2

28th January 1920 Wellington Education Board Petone West grant and remainder at £6 per foot [As printed]

4th February 1920 Petone West had 182 members of the Navy League

3rd March 1920 "I want to pay a special tribute to the way the Petone police deal with young offenders. They are always very loth to take drastic measures, and always consult the schoolteachers before doing anything," said Mr. D. S. Bedingfield, headmaster of Petone West School, at Petone last evening.

31st March 1920 Miss Catherine C. Braddock, who received her education at Victoria, University College,- Wellington,- is at Newham College,' Cambridge, - having been awarded the Post-Graduate Scholarship in Arts from the New Zealand University in-order to go abroad to : continue her studies in psychology and philosophy Previously she had been' a teacher for some years in the Petone West School, . after obtaining her degree in the secondary' department of' 'Petone "District. High School. , Miss Braddock has lived' in various parts of New-Zealand, including' Nelson,' Picton,. Kaikoura, and' Christchurch, so that interest will be taken in New. Zealand in seeing some of .the early, impressions., of life at Cambridge formed by this student, who arrived in England with her mother, sister, and a cousin, in the ..middle of last year. Mrs. Braddock has-gone, to live, at Rotherham, Yorkshire, where her daughter is doing well with a Montessori preparatory school which she has' started there.....

Taught at Petone West 1909 to 1911. Then two years away was back at Petone West in 1915 and by 1917 was at Petone DHS with a MA degree

14th April 1920 The Petone West School Committee has been informed by the Wellington Education Board that the Native Land Board has sanctioned the. purchase of frontages on Jackson Street and Hutt Road for the extension of the school site, and that plans for a new infant school would be prepared as soon as a grant was made by the Education Department. The letter also stated that any parent having a .child attending the school was eligible for election to the School Committee , whether residing within the boundaries or not. The headmaster (Mr. D S. Bedingfield) has congratulated the committee on securing the site for the extension of the playground, and states that when the infant school has been erected, and the grounds put in order, the Petone West School would compare favourably with any other in the Dominion.

14th April 1920 According to the headmaster's report submitted at the last meeting of the Petone West School Committee, the number on the roll at the date of the last report was 519, number admitted during past four weeks 23; number withdrawn, 10; average attendance, 489. present roll, 532. The. honours board, on which is recorded the name of the dux of the school each year; was stated to be not Quite up to date, the entries, for 1918 and 1919 having yet to be made. As the meeting was the last at which the present committee would attend the

report took the opportunity of thanking them for the courtesy and assistance that had been extended the headmaster and staff during the committees term of office.

29th April 1920 There was a fair attendance at Petone West. The committee elected was as follow: — Chairman, H. Jay; secretary. H. Hayward; committee, Messrs W. Clarke, H. Johnson, H. Morris, G. Reynolds, W Shardlow. J. Spence, and J. Thompson. - It was resolved that representations be made to the Education Department that the time was now opportune for the purchase of school requisites in bulk

9th June 1920 The monthly meeting of the Petone West School Committee was held on Monday evening. The headmaster (Mr. D. S. Bedingfield) reported that the number on the roll at the date of his last report was 535; admitted during past four weeks, 12; withdrawn, 15; . average attendance, 442; present roll, 532. On an average 90 children had 'been absent daily, and that was due, no doubt, to the fact that influenza and whooping cough were prevalent just now. Two pictures, presented by Mrs. Bradstock, 'end two South Sea Island mats. the gift of Mr. A. Webb had been received.

24th June 1920 Miss N Dagner resigns

6th July 1920 PROTEST BY WEST SCHOOL COMMITTEE. The following resolution was passed by the Petone West School Committee last night: "We strongly protest against the action of the Education Board in selecting the site for the college on the Woburn Estate against the wishes of the delegates of the various school committees and ask that the whole question be reopened."

4th November 1920 Mr J. T. O. Stephens has been appointed headmaster of the Roseneath ' School. Mr Stephens, who is at present first assistant at the Petone West School,- has had eleven years' teaching experience, and has been in the employ of the Wellington Education Board since 1913. In 1912 was at Weber school in the Hawkes Bay Education Board

30th November 1920 Miss G V Roberts assistant Petone West Gladys V Roberts was at Paraparaumu in 1919 and Sole Teacher at Takapu School with 9 pupils in 1923

17th December 1920 EXAMINATION RESULTS. At the Petone West School (headmaster, Mr AV. Bedingfield) prizes were awarded as follow :

Standard VI.—Dux medal: Edward Blacker. Horne Memorial prize: Keith Stephens. Mr Goddard's prize, most popular boy: Roy Aldrich; , Mr. Goddard's prize, most popular girl: Mavis Churchouse. Mrs Hyde's prizes for improvement: Oswald Clark, Ida Jones, May Dickens. Mr Ashman's prizes for special merit: Horace Symons and Dulcie Nicholls. Mr Stephens e prizes for diligence: John Merrilees and Catherine Merrilees.

