

Taratahi West often referred to as West Taratahi but I will refer to as Taratahi West as this is what was commonly used in the later years

Taratahi West: 1895-1966 The Taratahi East and West schools were along way apart, especially as the Clareville School was also called Taratahi No 1 school in its early days. On Chester Road 11 kilometres from Masterton after going up Norfolk Road past the JNL timber mill



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Buildings

Part Section 394 Tiffen Block Area 2 acres 1 Rood 35 Perches

Area 525 Sq Meters. Same at 31/1/51

Residence Built 1913 5 rooms Area 857 square foot. 2 bedroom building

Porch added 1934 for £91-10-0

1891

29th July 1891 Mr. W. B. Allen, of Taratahi West, wrote for certain information relating to opening a school at that place. The Secretary was instructed to furnish the desired information. It was also resolved that Mr. Lee, the Inspector, should visit the locality, and report to the Board as to the requirements of the case. PP

1894

30th May 1894 It was also decided to open a school at West Taratahi, and the Board pledged itself to contribute £100 to the cost of erecting a building. PP

25th July 1894 Regarding the erection of a school at West Taratahi, the Board decided to call for tenders when the certificate of title to the land has been obtained PP

29th August 1894 The Chairman was empowered to accept the lowest- tender for the West Taratahi School PP

1895

6th March 1895 Mr J. Hopwood, whose contract at £105 was accepted for the erection of a Board's School at Taratahi West, is making good progress with, the work. When opened the school will prove a boon to the children of the settlers scattered around the district, who at present have to travel four or five miles to the Clareville School PP

13th March Opened this school with 23 children. Charles C Hubbard. *(See Turanganui Notes)*

24th April 1895 A request was made that the Board should take over a new school at Taratahi West, and it was decided that the school must be opened as an aided school, and if the attendance is maintained the Board will take over the school. PP.

10th May 1895 Mr. C. C. Hubbard has been appointed by the local committee to take charge *of the new aided school at Taratahi West, which opens on Monday next.* PP

27th May 1895 Messrs Leo and Fleming, Board School Inspectors, have arranged the following itinerary : — Mr. Fleming — West Taratahi, 29th inst. PP

29th May T R Fleming inspector visited the school today and found 23 children present. Two are apparently under five years of age. Their names must be removed from the roll. I classified the children.

The room is suitable for a schoolroom, well lighted (sic) and commodious. The windows require blinds. I understand from Mr Hubbard that the Committee intend very shortly to supply the school with water. The pit in the outside offices is not deep enough. The other conveniences such as fences etc can very easily be allowed to stand over for a little until funds allow for their erection

In writing the upright copies may be used, but one style must be adhered to- In class subjects the classes may be grouped. Physiology may be taught to all Standards and object lessons (preparatory to Physiology) may be given to the Junior Classes In recitation Goldsmith's Deserted Village may be used in standard 3,4,5,6, but if the books are not procurable pieces may be taken from the class readers

I passed two children in standard 1 but the others are not yet ready for the Standards they are now working in. T R Fleming

A cupboard would be very useful for the teacher.

7th June Examination report of West Taratahi

Standard	Presented	Passed	Present
6	2	0	2
5	3	0	3
4	3	0	3
3	1	0	3
2	3	0	3
1	3	2	3
Primers			7

The school was opened by Mr Hubbard two weeks before my visit. I classified the children and arranged the work for the year. The roll

number must not contain the names of children under five years of age. The building is well lighted and very suitable for a school room. The pits in the offices (*Toilets*) require to be deeper. Mr Hubbard informs me that arrangements would be made for a water supply

27th July Received from Whitcombe and Tombs 1 weaving frame, 2 mats 660, 1 mat 629, have yet to receive 1 dozen needles, 1 diagram Japanese plaiting, 2 sticks, 2 joints as per Mr Dorset's order of 3rd June. Have written to Mr Dorset (Secretary Wellington Education Board) to that effect

4th September First Grade examination. Boisterously wet. A holiday therefore was granted by School Committee . 2 candidates sat

12th September 1895 A teacher is required for the Taratahi West aided school, PP

25th September 1895 To await the Inspector's report before deciding upon the removal of the teacher at Taratahi West PP

4th October Weekly Average 18.12 Several children sick, more or less

30th October 1895 and to take over the West Taratahi aided school in due course. PP

31st October Received yesterday. 1 dozen weaving needles, 1 diagram paper plaiting, 2 sticks, 2 joints

29th November Teacher indisposed School closed have advised School Committee and Wellington Education Board

1896

27th January. Opened school today 18 out of 24 children present

Last entry of Mr Charles Hubbard 21st February . Mr Hubbard went to Coonoor School, out North of Makuri in the Bush area without notice,

29th January 1896 Consideration of the question of taking over the Taratahi West School was deferred until next meeting. PP

24th February list of Appliances in Taratahi West School when taking temporary charge

10 Dual Desks, 1 Teachers chair and desk , 2 blackboards with easels, 22 ink wells, 5 maps, 8 reading sheets, 1 abacus, 3 daily registers (1 filled), 1 summary attendance register, 1 log book, 1 admission register, 1 globe, 2 tripods, 2 spirit lamps, 1 clock and key, 1 weaving frame, 1 bell, 1 modulator, 19 Riley's drawing sheets (9 mounted), 4 educational reports, Blank forms (Quarterly and Monthly returns), 1 packet absence notices, 3 packets kindergarten mats, 1 blank and 1 filled timetable form, few materials for object lessons, 1 dozen needles and 4 diagrams for mat weaving , 2 boxes joints and 2 packets sticks for stick building, 1 bottle methylated spirits.

Isobel A Burnett

1902/1590	Isobel Alexandra	Burnett	William James	Knell
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1957/33357	Knell Isobel Alexandra	85Y
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Born About 1872 Therefore about 24 when started at Taratahi West In 1892 and 1895 Isobel A Burnett was teaching at Westport Boys School as a Female Pupil Teacher

MARRIAGE.

Knell— Burnett.— On 15th January. 1902, at St. Andrew's Church, Wellington, by the Rev. C. S. Ogg M.A., William James, eldest son of the late Rev A. Knell,, to Isobel Alexandra (Ella), oldest daughter of the Rev. Henry Brown Burnett, of Wellington. Wairarapa and West Coast papers please copy

24th February Took temporary charge of school today. Former teacher left on 21st. Found school in order. On the roll 11 girls and 14 boys; total roll number= 25. Bad attendance due to wet weather. Present only 7 boys and 5 girls, total 12

11th March Began practices of songs with the children attending school for the purpose of obtaining a school library, Concert to be held about Easter. Practice held at chairman's house

17th March Holiday given by chairman for St Patrick's Day

25th March Very wet day. Only being few children here did not count the day as a school day

30th March Another very wet day. Attendance bad. Did not count it as school day, but kept the school open

31st March end of quarter Average attendance 11 boys, 9 girls. total 20

10th April Attendance for week girls 88, boys 72. Total 110. School open six times. Average attendance 18.6. Unceasing wet weather now for over three weeks. Number on Roll 26

17th April Notes of inspectors visit included

- a) Recitation fair Only. Nearly all the children spoke quickly and indistinctly . particular care should be taken to make the enunciation clear and distinct. The vowel sounds, the letters h and g, and the dental sounds at the end of words were slurred over by nearly all. Expression too was wanting
- b) Drill Not yet taught, The whole (boys and girls) might be taken in Swedish drill, the girls omitting the leg exercises, and in time clubs or poles might be taken
- c) Singing, Taught only since Miss Burnett took charge a few weeks ago

- d) Needlework Taught only since Miss Burnett took charge
- e) Comprehension of the language of the reading lessons: Very moderate. This part of the syllabus has been neglected, the children should understand something of the matter of the poems they are learning and of the lessons they are reading.
- f) Grammar, very weak, the upper standards knew nothing of analysis. At first particular attendance might be given to analysis in Standard 5 and Standard 6 and detailed parsing taking later on as the children progress.
- g) In Standard 4 and Standard 3 the analysis of the simplest sentences might be taught, although not prescribed in the syllabus, as grammar is taught best through analysis
- h) Geography. The subject also was very weak. Only one candidate in Standard 6 seemed to know anything. Last year I advised the late teacher to group the classes as allowed by regulation 18 of the syllabus. From the examination I cannot state whether this has been done, as the children are weak in the geography of their own country
- i) I would advise Miss Burnett to group Standard 4,5,6 in Standard 4 work... New Zealand etc.(Vide Syllabus)
- j) History also weak. Here I strongly advise Miss Burnett to group Standard 4,5,6 together Whatever period be taken, the lessons given should be illustrated and connective and a few biographies of leading men of the period should be given
- k) Science- physiology has been moderately taught. This may be continued as I understand Miss Burnett wishes to teach the subject. A good text book for the teacher to use is Murche's Animal Physiology published by Blackie for 1/-

- l) Object lessons should be give (twenty given twice during the year will be satisfactory) of an interesting and scientific character. They should be taught by actual experiment and observation and should be preparatory to the science programme. Object Lessons and How to Give them (Ricks- 2 Volumes) or Murche's Object Lessons in Elementary Science are recommended for reference
- m) Lessons should be given on moral subjects such as Truthfulness, Gentleness etc, these lessons can be illustrated by stories which will form subjects for composition
- n) Mental Arithmetic Very Weak.. A programme is given in the Inspector's circular notes but as the children are very backward the upper Standards should at first be taken in the work set for Standard 3 and 4 and then later on the work for Standard 5 and 6 may be taken. The children are so backward that it will
- o) The Standard 3 and 4 programme must be thoroughly learnt (In mental arithmetic) and a little might be done with fractions and decimals. A lesson should be given every day
- p) The reading showed a want of comprehension
- q) Writing was weak in the lower classes and moderate in the upper classes
- r) Of the 15 children presented in Standards, seven failed in spelling, three were weak passes and only two had no mistakes
- s) The 2 children in standard 6 were excellent in drawing, but they learnt their drawing in other schools one at Newtown and one at Clareville
- t) Arithmetic has been taught too much by rule alone.