Committees prizes for conduct: -Standard VI.: Lance Churchouse and Rita Boyd. Standard V.: Edgar Ninnes, Ellen Beddie. Standard IV.: Wyler Fleet Jo Vulgar, Olive Ninness. Standard lit.: George Ninness, Zena Coldbeck. Standard II.: Walter Bilby, Evelyn Blakey. Standard I.: Marjory Ford, Arthur Wyatt, and James McCarkill. Special attendance prizes (5 years): Standard VI. : Ivy Andrew. Standard VI .: Ellea, Beddie. Standard IV.: Albert Andrew.

#### PROFICIENCY.

As a result of the recent examination, certificates have been gained by Standard VI. pupils as follow: Proficiency certificates— Roy Aldrich, Ronald Ashman, Edward Blacker, Lance Churchouse, Oswald Clarke, John Cunningham, Alexander Davie, Arthur Foote, Roy Ford, Francis Henwood, Eric Jacobson, Walton Jay, Ronald Lord, Fergus Macfarlane, William

McGowan, Bernard McKeown, Thomas Martin, Guy Nicholls, John Patten, Stanley Prebble, Irving- Rodger, Kenneth Smith, Keith Stephens, Horace Symons. Victor Tovey, Ivy Andrew, Rita Boyd, Phoebe Brough, Dora Campbell, Mavis Churchouse, May Dickens, Nellie Edwards,-Ida Jones, Eileen McWhirter, Dulcie Nicholls, Eva Philp,, Alice Price, Agnes Spence, Dorothy Wilson, Esme Woodhead.

Competency certificates—William Asplet, Eric Cropp, Ben Jones, John Merrilees, Walter Smith, Catherine Merrilees.

8th February 1921 A meeting of the householders connected with the Petone West School district was held last evening to arrange a presentation to Mr. J. T. Stephens, who has recently been promoted from his previous position at the Petone West School. The Chairman (Mr. Jay) and the Headmaster of the school (Mr. D. B. Bedingfield) spoke very highly of the work done for. the children by Mr. Stephens, j Mr.- Bedingfield- emphasised the fact that Mr. Stephens was not content merely to serve during school hours, but took a keen interest in the students in their sports and other matters not directly associated with the school work., A strong committee-was set up and a canvass of the town arranged. The function, which will take the form of a social/gathering, will be held on the 21st inst.

18th February 1921 Appointed Miss A J Stanton fourth assistant Petone West

22nd February 1921 he Oddfellows' Hall, Petone, was too small to hold the large assemblage of citizens who met last evening to do honour to Mr. J. T. O. Stephens, lately first-assistant master of the Petone West School, and now headmaster at Roseneath. Mr. Jay, chairman of the Petone West School Committee, presided, and during the evening presented to the guest, on behalf of the parents, scholars, and the committee of the West School, a handsome ; gold , watch. . ''

The Mayor, Mr. J. W. McEwan, said Mr. Stephens had proved a good citizen; he had done his work in helping to make good citizens of the children. He hoped the children would always think highly of their late teacher. Mr. Stephens was worthy of the honour done him, and he wished him every success.

A telegram, from Mr. T. M., Wilford, M.P., was read, in which he said that "Petone was losing a real educationist." ' . , . -

Mr. D. S. Bedingfield; headmaster of the Petone West School, said it gave him the greatest pleasure to see a large gathering to honour a teacher. It seemed like the beginning of a new era, when people began to see the importance of the teacher, who needed the backing and the sympathy of the parents. There was a new spirit in the schools to-day, and teachers were now endeavouring to enter into the life of the children and understand them better. Mr. Stephens was' a type of the modern teacher who took pains to understand the individual children under him..

; Mr. D. McKenzie, chairman of the District High School, said Mr. Stephens had for many years been connected with the District High School, and the committee had never regretted its choice.

Mr.' 07 N. Haslam, headmaster of the District High School, remarked that he had been struck with; the loyalty of the Petone West present and past scholars to Mr. Stephens, and said he was delighted by such loyalty.. Loyalty to the home, ' loyalty to the school, took pains to understand each individual child under him.

Mr. Stephens, who was received with rounds of applause, in a brief and witty speech, sincerely thanked the people for their kindness. •

Mr. J. Piper moved a vote of thanks to all who had assisted in making the gathering a success, including all the ladies and, the pianist, Mrs. Pollock. He remarked that the refreshments had been for the greater part prepared by the children.

During the evening Mrs. Stephens was presented with a handsome bouquet by Miss Eileen Wiggins. Opportunity was taken of the gathering to present the dux of the school, Master Edward Blacker, with a silver medal. The presentation was made by the Mayor.

The following items were contributed mainly by scholars :—Overture, Miss Molly Evans; chorus, "Hearts of Oak," scholars; recitation, Bruce Fleet; songs (2), Miss Evans; duet, Phyllis Armstrong and Molly Evans; dance, Eileen Wiggins; song, Mr. Manning; part song, "Floating," scholars; dance, Dorothy Ramsey and Ruby Gibson; dialogue. "Deaf (Mrs. Brown's Blunders)," four young ladies; duet, Kitty Casey and Phyllis Green; song, Connie Philp; pianoforte duet. Misses Carter and Robertson; song, Master Jack Pollock (encored) ; song Miss Joyce Marris.

Mr. D. S. Bedingfield remarked that the gathering was not only to honour Mr. Stephens, but to welcome the new teacher, Mr. Manning. Mr. Manning responded.

4th March 1921 PETONE WEST SCHOOL. The following children attending the Petone West School have qualified for swimming certificates issued by the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association: -50 yds: William Wyatt, Alfred Jones, Gilbert Simpson, Arthur Sharon, Connie Phillip, Venla Jacobson, Ruby Gibson, Esther Hammond, Emily Kreyll, Phyllis Armstrong, Rene Philp, Agnes Stone, Una. Broughton. 100 yds: Arthur Foote, Kenneth Gough, David Silbery, Maurice Chevin, Edith Parrant. 220 yds: Edward Taylor, William Gibson, William Childs. 440 yds: Victor Mountford. 1 mile: Ralph Love. Love's mile swim was an exceptionally fine performance for so young a lad. He swam steadily throughout without changing his stroke, and came out of the water looking in no way exhausted. Half an hour after his swim he was playing in a cricket match on the recreation ground.

13th May 1921 By invitation of the headmaster of the Petone West School, Mr. D. S. Bedingfield, the parents of the scholars had an opportunity yesterday afternoon of studying present-day methods of teaching, and also of inspecting their children's work. The Petone West is one of the more modern of schools, and differs vastly from the dreary, dingy buildings of over a score of years ago. The rooms are even without the furnishings pleasant to the eye, and are clean, sanitary, well lighted, and well ventilated. The school staff has, however, made many improvements, the walls being hung with artistic pictures, which must be an inspiration to the scholars. Around the walls are placed continuous blackboard, and these are all decorated with specimens of crayon sketches by the children, supplemented by water-colour drawings on paper. The word "decorated" is used advisedly, as even in Standard I. the work shows extraordinary promise, the modern method of teaching drawing from actual objects rather than by copying being evidently quite superior". Visitors to-day were informed that all the sketches had been done either from objects or purely from the imagination. Among the object drawings, flowers and fruit predominate, and among those drawn from a picture on the train, are a varied selection, such as a set dining, a table, a clothes line hung with clothes, ships, engines, landscapes, etc A favourite method with the teachers is to tell a story and ask the children to illustrate it, "Among many striking pictures was one which covered the whole end of one room, the background of which was sky and rolling hills, while in the foreground was a wonderfully executed Norman castle, with a stone

bridge across a ravine, before which was a drawbridge. A knight in armour on horseback and a foot-soldier are seen by the castle. The picture, which shows the result of history lessons, is purely a work of the imagination, and was done by two cousins named Love, belonging- to Standard IV. Another exhibit which caused much favourable comment. was a series of paintings of full rigged ships by an ex-scholar •named J Maurice Cook. The writing and arithmetic exercise books, which were also displayed, showed a high state of efficiency. The visitors were privileged to listen to a most meritorious concert from the children, one little girl being evidently a student of elocution. Mr. Bedingfield was pleased with the result of the experiment of having a visitors' day, finding it a great incentive to the children