- u) The primer class was weak in all its work
- v) Taken as a whole the school is in a very low condition, and it will take more than a years hard work to bring it to an excellent condition, but with care and attitude much may be done in a year
- w) The discipline has not been as strong as should be and to make teaching effective must improve
- x) Miss Burnett who took charge before Easter is in no way responsible for the present state of the school
- y) There should be a t least two readers in every class and I would recommend that a library be established as soon as possible as the children are very backward in general knowledge

T R Fleming

23rd April School open 8 times. Inspectors holiday being given
27th April Received from Chairman, box of slate pencils, bottle of ink, foolscap paper and blotting paper

Examination Results included

Standard	Age			
	Year	Months		
6	14	10	Susannah Hopwood	
	15	10	Bertram Reid	Passed
5	14	8	Jessie Allen	
	14		Leonard Gaskin	
4	11	11	Ethel Gaskin	Passed
	13		Rhoda Hopwood	
3	11	9	Robert Reid	Passed
2	12	3	Ethel Wilmhurst	Passed

	8	8	John Gaskin	Passed
	11	7	Walter Kempton	Passed Std. 1
	10	8	Christopher Wilmhurst	
	14	3	Claude Wilmhurst	Passed
1	12	5	Charles Blake	Weak
	10	4	James Blake	Weak
	8	9	Leslie Reid	Passed

1st May On two days this week there were less than half the number of children on the roll present

29th May Weather cleared. Attendance improved 25th a holiday, anniversary of Her majesty's Birthday. Average for week 18. On roll 22

Examination report as presented included additional to comments written by Mr Fleming on the day

This school was opened in May Last Year. Some of the children had not been to school previously and others had been absent from school for some considerable period. They were consequently very weak in their classwork when Mr Hubbard took charge of the school. Considering this these subjects (Spelling, arithmetic, composition etc) may be describes as fair

Mr Hubbard resigned before Easter. Miss Burnett is in temporary charge

26th June Boisterous weather all week. Heavy rain Creeks flooded so that some of the children have been unable to come all week. Average for week 11.4 Roll 22. On four days the attendance less than half the number

27th July In accordance with request made by me to the Committee two ventilators were placed in school. Shelves also to hold the children's books and slates were erected

30th July Very bad weather only 1 child attended today, so dismissed the school

4th August Received supply of quarterly and Monthly returns from Board. Also Board regulations

2nd September First grade examination in drawing held today. Presented four to be examined in freehand, Two in Standard 5 and two in Standard 4. The chairman Mr Allen acted as supervisor

4th September Average attendance 10.6 On roll 23

2nd November Very stormy weather attendance under half roll

30th Sept 1896 It was decided to obtain further information re fencing at West Taratahi PP

1896 November 1896 Requests for a school at Brownstown, for gates to the Scarborough school site, and for fencing the Taratahi West grounds, were left in the hands of the Chairman PP

4th November School closed until Tuesday. Two days holiday for Wairarapa Show. School open 6 times Average for week 14.8

10th November reopened school Yesterday holiday because of Prince of Wales Birthday

13th November Good attendance School open 8 times. Average for week 18.7 On Roll 21

14th November Received report of drawing examination. Out of four candidates presented in freehand two passed. Jessie Allen, Standard V and Rhoda Hopwood Standard IV

2nd December Closed school tonight on account of elections. School to be used for purpose of voting. Average for week 20 On roll 24

10th December Well sunk in playground. No water available till now except what the children carried from a distance

17th December Broke up for Christmas vacation. Children's picnic to be held tomorrow Average 19 On roll of 22 .

1897

20th January Reopened school with 23 children on roll. One readmitted. Attendance fairly good

25th January Opened school but was compelled to close again on account of indisposition

1st February Very wet Attendance under half

5th February Attendance bad all week. One family removed back into bush only elder children able to attend. Average attendance 13

18th February Resigned charge of school to Miss Nott, have been working according to Inspector's instructions in grouping of standards.

Standard V and VI are grouped for reading in Standard 6 book

The children have been taken through the years programme in all subjects. Standard II and III have been grouped for mental arithmetic and Standard IV, V and VI in the same subject This mental for Standard 6 I have been compelled to make very simple, commencing after examination last April with Standard 2 work and gradually working up to what is required for Standard

The lessons given in animal physiology will be found prepared in an Exercise which I am leaving for guidance of teacher. The Object lessons for lower standards have also been taken from Much's lessons in elementary Science Book 1 Isobel F Burnett

18th February 1897 A TEACHER is required for the West Taratahi School, average attendance, 20; salary, £70. Applications to be sent to this office, on proper forms, not later than Saturday, 20th inst. A. DORSET, Secretary PP

18th February Took temporary charge of school on February 18th. Miss Burnett was here and opened school as usual, leaving about an hour afterwards the attendance was good. 13 boys 7 girls Roll no 23 Emily A Nott

24th February Weather showery for the last two days. Only three girls present each day.

3rd March Attendance very fair. The fencing of the playground is being done

5th March School closed at two O'clock this afternoon to give me time to catch the afternoon train to Wellington

8th March Opened school this afternoon on my return from Wellington. Attendance for the half day very poor, present 2 girls and 3 boys

13th March 1897 Mistress Taratahi West Salary £70

17th March Attendance for last two days very fair. Today attendance very poor. Present 7 boys, 3 girls. Weather fine

19th March Boys attendance for the week good. Girls attendance poor

22nd March All present today but four girls

24th March Attendance good. Present 13 boys 6 girls. The school to be used tomorrow for licensing Election. A holiday is therefore granted

26th March Received from School Committee Quire of foolscap, box of slate pencils, two dozen lead pencil, box of nibs, a dozen pen holders and blotting paper

6th April Roll Boys 16, Girls 11 Total 27

26th April Received word that Mr Fleming will be here on May 17th to conduct the annual examination

27th April 1897 TARATAHI WEST, Messrs Peter Lawson, W, F. D Quaintrill, G. Gaskin, W. B, Allen (chairman, secretary and treasurer), PP

5th May Attendance has been good for some time. This is probably owing to good weather

13th May Gave Standards 1 and 2 their examination today

17th May Annual examination 25/27 present

Mr Fleming wrote in Log

The work this year is a great improvement on that of last year more particularly in the pass subjects, though the children are still very indistinct in their speech (reading) My notes of last year have been attended to. Miss Nott who has taken Miss Burnett's place has already shown herself capable of taking charge of this school. I pointed out a few things to be attended to. The report will be entered into the log book

19th May School closed yesterday for Inspector's holiday

At the examination 21 children were presented and 15 passed. The following are the names of those promoted

Standard 5 Jessie M Allen, Ethel A Gaskin

Standard 4 Rhoda Hopwood

Standard 3 Ethel Wilmhurst, Claude Wilmhurst, Walter Gaskin

Standard 2 Charles Blake, James Blake, Walter Kempton, Chris Wilmhurst

Standard 1 Olive Bishop, Hilda Wilmhurst, George Blake, Arthur Gaskin, Leslie Reid

23rd May School closed yesterday for Queen's Birthday

2nd June Attendance of children good except for one family. Since the examination the roll has fallen from 27 to 25 Two of the elder girls having left

11th June Average Attendance 19.6

14th June Inspector Fleming's report included

- a) Grammar very Much improved
- b) Mental Arithmetic, Improved but still moderate
- c) The work of the school has improved since last examination. Miss Burnett was in charge for 9 months. Miss Nott for the remaining three. If Miss Nott's services are not required at Hastwell I beg to recommend that she be allowed to remain in charge of this school

19th June Closed school today for a week's holiday in celebration of the Queen's record Reign and for the winter holidays which begin on June 28th. Average attendance for the quarter 19.26

13th July Received from Wellington Education Board box of drawing models. The Committee have agreed to have Bacon's Drawing Charts. Three of these are not to hand. Those for standards four and five will be sent as soon as possible

16th July The weather for the last two days has been wet and the attendance has been small, twelve present yesterday and eight today

28th July 1897 The Chairman was asked to report as to the requirement for shelter-sheds at West Taratahi PP

5th August Gave test examinations today. The lower classes are very weak, especially in reading and spelling

11th August It was decided at the Committee meeting on 9th August that another door key should be got for the Chairman's own use

18th August Weather very wet. Opened school half an hour late with six children present

23rd August Weather very bad Attendance only 9. The children of one family, The Blake Boys are very seldom present

1st September Drawing exam held today. Three candidates sat for 1st grade freehand. The Chairman of Committee was present to supervise

10th September Attendance for last four days good, with the exception of one or two families Average 15

20th September received from Committee 1 dozen pen holders, 1 dozen matches, 2 quires foolscap, and 1 large bottle of ink

An axe has also been provided

28th September Full attendance today

29th September Full attendance again

8th October Attendance for the week boys 114 Girls 14. Average 12. The small attendance of the girls is because the plank across the stream in the valley is washed away and they are unable to cross.

3rd November Closed school today for the Agricultural Show to be held in Carterton on the 4th and 5th

22nd November entered two pupils today roll now 27

30th November Weather wet in morning. Attendance less than half

13th December At the last meeting the Committee arranged for a school picnic to be held in Mr J Reid's paddock on Friday 17th. School to close on Thursday

16th December Closed school today for summer holidays. Average for quarter 17. Roll No 27

1898

27th January Opened school today after Summer Holidays. Attendance very small

8th February Two pupils Ivy and Ada Chinnery were struck off the register today. Their parents are leaving the district

14th February received from the chairman a box of chalk. Have also another box which I ordered in Masterton

7th March Children of this school are invited to join the school excursion to Wellington on Thursday 10th. But not enough are going to make it necessary to close the school

11th March Roll 25 Attendance 15

16th March School closed tomorrow for St Patricks Day

13th April Have changed the hours of opening school from nine to half past nine in the morning to allow those that come a distance to be here in time.

22nd April two families leaving district. This will reduce the school roll from 17 to 13

12th May Admitted three new pupils, the children of Mr T Compton

13th May Roll 23 Average attendance 17 Gave annual examination in Standard 2

19th May At the examination held on the 17th 19 children were presented and 14 passed. The following are the names of those promoted

Standard 6 Ethel Gaskin

Standard 4 Claude Wilmhurst, Walter Gaskin

Standard 3 Leonard Bishop, Charles Blake, Walter Kempton, Chris Wilmhurst

Standard 2 Olive Bishop, Hilda Wilmhurst, Arthur Gaskin

Standard 1 Herbert Haskin, John Kempton, Florence and William Compton

20th May Attendance for yesterday and today very small. Five present today, seven yesterday

3rd June Attendance for this week average 8. There has been a falling off in the attendance since the exam, partly through bad weather

11th June Received from Wellington Education Board five unmounted Natural History Pictures for the walls

Inspectors report included

- a) Mental Arithmetic satisfactory
- b) Needlework good
- c) Comprehension of the language of reading lessons Satisfactory
- d) Miss Nott has many backward pupils to deal with, and has done good work with the material in hand
- e) Robert Lee

30th June The annual concert is fixed for tonight, Prizes are to be distributed, one to each child. School will not open tomorrow it being the last day before the winter holidays commence

27th July Today's at 21, Roll 22

26th August Better attendance this week although the roll number is now twenty two, the highest attendance has only reached twenty one. One girl Ivy Bishop is unlikely to attend again. Another girl Florence Compton is very delicate and is often away through asthma

2nd September School to be closed on Monday September 5th for the Governors visit to Carterton

7th September Drawing exam held today. Four candidates (all of whom are weak) tried the freehand paper

12th September A new drinking mug, fastened by a chain to the pump stand, has been supplied by the Committee; also a new broom

13th Sept 1898 Head Teacher, Taratahi West : salary, _ £80 PP

23rd September T R Fleming inspector wrote in log.

Paid a visit to the school and found the work proceeding according to the timetable (14 children present- roll 210

Miss Nott has been promoted to Nireaha. Before she leaves she should make an inventory (in log book) of all school property.

The school is fairly well appointed for a school of this size (Up to Standard 5)

Miss Nott will also make out a programme of the work done since the last examination

The average attendance is only about 65 per cent, a very low average and one which does not give a teacher full opportunity of doing good work. Miss Nott's work has been of a satisfactory character= A cupboard is required. The chemicals should be locked up

29th September The following is an inventory of the school property

- a) 15 dual desks
- b) 24 inkwells
- c) 2 easels
- d) 2 blackboards
- e) 1 abacus
- f) A mat weaver
- g) Box of drawing models
- h) Set of Bacon's Drawing Charts
- i) Longman's reading sheet (1-16)
- j) Maps of World, New Zealand, Europe
- k) Two geography illustrations
- l) 5 Bacon's natural History Pictures
- m) Clock
- n) Bell, 2 spirit lamps and tripods, methylated spirits
- o) Two small boxes of chemicals, tubes etc,
- p) Kindergarten mats, sticks and joints

- q) 2 boxes of chalk
- r) Box of nibs
- s) Box of slate pencils
- t) Public School regulations
- u) Science Syllabus
- v) Drill poles
- w) Inspectors Circulars, Notes to teacher (1897-1890)
- x) The necessary registers and log books
- y) Also an axe

Note: no books to read

29th September At my request the Committee agreed to allow the school to be closed this afternoon. The following notes will be a guide to my successor in carrying on the work

Reading is a rather weak subject through the school, especially in Standard IV and only one reader is in use in each class.

In Standard II and above the Southern Cross Arithmetics are in use. Standard II have learned the four simple rules, Standard 3 are beginning money sums, Standard IV have done sums dealing with Avoirdupois and Troy weight and long measure and are making examples in Square Measure. A few bills of parcels have been given. In Standard 5 one has gone through the book to exercise 28 the other has reached exercise 26, but has worked very few problems Two girls one in standard 1 the other in infants do the same arithmetic

Standards IV and V and Standard I, II, III have been grouped for mental arithmetic

Standards IV and V have been grouped for Grammar and have written a few notes on the parts of speech in exercise books. Analysis has been given to Standard V according to the programme for that class.

Standard V are using a standard VI Geography and Standard III and IV are doing Geography of NZ. Standard 3 have books, Standard IV have written notes in exercise books

Many of the children are irregular and have never had a good grounding in their work. Emily A Nott

3rd October 1898 The Taratahi School Committee has approved of the Education Board's selection of Miss Mulville as teacher. Miss Mulville, who had been relieving at Manakau, left Wellington this morning for Taratahi PP

5th October Took over the charge of this school today. There were 18 children present to of whom were entered today. The roll number is now 23. Found school in order. M (Mary) J Mulville

1876/14471	Mulville	Mary	Rebecca	William
		Jane	Jane	Nugent

13th January 1920 MULVILLE.—On the 31st December, 1919, at Manly, N.S.W., Rebecca Jane, dearly beloved wife of William Nugent Mulville, late of Wellington, New Zealand, and dearly beloved mother of Major W N. Mulville, R.A.F.. of London, and Lieutenant C. B. and Miss Ellen Mulville, of London; Neptune R. Mulville 1 of Johannesburg, and Mrs. Dawson, of Cootamundra, N.S.W. Dunedin papers please copy.

10th October Very wet only 10 children present

11th October procured from School Committee Chairman Two dozen H B Lead Pencils, blotting paper, envelopes, foolscap, bottle of gum

21st October Received from education Board Mr Lee's five leaflets on arithmetic

26th October Weather squally Attendance fair

31st October Received inspector's report of 23rd September included

- a) Roll 21

b) Further entries copied previous format
 2nd November Closed school for Wairarapa Show- two days
 10th November Holiday yesterday for Prince of Wales's Birthday
 15th November Received the results of this years drawing exam. Four pupils were presented for examination in freehand drawing. One boy passed
 2nd November The school has been closed for three days on account of my being unable to teach through illness. I have advised the Committee and Board
 The school is reopened today
 30th November Beautiful weather and still the 5 Blakes are absent
 14th December Closed school today for summer holidays. Picnic to be held tomorrow

1899

24th January School reopened with 24 on roll
 7th February School closed yesterday through weather- continual rain with thunder and lightning
 8th February very wet today only 8 children present
 9th February Today very wet and cold. Opened school at 9.30 a.m. Found no pupils but remained at school and a few came later. Dismissed school early
 10th February Very wet and stormy day. Part of the road broken away and in flood. I did not go to school. It would be impossible for any pupil to attend
 17th February The attendance has been good all week until today. The whole of the Blake family are absent
 Average for the week Boys 14.8, Girls 8.2 Total 23

20th February received from the Education Office materials for paper plaiting, 100 mats No 636 and 150 mats No 629
 24th February A social was held in the school last night. School cleaned out this morning. The attendance for this last week has been very poor. The Blake family have been absent for two days,
 1st March received from School Committee 2 dozen lead pencils
 3rd March The school is to closed tomorrow for the Wairarapa Excursion to Palmerston North
 7th March Yesterday was very wet I came to school but there were no children so I did not count it as a school day
 23rd March Examined Standard 1 and 2 in arithmetic today
 28th March Owing to bad weather the attendance for the past two days has been very poor. Yesterday only six pupils were present, today the attendance is less than half the roll number
 7th April Average for week a total of 24.3
 17th April received from School Committee blotting paper, pen holders and pencils
 25th April two new pupils admitted from the Greytown School
 27th April Note written by Mr F H Bakewell M A, inspector
 The present teacher who has been about seven months in charge has been considerably handicapped in her work by the bad attendance of the majority of the children. It is not to be expected that the school can do good work under such conditions. Part of the school furniture notably the chair and the blinds is in an extremely dilapidated condition. I notice that many of the children are very indistinct in their speech
 27th April Inspectors annual examination held today 20 present 7 absent

1st May Very wet day, only a few children were present so the school was kept open, but the attendance was not counted

4th May At the examination sixteen were presented and thirteen passed

Standard V. Walter Gaskin

Standard IV Walter Kempton, Lewie Wilmhurst, Leonard Bishop, Nellie Wilmhurst

Standard III William Compton, John Kempton, George Blake, Bertie Gaskin, Florrie Compton

11 children in Primers out of 27 on roll. No child in Standard VI

15th May Inspectors report included

- a) Grammar satisfactory
- b) History Very fair
- c) Mental Arithmetic Good
- d) Repetition and recitation Weak
- e) Singing; Tonic Solfa commenced
- f) Instruction of Primers satisfactory
- g) Miss Mulville has been in charge since October and has done good work during that time. The attendance is very bad, some of the children being absent quite half their time. A large of the children are very indistinct both when reading and speaking. I would recommend the Committee procure another set of class readers and to do what they can to form a school library

	Age			Attendance	Passed
'Std	Yr	Months	Name	Out of 372	
IV	10	9	Walter Gaskin	254	Pass
III	15	4	Charles Blake	203	-
II	13	5	James Blake	233	P

III	13	9	Christy Wilmhurst	269	
III	14	8	Walter Kempton	270	P
II	11	10	Leonard Bishop	264	P
II	9	9	Arthur Gaskin	372	P
II	11	11	Hilda Wilmhurst	264	-
II	9	1	Olive Bishop	271	P
I	11		John Kempton	354	P
1	8		Herbert Gaskin	372	P
1	9		George Blake	223	P
1	10	2	Florrie Compton	159	P
1	9	5	Laurie Wilmhurst	82	P
1	8	5	Nellie Wilmhurst	181	P
Prep	5	11	Sydney Gaskin	337	
Prep	8	5	Leonard Hawke		
Prep	7	1	Myrtle Compton	291	

Prep = Preparatory

Arthur Gaskin, Stutters

Hilda Wilmhurst, short sighted

Florrie Compton, delicate

Leonard Hawke, entered this week

Eight were presented in the Primer Classes three of whom had only been at school a few months

17th May Received from the Board examination pass cards

17th May Mr Riley (Art adviser) visited the school yesterday

Mr Riley recommended that the Committee to purchase the following books. *Followed by a list of drawing books*

22nd May Entered today 4 new children from the Clareville School.