18th May 1921 Wellington Education Board Petone West,' urging the provision of a new infant department of five rooms

16th July 1921 [Re Rugby League] The arrangements for the curtain raiser to the Canterbury-Wellington game (postponed) were so far forward when the Basin was taken from the League that it was impossible to have it postponed. It was played on the Newtown Park prior to the City-Petone game, and resulted in. the visiting team, Kaiapoi (Christchurch) defeating the Petone West's by the small margin of 11 to 10. Both teams of fine, hefty boys (third grade) played a good, fast game, and are to be congratulated on their showing. There is not much chance of the League code going to seed with such fine young players coming forward. During their visit the Kaiapoi boys were entertained at a concert by the Petone Club, the lady supporters of the home team giving very valuable assistance at the function. A return game will be played at Kaiapoi towards the end of the season.

23rd July 1921 Mr. D. S. Bedingfield, headmaster of the Petone West School, has been offered the position of headmaster of the Petone District High School, now vacant through the resignation of Mr. C. N. Haslam. It is understood that Mr. Bedingfield will accept the 'offer

28th July 1921 Petone West: Headmaster, £450-£480; £60 H.A [Housing Allowance because there was no residence for the Head teacher supplied]

18th August 1921 Speaking at the farewell function to Mr. D. S. Bedingfield, headmaster of the Petone West, School, last evening, Mr. T. M. Wilford, M.P.. said : "Looking through the schools in Canada, I saw children living in one of the best climates in the world. There they have fine buildings—very fine buildings— but there is a. lack of playing area:. The children here to-night are not only a credit to the place, but a credit to the teachers, and I have never seen cleaner, healthier, and better -behaved children than they. Too much credit had, asserted the speaker, in the past. been given. to the colleges, but, as the master or mistress placed his or her impress on the child, they, to his mind, were the ones to. whom the credit was due.

19th August 1921 FAREWELL TO MR. D. S. BEDINGFIELD. For the purpose of bidding farewell to Mr. D.' S. Bedingfield, headmaster of the Petone West School, who has been transferred to a similar position at the District High School, a large number of parents and children gathered at the Oddfellows' Hall on Wednesday evening, . . '

- Mr. H. Jay (chairman of the West School Committee) presided and associated with him on the platform were Mr. Bedingfield; Miss Beryl Bedingfield, and the member for the district, Mr. T. M. Wilford.

Mr. Wilford, who was warmly greeted, expressed his thanks for the invitation to be present: Mr. Bedingfield"\\ was an old friend of his, and he would have been sorry indeed if the

occasion had passed without him being present. Recently, proceeded. the speaker, the Wellington Education' Board had taken away more than one of the teachers s the children had loved, and while that, of course, was a matter for credit, they could not, at the same time, help regretting the fact that those who had done so well with the children, those who had come to understand their peculiarities and idiosyncrasies, should be removed to other 'spheres. But, he observed, on the road' of promotion there was no rule. The, gathering that evening amply testified to' the parents' appreciation pi Mr. Bedingfield's services. \*. In handing the departing headmaster- a handsome gold watch;" Mr. Wilford expressed the hope that his life would be a happy one. "And," he concluded, "I feel- quite sure that Mr. Bedingfield will not disgrace the- high position to which lie has attained." (Applause.)

Miss Bedingfield was the recipient of a pretty bouquet.

Mr. Bedingfield, in his reply, said: "I find it very difficult on occasions such as this to say exactly what is' on my mind, but I want, you all to understand how much I appreciate your action in affording me so much pleasure." He had commenced teaching when he was (14 years of age and had been in the profession ever since. He felt that he/had now realised his ambition; and he could assure them that it would spur him on. The Petone West had been a successful school, and the speaker knew he had 'many debts to acknowledge. To the parents of the children he would proffer his thanks and appreciation, and also to the boys and girls who believed in their school. He owed a debt of gratitude to his staff for their assistance, and he would thank also past teachers, particularly the late : Mr. D. "Robertson, one of the makers of the school. He had to thank, too, the committees and the old pupils.