31 now on roll

24th May School closed for Queen's Birthday

12th June Received from Mr Dorset, Secretary Wellington Education Board, two blackboards, sticks, and map of the British Isles

19th June The Committee have supplied a new bucket and rope (*Presumably for well*), basin, mug and stationery

23rd June Average for week, 22

30th June Annual concert to be held tonight. Wet day, only 7 children present dismissed them early

21st July Average for the week Boys 15.6 girls 3.6 total 19

26th July The inclemency of the weather for the last two days has made the attendance very low, four pupils being at school on Monday and Six yesterday

10th August Inspector Fleming paid a visit to the school today

6th September First Grade Drawing exam held today with Mr Compton as supervisor, 4 presented for freehand, 3 for geometry

11th September received from Education Office 1 box of slate pencils, 1 box of chalk, 1 dozen weaving needles.

12th September Inspection report of 11th August included

- a) Miss Mulville
- b) Present 21 Roll 30
- c) A new timetable is required and will be drawn up
- d) A satisfactory lesson on reading was given to several classes during my visit' Special attention should be paid to reading (Including distinct enunciation) and writing
- e) The children are generally backward and the teacher in her endeavour to raise the standard of the school is hampered by the very irregular attendance of many of the children. Last quarter the average attendance reached only 73 per cent and the previous quarter it was about the same
- f) Order, discipline etc satisfactory

g) The offices (*Toilets*) are at present in one building. When funds permit, a separate office (with a urinal) for the boys should be placed in a part of the ground away from the offices of the girls.

h) The pump is not in good working order

i) The blinds are in a dilapidated condition

j) I understand the Committee intend to form a school library

k) T R Fleming

20th September The Committee have provided a new chair

9th October Wet day. Only 4 boys present No girls

12th October Wet day only 8 boys present. Dismissed school early

19th October Received results of drawing exam. Three were presented For Geometry, all passed, one excellent and two good passes. One boy out of four passed in freehand

30th October Bought in Wellington on Saturday – 2 dozen lead pencils and blotting paper.

6th November School was closed Thursday and Friday for the Wairarapa Show

7th November Received from Wellington Education Board map of the Transvaal

10th November School was closed yesterday for Prince of Wales Birthday

6th December Yesterday being election day, the school was closed as it was used as a polling both

8th December Examined school during the week. Boys 17; Girls; 7; 24 total roll

1900

23rd January School reopened today after summer holidays. Wet day.

Attendance very low

2nd February Since school reopened the attendance has been less than half with the exception of three days. Fourteen pupils are ill and some are absent through bush fires. Today only 8 are present

9th February Have written to the Committee about the pump, blinds and map racks

9th February Bought one box of nibs

14th February Very wet today Only 5 boys present. Kept them on till 1 p.m. and then dismissed them. Supply of wood has run out. Have advised the Committee

19th February A Holiday was given on Friday for the South Wairarapa Patriotic Fair at Greytown

2nd March School was dismissed yesterday morning, in honour of the capture of Cronje. Weekly average 26.7

9th March There are 37 pupils on roll. The average for the week is Boys 20.5, Girls 10.8

21st March Received payment from Chairman for Quarters stationery

29th March The school was used yesterday as a polling booth for the licensing election

2nd May notes of examination by T R Fleming included

- a) The upper arithmetic was not strong, but the children of this school have never been strong in this subject, and the passes last year were weak
- b) Writing requires more careful teaching. I would advise a change of style, say to a nearly upright style such as to be found in Collin's Copy Books

c) Particular attention should be paid to the enunciation of the children. The aspirate troubles nearly every child in the school

d) In the class subjects I advise more grouping

e) Miss Mulville is a faithful and conscientious teacher, but her work is handicapped by irregular attendance on the part of the children

f) One child in Standard 7

25th May A holiday was given on Monday to celebrate the Relief of Mafeking

Tuesday was wet and only nine children present

Wednesday was a very wet day no children present so it was not counted as a school day

Thursday Queen's Birthday

Average for the week 7

The following children were promoted into classes

Standard VII Flossy Ross, Walter Gaskin

Standard VI Leonard Bishop

Standard V Walter Kempton, Ivy Booth, James Blake, Chris Wilmhurst, Donald Ross

Standard IV John Kempton, Willie Compton, Hilda Wilmhurst, Ernest Booth, Bertie Gaskin

Standard III Lewie and Nellie Wilmhurst

Standard II George Ross, Sydney Gaskin, Leonard Hawke

Standard 1 Sydney Bishop, Percy Wilmhurst, Maggie Ross

4th June Friday was a very wet day. I received a telegram from the acting Premier advising me that the Boers had abandoned Pretoria and that the children were to have a holiday, but as no children would have been present. I reckoned Friday was a holiday

Weekly average 29

20th June Gave the children only ½ an hour for lunch both today and yesterday to enable me to attend a rehearsal in Carterton this afternoon

17th July Very wet and rough. Only 3 boys present dismissed them after hearing reading and spelling

19th July Yesterday being Arbor Day the School Committee planted trees round part of the school grounds

A dance was held last night and the school key has been mislaid by the class

24th July Mr Fleming visited the school today

20th August Mr Fleming's report included

- a) A good reading lesson was given by Miss Mulville during my visit
- b) Writing is at present in a transition stage, the upright style having been discarded for a nearly upright, but with a slight slope. Small pencils must never be used by any of the children for any lesson whatever.
- c) The classes are satisfactorily grouped for some of the class subjects
- d) A low average attendance militates very much against good work
- e) Three dual desks of the largest size are required
- f) A new office (with urinal) has been erected for the boys
- g) A large pane of glass was broken. As it was on the weather side of the school, and children were sitting under it, I directed the contractor at work on the offices to repair the damage at once
- h) A school library has not yet been established
- i) Fifty trees were planted on Arbor day

21st August Elma Compton started today

29th August A dance was held in the school last night. The room was very dirty this morning. It took 20 minutes to clean it and replace the books and slates etc

5th September I supervised the drawing exam today. Geo Ross Mr Ross supervised the drawing exam today. 12 were examined: 3 freehand, 1 Scale and 8 Geometry

15th September I bought 1 box of nibs and some slate pencil holders for the younger children

14th September Average for the week 31

18th September A half holiday has been granted today by the chairman to enable me to reach Carterton by 2 pm

21st September Held the examination for prizes yesterday and today

24th September Have arranged the concert programme and had the tickets printed. The average for last week was 28.4

9th October The annual school concert is to be held tonight, the children dismissed early

11th October yesterday being Labour Day a holiday was given (*No mention of success or otherwise of concert*)

19th October Received the drawing exam results today

12 were presented 8 passed, 3 in Freehand, and 5 in Geometry

30th October Very wet and heavy gale, thunder, a few children turned up, wet through. The rain came in through a broken pane of glass and covered desks and part of floor with water. Dismissed school

31st October 1900 The application of Miss Mulville, of Taratahi West School, for an extra week's holiday at Christmas was refused. PP

1st November Yesterday being Carterton Show Day a holiday was given. Average for the month 26.4

7th November The Truant inspector visited the school today

14th November Wet day only a few children present. A dance was held in the school last night. This morning I found the school dirty and in a state of disorder. Three new large desks have been knocked about. Bought 1 box of slate pencils and one box of nibs

16th November Average for the week 23.4. Bought ½ dozen lead pencils

21st December Picnic held yesterday. School in the morning. Break up today for Summer Vacation

1901

28th January School reopened today

8th February The attendance has been poor this week Average 21 On Roll 31

15th February A holiday was given on Monday for the visit of the Imperial Troops. Average for the week 23

21st February As the attendance would have been effected yesterday through Masterton Show a holiday was granted

21st March 1901 Miss Mulville granted salary rise of 30 pound with a roll of 28. New salary 120 pound PP

26th March Yesterday was a wet day. No children present. School was closed at 11.30 a.m.

2nd May Examined Standards 1 to V today

9th May School was examined today by Mr Fleming. Average for week 28

The following are the names of children promoted at the examination of 9th May

Standard VII, Flora Ross, Walter Gaskin

Standard VI, Donald Ross

Standard V Arthur Gaskin, Bertie Gaskin, Willie Compton, Olive Bishop, Hilda Wilmhurst

Standard IV Lewie Wilmhurst, Florrie Compton

Standard III Leonard Hawke, Sydney Gaskin, George Ross

Standard II Myrtle Compton (Not passed Standard 1) Maggie Ross (Not passed Standard 1)

Standard 1 Percy Wilmhurst, Sydney Bishop, Walter Blake, Ernest Hawke

25th May The attendance all this week has been poor. Donald Ross has been absent since the examination (a fortnight) and 4 pupils (Comptons) have gone for a holiday. Average attendance for week 15.7

31st May Received from the Wellington Education Board mats for kindergarten work

4th June Inspectors Report included

- a) Primers 12
- b) Passed 11 out of 15
- c) Reading and comprehension weak
- d) Enunciation weak
- e) Science Object lessons Physiology Satisfactory
- f) Singing Very Good
- g) Needlework Very Good
- h) Drill (Physical) Very fair
- i) Both candidates passed Standard 7
- j) The class classified by Miss Mulville Standard 1 I classed as an upper Preparatory as Reading was weak and as the school will be adopting Imperial Readers new work will be taken
- k) Miss Mulville is a conscientious and hard working teacher, but her work is greatly hindered by irregular attendances.

There has been an improvement in this respect lately, but the attendance is far from satisfactory.

l) To aid the teacher in improving Reading (including comprehension) I strongly recommend the establishment of a school library

m) T R Fleming

11th June A social is to be held on Thursday Night in aid of a school library

16th July Tomorrow being Arbor Day a holiday will be given

22nd July The weather being so bad, the children from the Maungateriteri Valley have attended very irregularly this last fortnight

A social was held on Friday Night in aid of the school library

4th September The drawing examination was held today. Mr Allen was supervisor, 4 were presented for freehand and 5 for scale drawing

18th September The Committee have decided to hold a concert in aid of the school library. Practices have been commenced

24th September Bertie Gaskin has gone to Waingawa (*East Taratahi*) for a fortnight

27th September Average for week 16.4 On two days the attendance was less than half

10th October Yesterday a holiday was granted for Labor Day

17th October Only 1 child present today. Wet Day

18th October received Drawing Examination results. Four candidates passed in Freehand and One in Scale

4th November The school has been closed for 8 days through my illness. Reopened today. Attendance good

The following pupils passed the Drawing Exam. Freehand Arthur Gaskin, Florrie Compton, Willie Compton, Bertie Gaskin. Scale Bertie Gaskin

27th November Archie Hawke entered today

5th December Inspectors Note. At my visit of inspection 16 children were present out of 26 on the roll the day being exceedingly fine, but one family was absent on account of measles. Miss Mulville has been here nearly 4 years and appears an intelligent methodical teacher. Reading is nicely taught but I would like to see the teacher provide for a reading lesson for Primers and standard 1, 2 classes both morning and evening. Also I think mental arithmetic cannot be taken with the whole school at one time. I suggest the division of the school into two Lee Lines for that subject. I tried the Upper Class Standard 5 in severe mental work with very moderate results- The room is fairly well furnished, with plenty of wall pictures. I made an address to the children . The general management of the school and the influence of the teacher is satisfactory. I am pleased to find a library. Robert Lee Inspector

5th December Inspector Lee visited the school today

16th December Only three pupils were present today. There are 2 cases of scarlet fever in the district. I have taken the necessary precautions The average for the quarter is 20. Signed M J Mulville

1902

27th January Reopened school today. Only 8 pupils present The Blake Family who has lately recovered from Scarlet fever were present.

There was a map drawn by teacher

One boundary shows Mr W R Daysh property

Next is the Road Boundary

Then F Blatchford's Boundary

And the Other is school residence boundary

Note The fence around the residence should look neat and I would like to see it white posted and strong netting used if this is possible. I have seen such fences round homes belonging to officials of the New Zealand Forest Service. Attractive fences

The garden is being shifted as the Committee suggested this

The soil at the new place is much richer.

The Committee are clearing the gorse and are supplying machines to clear and plough.

Would it be possible to include the shifting of the fence around the garden

Plan to Wellington Education Board

Notes from inspectors visit on 5th December included

- a) All lower classes should read twice a day
- b) Roll 26 present 16
- c) Miss Mulville
- d) The school has a bleak appearance in a stony plain: but the room is orderly and fairly furnished
- e) The teacher's house is about 4 miles away and is exposed to hard weather

3rs February The school was reopened last Monday and as the parents could not send their children to school until the Blake family brought a clean certificate the School Committee closed the school on Wednesday. I went to town and saw the Secretary at the Public Health Office who sent up a sanitary inspector. The house was fumigated and some of the wearing apparel was destroyed. The Blakes are now ready to come to school

28th February A holiday was given for the Masterton Show

18th march The attendance for the last month has been good.

20th April The school is to be painted inside and out

1st May 1902 West **Taratahi** (painting), E. Dockery, £13 PP

2nd May The average attendance for the month of April is 22

12th May Finished annual examination today

14th may Mr Fleming examined the school today Very stormy and wet. One family was absent. Sixteen were presented Fifteen passed

The following promoted

Standard 5 Willie Compton, Bertie Gaskin, Arthur Gaskin, Olive Bishop

Standard 4 Florrie Compton, Lewie Wilmhurst

Standard 3 George Blake, Leonard Hawke, Sydney Gaskin, George Ross, Nellie Wilmhurst

Standard 2 Myrtle Compton, Maggie Ross

Standard 1 Walter Blake, Sydney Bishop, Ernest Hawke, Percy Wilmhurst

19th May The school has been closed two days while the inside was being painted

2nd June After the news that Peace was proclaimed the children sang the National Anthem and were dismissed

12th June A social in aid of the school is to be held on Tuesday 17th

14th July School reopened after winter vacation

17th July Yesterday being Arbor Day the children gathered at school at 1 p.m. and fifty trees were planted by the Committee and children

11th August A holiday was given in Friday in Honour of the Coronation of the King

14th August A school children's festival in connection with the Coronation is to be held in Carterton. Children dismissed early

21st August Three family (sic) were absent yesterday on account of a wedding in the district. Attendance less than half

26th August Mr Riley visited today and looked at the drawing

Inspectors report of 14th May included

- a) Reading improved
- b) Enunciation requires attention
- c) Arithmetic fair to satisfactory
- d) Singing Very Good
- e) Needlework Some candidates very good
- f) Owing to many of the children having long distances to come to school the attendance is irregular. Notwithstanding this drawback Miss Mulville has worked hard with fairly satisfactory results.
- g) The school now has a library of 50 volumes
- h) T R Fleming

18th September The annual school concert is to be held on 16th October. Practices have been commenced

30th September 1902 The West Taratahi School concert will take place on October 16th, and promises to be very successful WTPP

16th October The concert is to be held tonight. Attendance is less than half

20th October The Committee gave a holiday on Friday as most of the children's parents decided to keep the children home after the concert. Only a few would have attended

31st October A holiday was given for the Carterton Show

11th November A holiday was given yesterday in Honour of the King's Birthday

28th November The family of the Gaskins are absent owing to some of the children having measles

18th December The school breaks up today. The picnic will be held tomorrow. The attendance has been less than half for the last three weeks

1903

25th January School reopened today. Wet Day. Two children present

5th February Only 4 children present on account of band contest. Dismissed them early

13th February Yesterday the Committee granted a holiday for the picnic at Mr Buchan's

18th February A holiday was granted for the Masterton Show

2nd March The average for the month 22

9th March I have ordered 1 ½ dozen dumb bells for drill

Arthur Haskin has returned after being absent for 9 weeks. He attended the Waignawa School for part of the time

1st April received 13/- from Committee for stationery for last half year

1st May The Committee have bought 1 ½ dozen pairs of dumb bells.

11th May Mr Bakewell examined the school today. He made the promotions

26th May The School Committee and Children gathered at 10 a.m. and saluted the flag. The National Anthem was sung and the Chairman delivered a small speech.

28th May Very wet and stormy only one child present

4th June A holiday was given yesterday it being the Prince of Wales Birthday

5th June Inspectors visit of 7th May included

- a) Standard 3 and 4, Fair others weak

- b) Standard 5 candidate passed very creditably
- c) The condition of the school is decidedly below requirements and Miss Mulville will make every endeavour to improve matters during the coming year. It is to be hoped that parents will cooperate with her by seeing that the children attend more regularly
- d) F H Bakewell

30th June Arbor Day was celebrated today. The Committee and Children planted trees and a social is to be held tonight

8th August I went home on Wednesday morning not being well enough to attend to my work. Was not well enough to attend school yesterday.

The school was scrubbed in the holidays

19th August Owing to the boisterous weather the attendance has been less than half for about a week

Leo Rains was entered yesterday

25th August School was closed yesterday for the opening of the Carterton Post Office

21st September The annual concert is to be held on 9th October

12th October Mr Bakewell visited the school today, but as only a few were present and it being dismissal time he did not stay. Over £5 was realised at the concert for school funds

21st October I have been absent from school for the last two days, being confined to bed with influenza. Have reopened the school today with no pupils present

10th November School reopened today after the holidays given for the Carterton Show and the King's Birthday

1st December Average for the month 20. Mr Haxton (*Presumably from School Committee*) visited the school today. It has been decided

to hold the school picnic on Friday 18th December. The panes have been put in the porch window

17th December School breaks up today and the Picnic is tomorrow
Inspection report of 12th October included

- a) Roll 22 Present 10
- b) Miss Mulville
- c) Time can be spared from geography and arithmetic (½ an hour each) and given to composition
- d) Have recommended improved method of giving instruction in composition (*Story writing*) All work in exercise books should be carefully supervised
- e) Miss Mulville informs me that the attendance has been good since the examination
- f) Buildings are good except for some broken windows which will shortly be repaired *See 1st December*
- g) F H Bakewell

1904

25th January Resumed school Present 9 Boys 10 Girls

5th February Held examination in Arithmetic, Reading, Dictation

17th February A holiday was given for the Masterton Show

25th March The attendance has been under half for two weeks. Whooping Cough is prevalent in the district

6th April Resumed school today after Easter holidays. Average for March 18. Owing to sickness and bad weather the attendance has been less than half for a fortnight

2nd May T R Fleming Inspector visited and left copious notes which included

- a) For a school of this grade the compulsory subjects are English, Arithmetic, Singing, Drawing, physical Instruction, Geography, History and Needlework, and attention must be paid to the instructions of clauses 48 (Moral Instruction) 53 (Nature Study) and 57 (Health)
- b) The additional subjects are
 - 1) A definite course of Nature Study or Elementary Science
 - 2) Handwork
 - 3) Geography (Extended Course) ‘
 - 4) History (Extended Course)
 - 5) These may be omitted in this school- The Upper Work is rather weak more especially in the English Subjects. I therefore advise Miss Mulville to adopt a programme based on the following suggestions
- c) English: The work is clearly set out in the syllabus for each standard . Two reading books are to be used in each class, one should be a book adapted to each standard, but for the second reader the classes may be grouped It may be an English, Historical or Scientific Reader (Today Standard 5 was using Standard 6 Imperial Reader which was too difficult for the class)
- d) In reading the following points should be noted
 - 1) Correctness of articulation, enunciation, and pronunciation
 - 2) Fluency
 - 3) Comprehension of the subject matter, as evidenced by expressive reading and by answers to questions and
- 4) Maintenance of proper bodily position while reading—
The upper classes may be grouped for recitation or each class may be taken separately
- 5) The poem should be read carefully and thoroughly explained- (The pictures of the poem, presented to the children)- before any attempt is made to learn it by heart
- 6) One of the best tests of correct knowledge of the meaning of the poem is the ability to answer questions by quoting lines from the poem
- e) Writing. The blackboard should be used frequently, copy books occasionally. All written books should be carefully marked and the work of each day should be dated
- f) Composition The lessons should be systematically planned, and there should be constant practice in constructive work illustrating grammatical rules. Stories may be given occasionally orally. Spelling requires attention especially in Standard 5
- g) Arithmetic This is set out clearly in the syllabus. It requires much oral work, and in the upper classes practice in shorter methods
- h) Singing: A modified programme may be adopted in this school
- i) Drill The syllabus may be followed or suitable exercises with poles or dumb bells will meet requirements
- j) Drawing Freehand and drawing with instruments. For the first year the work with instruments may be modified the ruler and set squares introduced first and the pencil compass and dividers adopted later on in the Standards Solid geometry is

optional, should not be attempted in this school yet (read carefully clause 45)