During the evening a bright programme was submitted,' among contributing items being the following:— Pianoforte solo, Miss Mollie Evans; songs. Mrs.' Piper, Misses Evans (2), and Connie Philp, Messrs. Cotton, and Manning, Masters J. Pollock, B. Parker, Noel Robinson, and part songs by the pupils of the various standards; recitations, Miss Irene Bradstock and Master Robert Gardner; fancy dances, Misses Eileen Wiggins, Ursula and Hazel Brown, Mildred Riling and Hilda Jackson.

12th October 1921 Mr. J.C .Burns, M.A., has been promoted from, the position of headmaster of the Karori School to that of the Petone West School.

22nd December 1921 Dux and Medallist.—Ellen Beddie.

Horne Memorial. —Irene Bradstock.

Most popular girl and boy (Mr. Goddard's prize).—Edith Parrant and Bruce Fleet; Standard VI., Herbert Edmonds (Mrs. Hyde's prize); Standard V., Wyler Fleet (Mrs. Hyde's prize), and Gladys Mills; Standard IV., Francis Hastings and Avis Elliott; Standard III., Nancy James and Alexander Lindsay; Standard II., Phyllis Thornton and Roy Harrison; Standard I, Otto Jacobson and Violet Lusty; Standard Ib, Alick Rock and. Thora Jenness.

Temperance Essay.—Irene Broadstock and Norman Hannah.

Proficiency.—Iris Butterworth, Ellen Beddie, Irene Bradstock, Molly Evans, Edith Fowke, Doris Fishburn, Ruby Gibson, Eileen Lusty, Agnes McCaskill, Catherine Merrilees, Doris Nesbit, Connie Philp Edith' Parrant, May Robertson, Annie Reynolds, Hilton Clark, Herbert Fleet," Alan Collin, Norman Hannah, Edgar Ninness, Arthur Sharon, Herbert Edmonds, Bruce Fleet, Stanley Hislop, Ralph Love, Gilbert Simpson.

Endorsed Competency.—Leah Mills, Raymond Brown, William Gibson, John Lochwood.

Competency:—Phyllis Armstrong and Maurice Chevin.

### 1922-1923

1923	324-173	Petone West/Side School	Burns	John C	B-51	Head	£490.00
1923	324-173	Petone West/Side School	Manning	William A	D-99	Assistant	£383.00
1923	324-173	Petone West/Side School	Ogg	James	B-120	Assistant	£375.00
1923	324-173	Petone West/Side School	Gorman	Annie	C-111	Infant Mistress	£343.00
1923	324-173	Petone West/Side School	Stanton	Alice Jane	C-114	Assistant	£333.00
1923	324-173	Petone West/Side School	Haldane	Minnie	D-149	Assistant	£293.00
1923	324-173	Petone West/Side School	D'Emden	Amy I	D-175	Assistant	£253.00
1923	324-173	Petone West/Side School	Hare	Janet C	B-179	Assistant	£215.00
1923	324-173	Petone West/Side School	Campbell	Kate Mrs		Reliever	£203.00
1923	324-173	Petone West/Side School	Maynard	Carmelita M	D-195	Assistant	£195.00
1923	324-173	Petone West/Side School	Coull	Jessie A	C-210	Assistant	£185.00
1923	324-173	Petone West/Side School	Halliwell	Marguerite O	D-226	Reliever	£126.00
1923	324-173	Petone West/Side School	Clougher	Ethel S		PT1	£113.00
1923	324-173	Petone West/Side School	Williams	Lionel F D		Prob 2	£83.00
1923	324-173	Petone West/Side School	Callender	Roselyn V		Prob 2	£78.00

13th January 1922 Irene Bradstock achieved a pass in the Junior Scholarship Examinations

14th January 1922 Part of a long article included A meeting was held in' the Petone West School of representatives of the School Committees of the Hutt Valley on 29th August last to protest against the action of the Board of Governors, and the following resolutions were passed:—(1) That this meeting of the Hutt Valley School Committees protests against the Hutt Valley School children being excluded from the Wellington College; and (2) that this meeting strongly urges the Education Department to at once proceed with the building of the High School.