- k) In History for the first year the use of Public School Historical Reader No 1 will be satisfactory
- l) Needlework set out clearly in the syllabus
- m) Geography The A course is divided into standards in the syllabus A programme should be selected from this with a view of illustrating the lesson in a practical manner from the geographical features of the school district.
- n) For the B Course a knowledge of the Geography of Australia, and the British Empire will suffice
- o) If a list of object lessons to illustrate this programme with some rural lessons, perhaps a few lessons on the animal and plant life of the Neighbourhood and a few on Health this will satisfy Geography A and the requirements of clauses 48, 53b and 57
- p) At the same time it should be noted that moral instruction may be given in almost any lesson, and nature study should be brought into all lessons
- q) Suggested time for week (not necessarily to be closely followed)
 - 1) English including the History Reading Lesson 10 hours
 - 2) Arithmetic 5 hours
 - 3) Singing 1 hour
 - 4) Drill 1 hour
 - 5) Registers and recreation 1 ½ hours
 - 6) This leaves 6 ½ hours for Needlework, Drawing, Geography, and other object lessons and for any subject

mentioned above which requires strengthening e.g. Reading and composition

- 7) The teacher should have a copy of the Globe Poetry Readers
- 8) T R Fleming

10th June The children are practicing for a Cantata in aid of the school The practices are held at the Clareville School and Mr Reid's House. Mr Miller the chairman has kindly driven the children to Clareville on three weekdays and Saturdays The school has broken up earlier on these days to allow the children to reach home before dark I have endeavoured to make up the time in the dinner and play hours

M J Mulville

17th June Report of inspection visit of May 12th included

- a) Reading Standard 5 Inferior
- b) Spelling moderate in Standards weak in lower
- c) Writing Improving
- d) Sing good (Improved)
- e) As all children walk to school and the majority (all but two families) live from two to four miles distant a high average attendance cannot be expected. Of the children presented in Standards only 5 made over 300 attendances out of a possible 416. The general work of the school was not strong. Standard 5 was a weak class. Reading was wanting in enunciation and expression. Spelling was moderate in the Upper Standards and weak in the lower. Arithmetic was weak in Standard 5, fair in Standard 4 and satisfactory in Standard 3,2,1. Composition ranged from moderate to fair. Writing showed improvement but the written work of the exercise books

requires careful supervision. I mapped out a programme of work for Miss Mulville and I look forward to seeing better work at the next examination

f) T R Fleming

27th June Mr Miller has tuned and repaired the organ and returned it.

10th June The Kinderspiel is to be held tomorrow night. *A Kinderspiel is listed as a children's game*

19th June School returned after Winter Holiday I was not well enough to attend school yesterday

4th August There are no children at school today on account of the bad weather

18th August I am endeavouring to follow Mr Fleming's advice re new syllabus. The Committee have voted money out of the concert proceeds to purchase some new class books and drawing charts. Only two children are present on account the weather (Worked till 1 p.m.)

29th August Received a new axe from the Committee One of the windows was blown in by the gale. I have advised the Committee

7th September The fireplace has been repaired

19th September The children have formed a garden but it requires to have wire netting around it to keep the rabbits away

13th October A holiday was given (Labour Day) There are no children at school today. The weather is very wet and boisterous

24th October Mr Fleming writes: Discussed programme of work and suggested method of holding quarterly examinations and keeping examination results I understand the broken window will be repaired

Three desks (broken) can be forwarded to Clareville

9th November School was closed yesterday- King's Birthday and On

27th October for Carterton Show

T R Fleming's Report of visit included

- a) Miss Mulville. Present 14 Roll 26
- b) Although the day was fine I found only 14 children present. Miss Mulville attributed the absence of most of the children to the fact that the agricultural show was to be in held in Carterton during the week and their services would on that account probably be required at home
- c) The reports on this school for some years show a decided weakness in some subjects. For such weakness allowance has been made for irregular attendance on the part of those children who live a considerable distance from the school. Owing to the absence of almost half the roll number I was unable to judge accurately of Miss Mulville's methods
- d) The teaching on the day of my visit being mainly individual, but I noticed that writing, one of the subjects to which the teacher's attention had been drawn, had certainly received more attention.
- e) Three broken windows will I understand be repaired those by the school room, porch and some of the windows were not very clean.
- f) The palings on the front fence are showing signs of decay
- g) Miss Mulville lives at Clareville some distance from the school and travels to school on a bicycle. I would advise the Committee to make an effort to obtain lodgings for her nearer the school for I feel certain that better work would be done. If the teacher identified herself as much as possible with the district in which she is teaching and the interests of the school will receive more attention

- h) Suggestions have been made with regard a programme of work, the timetable and methods of holding quarterly examinations and.. *(No more copy)*

15th December The school breaks up today for the summer vacation, the school picnic takes place tomorrow

1905

25th January Opened school today with 16 pupils

10th February One of the boys was today accidentally cut in the forehead with a stone. The playground is one mass of stones. I have frequently written to the Committee of the necessity of clearing part of the grounds as it is unfit for the children to play on. Have found temporary lodgings 1 mile nearer school

21st March Have received 1 Dozen yards of wire netting for a garden. The fence is in a dilapidated condition the wood being decayed

2nd May Mr Bakewell examined the school today

8th May The inspectors holiday was given on Friday

2nd June Miss Dempsey is relieving me from my duties and I have spent today with her. As the examination is just over I do not think it necessary to leave any notes for my successor.

All the children have not obtained their new books. The History and Geography books I have left to my successor

Spelling is the most backward subject

I have started plant life and the garden is fenced off but as yet no flowers are planted.

Walter Blake is doing Standard 4 work and is progressing favourably. He was always unintelligent but now only his reading and spelling is poor

The Classes are grouped for Geography and History

M J Mulville

24th May 1905 As a result of the dispute in connection with the School Committee election, at West Taratahi, Miss Mulville (sole teacher) tendered her resignation at the Committee meeting on Monday night, asking them to accept it. The resignation was accepted unanimously. ...PP

31st May 1905 A Correction.

[to the editor.!

Sir, —Would you kindly correct an announcement that appeared in your paper, dated 24th May, referring to the resignation of Miss M. J. Mulville, teacher of the West Taratahi School, in which it was stated that it was on account of the newly-elected committee that she took that step, and that they accepted her resignation unanimously. The facts are that the committee received her resignation with regret, and that she decided to resign long before the present committee was elected.—we are, etc.,

Geo. M. Ross, .Chairman,

M J Mulville PP

30th May 1905 Resignation M. J. Mulville, Teacher, West Taratahi, PP

12th June 1905 Prior to leaving West Taratahi, Miss Mulville, teacher of the school there was presented by the settlers with a handsome silver tea service as a slight token of their esteem. Mr Allen made the presentation and referred to Miss Mulville's many good qualities, and the faithful discharge of her duties during the seven years' she had been connected with the school. Miss Mulville suitably acknowledged the gift. During the evening songs were sung and recitations rendered by the following —Misses Reid, Daysh,

Mulville and Farmer, and Messrs Drummond, Daysh, C. Reid, Blake (3), Miller (2), A. Ross, Kirkpatrick, and Dawson. The gathering closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

6th July 1905 Miss Amy Fifield, of Woodbury (South Canterbury), .to be sole teacher at the Taratahi West School. PP

30th October 1905 At St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Sydney, on October 6th , Mr Jas. Dawson, formerly of Carterton, was married to Mary, eldest daughter of W. N. and R.J. Mulville, of Wellington

6th June Opened School, Only 13 present Roll 22 K Dempsey

14th June received inspectors report

Standard	Number	Average Years	Age Months
5	4	13	6
4	4	12	4
3	3	13	4
2	4	10	9
1	2	10	3
Primers	6	7	5

- a) Miss Mulville teacher
- b) Miss Mulville has made a decided improvement in the writing and composition.
- c) Spelling is generally weak also arithmetic except in Standard 3. Reading is inaccurate
- d) Certificate of Competency to Standard 5 10
- e) Most other subjects listed as satisfactory
- f) The children were orderly and attentive during the examination
- g) Signed F H Bakewell Inspector and Geo Ross Chairman

19th June Very stormy weather only 2 children present

20th June Twenty children present the highest attendance for some time

11th July Twenty One children present this afternoon. Roll Twenty two

14th July Most of the week the attendance was good. Today the weather looked threatening for rain and there were only 14 present.