22nd February 1922 Elizabeth R Parsons resigned. Only taught at Petone West as a probationer for the Wellington Education Board prior to 1924

26th April 1922 Report on Anzac Day included Perhaps the most impressive services held in connection with the celebration in Petone were those by the school children. At 9.30 the children of both the main school and Petone West assembled and held short services. For some weeks past the children had been practising the hymns, and yesterday morning their voices gave full vent to the rendering of such hymns as "O God, Our Help," "Hark, Hark, My Soul," and "God Save the King." The effect was splendid, and the children who had been instructed in what Anzac meant, "seemed to put their little hearts and souls into the inspiring words. The Mayor made an interesting speech, and reminded-the children that Anzac stood for all that was noble and brave

28th April 1922 Wellington Education Board The grant of £165 for additional conveniences to the Petone West School was approved,

28th April 1922 The Petone West meeting of householders carried unanimously the resolutions forwarded by the School Committees' Association and , Education Institute.

The following were elected the committee :—Mrs. C. M. Fox, Messrs. C. J. C. Parker, David Wood, J. W. Greenwood (secretary), J. Spence, W. Clark, H. A. Morris, W. H. Shardlow, A. G. Steffensen (chairman).

‘19th July 1922 There was a large attendance at a "social held under the auspices of the Petone West School Committee at the Oddfellows' Hall on Monday. The euchre tournament proved most successful, although the accommodation for cards was limited. This will be remedied, as it is intended to hold these pleasant evenings regularly during the winter months. Mrs. Riggs and Mr. Hagen. were the euchre prize-winners. Dancing was much enjoyed also, and a good supper served. The committee hopes to establish a reserve fund, which will be applied to the purposes of improving tile school grounds, a picnic, and sports fund. It is hoped that all parents and citizens generally will assist this good effort.

15th November 1922 Re Petone main school housing was this about the Price's building used by Petone West as a side school and wanted by Petone Main back for their use: But for the war conditions it is certain that the long overdue infant department would have been completed at Petone West, and Price's Buildings would then-have been available for the relief desired, but, alternatively, the time is approaching .when a third school must be erected on the Wilford site in Eastern Petone.

14th December 1922 PETONE WEST

Prize List.—Dux and gold medallist: Olive Ninness. ' Standard' VI. John Lockwood (Horne Memorial). Standard V.: Avis -Elliott and Keith . McGavin . Standard IV. (girls): Nancy James 1, Olive Edmonds 2. Standard IV, (boys): Alex. Lindsay 1, James Burrowes 2. Standard III.: Boy Harrison and Dorothy Ninness.. Standard II. : Raynor Jones and Gladys Morris. Standard I.: Alan Corby and Myra Johnson. Primer. classes; Unis Swaseland, Olga Bain, Daphne Johnson, Jack McLean , Jack Wass, Jack Martin, Most popular boy and -girl (Mr. Goddard's prizes): John Lockwood and Iris Smith. Attendance (Miss Hyde's- prizes): Albert Andrew (seven years without being absent), May Merrilees (five' years without being absent). One-hundred and twenty-four attendance certificates were gained.

Proficiency Certificate:—Boys : William Childs,' Maurice". Chevin, William Fleet William' Gibson, Eric Heppleston, ; Cecil Isaacs',-, Malcolm Jollands, Warwick Lindof, John Lawrence, John Lockwood, Gordon Pye,. ' George Smith, Ernest Smith, Eric Slack, Cecil-Valler. Girls; Ada Adshead, Cecilia Anderson, Gertie Galliers, Esther -Hammond,- Ivy Heyward, . Vaudla Jacobson', Emmaline Kreyll,' Leah' Mills,.. Gladys, Mills,.: Olive ;Ninness, Mildred Rising, Helena Steffensen, Joy-Vuglar Endorsed Competency, Certificates.— : Boys : Raymond Fisher, Charles Galliers, Herbert I'Anson , Herbert Russell. Girls : Lena Buckland, Doris Johnson, Connie Ramsay, Agnes Green.

Competency Certificates. —= Vernon Ackroyd, Eileen Little.

16th January 1923 The Education Board intimated to the Petone Borough Council last evening that, under protest, it was paving the special rates levied 4 'on the land recently purchased for extending "the Petone West School area. The board considers it was not liable for the payment of rates, and it is understood the matter will presently be tested in the Supreme Court. The amount of the rates is £70

8th March 1923 Reference-s to the services rendered to the' Petone West School by Mr. W. H. : Shardlow, who is leaving for a tour to the Australian States, was made at the monthly meeting of the committee. Mr. Shardlow has been associated with the committee's activities

since the inception of the school, having at different periods served as chairman and secretary.

1st May 1923 At Petone West the following committee was elected:—Messrs. A. Steffensen (chairman), J. W. Greenwood (secretary), H. A. Morris, D. Wood, W. Clarke, G. G. Harris, J. Longman, H. Saunders, and Fox.