Average for week 18.7

17th July Members of the Committee have commenced ploughing the ground outside the school fence

20th July The school will be closed tomorrow for Arbor Day

25th July Very stormy morning, eleven boys and three girls present

28th July Admitted William Davey on Monday

31st July Admitted Connie Davey. Attendance Good 25. Roll 25

1st August Took over charge of school from Miss Dempsey. Spent most of the day in ascertaining progress of pupils in various subjects. All pupils present. A E Fifield. *(Amy Elizabeth Fifield came from Geraldine district and returned to South Canterbury)*

The Fifield arrived at Timaru o the Merope in 1875 when Amy was 3. There were 2 families of Fifields on board

11th August laid out four gardens- planted flowers in infant garden, also sweet peas

18th August Grass planted in the school ground 12th August. Four pupils have not attended at all during the week. Two are sick

25th August Found one pane of glass broken Monday morning. One boy Roland Thompson removed through illness

1st September Admitted Fred Wilton. School breaks up for term vacation

15th September Received from Wellington Education Board 1 map (world), 1 thermometer, 1 pair of compasses, 1 pair of set squares for use of the school

22nd September. Excessively wet week. Only one present on Tuesday morning so closed school. Attendance below half on four days

25th September Windows fitted with lifters, two new rollers, received sand tray from School Committee

6th October Held first quarterly examination Whole school weak in arithmetic and spelling

19th October F H Bakewell writes in log. Paid a visit to the school today without notice. Found the work progressing satisfactorily under Miss Fifield's management. Made recommendations with regard to the work for the next examination

18th October Holiday granted today instead of Friday as a concert was held last night and it was desirable to have room scrubbed

20th October Trafalgar Day Flag Hoisted and children addressed by chairman of Committee and teacher on the significance of the holiday

25th October Very wet. No pupil attended so school was closed

26th October Holiday for Carterton Show

17th November Admitted Florence Holme

30th November Caned P Wilmhurst for stone throwing, as two accidents have happened through the practice during present quarter, despite warnings against it

1st December Weekly average 17.2 Five pupils have not attended at all this week and on two days the attendance was below half

John Byrne has left the district.

1906

29th January Reopened school after six weeks Christmas vacation. Admitted Victor Holmes and Olive Thompson. The gate and palings have been painted, the schoolroom scrubbed and the ground ploughed., giving the place a more cheerful aspect

Inspection report for 9th October included

- a) Miss Fifield has recently been appointed. The school has been in a depressed condition for a number of years and a considerable amount of lee way has to be made up.
- b) The new teacher seems to be quite alive to the necessities of the case, and from what I saw at my inspection visit, I anticipate an improvement under her management
- c) Miss Fifield will give her time chiefly to the improvement of the essential subjects (English and Arithmetic) which are in a backward condition
- d) I notice that the Committee have made improvements in the grounds and a beginning has also been made in the direction of a flower garden

Signed F H Bakewell and George M Ross Chairman

2nd February Admitted three new children Roll 25. George and Norman Wilton have been absent all this week

16th February On Monday the average was below half. Considering the unsettled weather the attendance is very satisfactory

26th February received notice that the annual examination will take place on 11th April

2nd March Fine week, consequently the average attendance has increased to 22.1

7th March Very wet day Only 2 boys present Closed school at 2.30 p.m.

9th March Removed Randal Reid from register, he having met with a serious accident to his eye

26th March There was a good deal of sickness at school last week.

I was too ill to attend on Friday 23rd as it was a very wet day

Only 4 boys came to the school.

30th March A very stormy week. Some of the pupils are ill and therefore not fit for their work On Tuesday the attendance was only 9. Weekly average 21.25

6th April Attendance for week 23.5. A record. Perhaps owing to the annual examination takes place on Wednesday next

11th April The examination was set down for today but the inspector unexpectedly arrived yesterday. Twenty Three pupils were present

Of these two gained certificates of competency . In Standard 5 no pupils will be promoted. In Standard 4 3 will be promoted and 2 detained in the standard . In Standard 3 2 will be promoted and 2 detained. In standard 2, 3 will be promoted, 1 detained for the present and 1 is leaving for Wellington. In Standard 1 1 will be promoted and 1 detained

Now at 11.00 I am taking the school to the banks of the Maungaturiri (Sic) for nature study

20th April School closed from April 12th to April 18th for Inspector's Holiday and Easter Holiday. Admitted Stanley Blade and removed George Ross, Margaret Ross, George Wilton and Olive Thompson. Dismissed Walter Blake pending an apology for rudeness

23rd April As W Blake tendered an apology he was readmitted

27th April Admitted Donald Reid. Three children G, C ,and W Davey absent with mumps

4th May Davey's have returned to school On Monday the attendance was below half and today it is small as the day is wet.

Weekly average 19.75

18th May Received from Smith and Smith colours for brushwork

23rd May No pupils present between 9.00 and 9 .45 a.m.

30th May Received from the Board 1 blackboard and easel, 1 chair, 1 rain gauge, 1 mariner's compass

31st May As I am suffering from an attack of erysipelas (*Skin disease*) I have closed the school until Monday morning so that I may consult a doctor.

8th June Very broken weather Average 15.6

18th June School closed on 15th, 19th 21st as a token of respect to the late Premier. In consultation with Mr Ross it is therefore decided not to reopen the school until after the midwinter holidays

13th July Started to prepare for annual concert.

20th July Removed Percy and Olive Wilmhurst from roll as they have left for Clareville

27th July Admitted Montague Yates

3rd August The annual concert takes place this evening, so no ordinary lessons will be done this afternoon

10th August Removed Victor, Florence and Lily Holmes from the register

17th August Closed school at 12.30 p.m. Arbor day to be celebrated this afternoon

24th August Admitted Connie Bishop and removed Pearl Bishop

14th September Have held first term examination and entered results in scheme of work book, sending copies home to parents

21st September William Davey has been absent all week being away with his mother

25th September Mr Tennant , the Board's Inspector visited the school today. He did not suggest any change to the timetable

28th September 1906 Miss A. Fifield (Taratahi West), and .Mr. G. Lee (Ponatahi), have resigned from the service of the Education Board .PP

28th September William Davey returned yesterday

Inspectors report of April 10th included

Standard	Number	Average	Age
		Month	Year
6	2	13	11
5	3	13	1
4	5	13	3
3	4	11	7
2	2	10	4
1	4	7	9
Primers	4	7	7

- a) Miss Fifield
- b) The school has for some years been in a backward condition I notice a considerable improvement in a great deal of the work. Composition, spelling and arithmetic require special work treatment
- c) More grouping of the classes is recommended for Geography, History and Recitation. This will enable the teacher to devote more time to English and Arithmetic
- d) Certificates of Proficiency 2
- e) Miss Fifield has made a satisfactory improvement in the general condition of all classes

19th October Admitted Walter Harwood A fine week therefore the attendance has improved, being 18.6 for the week

23rd October A very wet morning and as it is the first day of the Carterton Show only two pupils attended I closed the school after morning lessons

25th October Very Windy so that some pupils were unable to come.

26th October Weekly Average 16.6. The average attendance has much improved during my term of office, though the roll number is reduced. It is now exceptional to find a child absent or late except through stress of weather

30th October I relinquish charge of the school today and close at 2 pm to catch express to Wellington. Full notes for the guidance of my successor will be found in the scheme of work book

Amy E Fifield

Miss Fifield went back to Teach in North Canterbury

March 11 1923 KILLED INSTANTLY.

CHRISTCHURCH, March 11. A middle-aged woman, a passenger on the second express from Ashburton last' night, fell off a platform of the train at Heathcote Valley and was killed instantly.; The body has not been identified, but the luggage show the name of Miss Bennett and bear Ashburton and also Carterton labels, presentation brooch found on the body bears the name of "Fifield." There are indications that the woman was a school teacher PP

13th March The woman who fell from the train in Lyttleton tunnel has been identified by her brother, belonging to Woodburn, as Amy Fifield, a school teacher, of Lismore, aged 50 years, and single.

1st November Grace M Allen Took charge temporarily today. Children not expecting me and weather bad. Only seven present

19th November Cedric Borehan admitted today

21st November Pearl Bishop re-entered school today

Inspectors Notes of 25th September included

- a) Miss Fifield
- b) The schemes of work submitted showed an intelligent and careful grasp of the scope of work required
- c) The school buildings were clean and tidy. The Committee have made the most of a very unpromising piece of ground and the plantations are now looking very well
- d) A Barometer tube and mercury are required
- e) S J Tennant Inspector

4th December Pouring with rain. I got wet through before I was half way up so turned back again

7th December I have decided to put William Lyster back to Standard 2 arithmetic as he cannot do Standard 3 at all

10th December Most of the children were wet through when they arrived at school this morning so I sent them home and kept the school open for the eight were not wet. (Truant officer called about 1.00)

12th December Have received permission from the chairman to break up on Thursday 20th as I have a drawing examination on Friday 21st and they intend to hold their picnic on Friday. I have had to write to the chairman also about the out houses which have not been attended to since I came here six weeks ago

18th December Held the Quarterly exam on Friday and Monday Sidney Bishop has been absent for a fortnight

20th December We break up today as the School Picnic will be held tomorrow

1907

Reopened school here today. 15 scholars were present. Three have left the district. One new pupil Robert Smith

8th February Sent absent notices to Mrs Miller as Norman and Reuben have been absent all the week, but she refused to sign as the boys were up in the hills working

18th February Harwood's absent today. Attendance 16

20th February Had permission from Chairman to close the school for the Masterton A and P Show

25th February Montague, Yates, William Lyster and Donald Reid have left the district, so have struck the names off the roll Sydney Bishop has been absent for two months (nearly) cannot ascertain if he is coming back or not

8th March Received book of Suggestions on Teaching from the Board this morning. Roll is 18

12th March Detained Pearl Bishop after school and caned her for impertinence

12th March 1907 Miss G. Allen; sole teacher at Taratahi West PP

18th March rained in torrents could not get to school, Road Flooded

19th March Road Flooded no school

21st March One of the children accidentally broke the glass of the clock today

25th March The Harwoods brought as an excuse on Friday that they had been absent on Wednesday because it was raining, but not a single drop fell here. They are all absent again today but though rain has been threatening none has fallen. They are extremely irregular in attendance

28th March Closing School today for Easter Holidays

3rd April S E Mackellar Smith reopened school with 19 pupils. Room needs cleaning

4th April Wrote to chairman for a supply of lead pencils, foolscap paper, blotting paper,. Also asked if school could be cleaned

5th April Weather splendid and attendance very good Average 19 Norman Wilton and Walter Manning cleaned inside of school windows at lunch time

Girls tidied up garden

11th April Attendance 12 out of 20. Rain falling very slightly but weather cold and threatening

12th April School out earlier than usual as Walter Manning and Norman Wilton are going to scrub the room out

Give up temporary charge today

15th April Took charge in a relieving capacity C A S M . Everything in order. Full attendance

30th February transfer charge 2.30 pm. Closed early to enable me to catch express.