26th June 1923 The Leader of the Opposition gave notice of a question : "Whether the Minister of Education will see that a grant is made this year for the erection of a district high school at lower Hutt, and for addition to the Petone West School.

19th July 1923 The Minister of Education (Hon C J Parr) informed Mr- T- M. Wilford (Hutt) that he proposes. to place before Cabinet the matter of a high school at the-Lower Hutt. Mr. Parr says that he does, not think that additions to Petone West school are a matter of first urgency, as .Prices building, in which the infants are accommodated, is not unsuitable for the purpose.

14th December 1923 The Petone West End School was established in 1909, at a time when the Main School had become seriously overcrowded. The new school is housed in a modern brick building facing the Hutt road, but the site is rather cramped and arrangements have been made for the purchase of more ground to give the school an outlet to Jackson street. The attendance at the commencement was, 320, but this has now grown to upwards of 600, and the school finds itself short of accommodation. One of the classes is located in a galvanised iron shed, while the infant school is held in a separate building in Sydney street. The first headmaster was Mr. D. S. Bedingfield, now headmaster of the Main School. He was succeeded after his appointment to that position by Mr. John Burns, who has now under him a staff of fifteen. The school this year will be school championship [Sic]of the Hutt Valley The final with the Eastern Hutt School will be played next Tuesday.

19th December 1923 PETONE WEST SCHOOL

to the Editor

Sir. I have just read with much interest the Petone. section of to-nights Post Short article on Petone West School, however, there are several statements that I should like you to correct, mainly for the reason that otherwise the board and the Department will probably hold me responsible for them As a matter of fact, I had nothing to do with the published account. This school has an outlet to Jackson street. The fine section bordering on that street belongs to the board, and before long we hope to have an up-to-date infant school erected thereon. The playing area is not cramped. I don't know of any city or suburban school that has better. We are not short of accommodation but hope soon to be. The "galvanised iron shed" is a solid structure specially fitted up as a science room, and used for science lessons ,only. No class uses the room permanently. The average attendance is upward of 500.—I am, etc.,

J. C BURNS, Headmaster.

22nd December 1923 The annual "breaking-up" ceremony of the Petone West School took place on Thursday afternoon in the presence of a\_ number of parents and interested visitors. Mr. Longman (acting-chair-man), assisted by Mrs. Fox and Mr. Saunders, members—of the committee, presented .the prizes and certificates. .The "last-year" scholars were-appropriately addressed by the headmaster (Mr. "J. C. Burns, M.A.), Rev. McKenzie and Messrs. Ransom and Lowe, who spoke to them upon living the lives of good citizens, to

ultimately becoming men and women to bring high credit upon the- school in which they received their training. The following is the prize list:—

Dux and gold medallist, Avis Elliott; top boy of school (Horne Memorial), G. W. Bull; most popular" girl and boy in Standard VI. (C. Goddard's prizes), Thelma Inch and Edward Taylor; top boys and girls in Standard 1a, Jack Holmes, Eileen Jones; 1b , George Bevan, Valerie Edwards; II., Clyde Fahy, Mary Stirling; III., Raynor Jones, Vera Burns; IV, Leslie Wood, Dorothy Ninness,; Va, Jack Howe, Nancy James;\_ Vb Malcolm Robb, Adeline. Price; Preparatory;- Classes, Francis Townshend, John Longman, Edna Normans, Gordon Alexander, Kirry Rowe, Leonard Jenness, Shirley Packard,, Cyril McKay. Mr. J. W. Longman's prize (for service to staff), Alex. Jackson.

Proficiency Certificates.—Jeffery Armstrong, Raymond Boyd, George Bull, Robert Gardner, Clifford Hammond, Nelson McArtney, Keith McGavin, Frederick Mills, George Ninness, Ruby Belsham, Una Broughton; Edna Burns, Jean Gardner, Ina Godwin, 'Agnes Green, Marjorie Fleet, Beulah Fisher, Avis Elliott, Thelma Inch, Irene Philp, Ellenor Johnson, Phyllis Ramsay, Alice Robb, Elizabeth Walsh.

Endorsed Competency.—Herbart Nuttall, Frederick Tovey, Helen Burton, Mavis Ianson, Margaret Robb,. Eileen Sharon, Iris Smith.

Competency.—David Heron. .