1st May Florence Pritchard took charge. Raining heavily, roads flooded. Attendance 2 pupils, went through water knee deep to get to school

2nd May Still raining, water still on roads. Did not go to school

7th May Held the examinations required by regulations before inspector's visit. Full attendance

10th May Mr Fleming (Inspector) visited and reclassified the scholars Norman Wilton, Walter Manning promoted to Standard 6

Roberts Smith, Edward Harwood , to Standard 5

Ivy Blake, Elma Compton, Mabel Harwood to remain in Standard 4

George Davey, Reuben Wilton, Wallace Ross, Pearl Bishop promoted to Standard 4

Constance Davey, Inez Wilton, Promoted to Standard 3

Olive Wilmhurst to remain in Standard 3

Constance Bishop, Mary Ross, Ruby Blake to be promoted to Standard 2

Fred Wilton, William Davey, Walter Harwood to be promoted to Standard 1

20th May Montague Yates readmitted, reading in Primer 1

24th May Kept as Empire Day

27th May A snow storm came on as children were leaving for home

28th May No children present. Weather inclement- fierce wind, heavy showers bitterly cold

3rd June Prince of Wales Birthday Holiday

14th June The Davey family leave the school today. They are leaving the district

24th June The Harwood family collected their books etc today. Also leaving the district

25th June Olive Wilmhurst came for her books. She is going to stay with her sister in Dannevirke until Christmas

26th June Light rain in the morning. 11 present. Heavy rain and wind later in the day

Two boys finished a cracked window. I reprimanded them and instructed them to get a new pane and put it in themselves as it was only a small one

28th June Broke up for a week's holiday which we should have had in May

8th July Resumed work at school A wet morning and poor attendance. Some members of the Committee spent the day working in the school grounds, clearing the gorse and straining the wires of the fence

10th July Showery but brightened about 9.00 Attendance better

12th Friday. Fine morning all present. E. M. And W Harwood's name taken off roll. The family have gone to the Dannevirke district O Wilmhurst has left. Her family have moved. Clareville is now the nearest school for her. She is at present staying with her sister at Dannevirke.. Roll number is now 14

17th July Received map of district from Education Board

19th July Boys commenced to prepare ground at the angles in front of school building for some flowering plants.

22nd July Charles Davis admitted

24th July Arbor Day. As there is a sufficiency of trees planted no notice was taken of the day, and school opened as usual

31st July A girl sent a hockey ball through porch window, She will get a fresh pane of glass.

2nd August Boys are preparing corner plots for flowers

9th August Mary Ross brought rose cuttings for the corner beds. Some other children brought seeds

12th August Had all the pictures taken down dusted and rearranged

15th August Mr Allen sent the children a white azalea for the garden

16th August Last Friday children commenced washing desks down with disinfectant water. This is to be done every Friday afternoon

20th August Very wet day. Southerly gale. 2 boys present

13th September Roads flooded, cold wet day. 10 children present

16th September Monday. A wet day. Influenza Prevalent. 4 children present

20th September Week closed with poor attendance owing to influenza

26th September School closed for the day to commemorate N Z being made a dominion

1st October Held the first term exam for the year. It should have been held in September but the weather has been bad and influenza has been among the children

2nd October An unusually strong wind blowing with heavy showers of hail and rain. Two boys present

16th October Mr Bakewell Inspector visited the school. 14 present out of 16. Advised me to combine the standards more for reading. Also said I should have to hold an examination before Christmas of all but Standard 6 which would probably be examined about April or May when the inspector would come and test the scholars promoted (or Not) at Xmas as Standard 6

17th October Children cleaned school windows

18th October Gave Montague Yates the cane for constant talking to the children near him

21st October laid out fresh gardens along front fence. One piece for boys to grow vegetables and the other for girls to grow flowers

25th October In accordance with the wishes of the board the names of those children who had broken the attendance regulations were sent to Wellington . But as the weather has been so persistently wet, there was some excuse for them and this was duly mentioned

1st November The weather has been fine this week and the attendance good. The children have had $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour off most days for getting on with their new gardens before the dry weather sets in.

11th November Monday 11th was kept as a holiday as King's Birthday came on Saturday

19th November Aubrey Bell admitted

21st November Thursday Agricultural show Carterton

29th November Montague Yates name was sent to the Board for irregular attendance

26th November Ivy Blake will be absent from school for a time owing to having injured her hand
 6th December Montague Yates was punished for disobedience
 17th 18th December Held the examination required by the Board of all classes below standard 6
 Results of exam of 17th December
 Standard 5 Robert Smith promoted (fair)
 Standard 4 Ilma Compton promoted (Good), Pearl Bishop Ditto satisfactory, Wallace Ross, Ditto Satisfactory, Reuben Wilton ditto Satisfactory
 Ivy Blake absent from exam owing to an injured hand
 Standard 3 Inez Wilton Promoted satisfactory
 Standard 2 Mary Ross Ditto, (Good) Connie Bishop Ditto satisfactory
 Ruby Blake is to wait for promotion until the inspectors visit
 Charles Davis absent
 Montague Yates will go into Standard 1
 Iris Compton is in Primer 2
 Aubrey Ibell is in primer 1
 It is 7 months since Mr Fleming reclassified the children. As the children here are backward for their ages I have promoted all that I thought would be able to manage the next year's work
 19th December Quarterly Average 13.9
 Am to attend the summer school at Greytown towards end of holidays
 School picnic to be held in Mr Rayner's grounds (if fine) on Friday December 20th
 20th December School picnic came off successfully

1908

10th February School reopened after midsummer holidays. Attendance 6. Walter Manning, Robert Smith, Pearl Bishop and Connie Bishop kept the school garden watered during the holiday
 13th February Teacher and Scholars cleaned the school
 17th February Monday 9 children present
 24th February The Ross family have gone to live nearer to Masterton. Charles Davis has returned to Alfredton. Robert Smith (Standard 5) has left
 Aubrey Ibell has gone to live in Masterton. This makes 5 names taken off the roll. 17-5=12. There are 12 children at present on roll
 31st March Average for quarter 8.68
 5th May Mr Fleming visited the school
 Results
 Walter Manning Proficiency Certificate Standard 6
 Norman Wilton Proficiency certificate Standard 6
 Elma Compton Standard 5 Promoted
 Pearl Bishop Standard 4 Promoted
 Ivy Blake Standard 4 Promoted
 Reuben Wilton Standard 4 Promoted
 Inez Wilton Standard 3 Promoted
 Constance Bishop Standard 2 Promoted
 Ruby Blake Standard 2 to go into Standard 3 for reading
 Fred Wilton Standard 1 Promoted
 Montague Yates Primer 3 Promoted
 Iris Compton in Primer 2
 29th May W Manning and N Wilton left for Carterton High School
 11th June Pearl Bishop's name taken off roll- required at home

3rd July School broke up for one week's holiday taken at this date instead of May

13th – 17th July Wednesday and Thursday of this week were wet, cold and stormy days. On Wednesday afternoon one scholar was present and on Friday none attended

4th August John Grant Took charge today Unable to get her till yesterday afternoon. Found everything in order Attendance 4 girls 3 boys Roll 8

5th August Weather very rough and wet Attendance 1 boy 2 girls

14th August One new pupil today Vera Bishop, aged 5, roll 9

20th August Ruby and Ivy Blake left school today. Ruby is over 14 years of age. Ivy goes to Kaitawa (*I think Kaituna*) which is nearer. Received from Wellington copies of Photos of various New Zealand Volcanic Mountains and Geysers etc. To be kept as school property

28th August Today school closes for weeks holiday

7th September School reopened after term holidays . Weather fine

9th September The school has been closed during last two days the being no attendance owing to weather being rough. Attendance Roll is steadily decreasing

13th September Weather fine attendance 5. Two children Iris Compton and Eva Bishop have been admitted but being young delicate children the attend very irregularly. Number on roll is 3 boys and 4 girls

18th September Weather has been very stormy today and no children appeared. The attendance has been very low average lately

28th September Weather is fine Attendance 6 ,Roll 7

Received medals to commemorate Dominion. Addressed children of importance of Dominion as compared with title of colony. Medals presented on Friday

Applied to chairman for a new lock for main door.

6th October Three new children arrived at this school today Annie Carruthers, Mary Carruthers and George Carruthers

8th – 9th October Mr Direen Truant Inspector visited the school today. Attendance of Montague Yates severely questioned. Attendance of school on the whole bad. Reuben Wilton has been absent for last two days

16th October Weather good, full attendance. Received from Wellington Parliamentary papers (Educational)

22nd October Weather wet. Present 2 boys 1 girl dismissed at 2.30

29th October School holiday Carterton Show. Montague Yates punished yesterday for misbehaviour

30th October Weather very wet and stormy. Attendance poor. Dismissed at 1 pm

2nd November Received from Wellington Examination forms and cards for Teacher's Examination. Intend holding examination towards end of November to enable new children to revise Results to be sent to Wellington before the 1st December

4th November School visited by Inspector Tennant, Inspected the school and out buildings and found everything in satisfactory order.

6th November Mr Tennant advised the repairing of platform in back desks

One window requires attendance To be seen to by Committee The attendance for the week has been good. Iris Compton has been the only absentee and she is too unwell to walk 2 miles to school. Average for week 7.6

9th November Holiday observed in honour of Kings Birthday

10th November Weather fine, attendance poor, Carruthers children all absent have gone to Masterton. Iris Compton still too ill to attend school

11th November Carruthers, Mary, Annie and George all removed from roll as they have left the district for Rongotea, Feilding. Roll now 6

13th November Weather fine Punished Montague Yates and Frederick Wilton for falsehoods

17th November Election Day. Polling Booth held in school. Reuben Wilton has been absent last two days because of illness.

19th November School closed owing to indisposition of teacher

23rd November Commenced term examinations.

24th November Very wet weather. No attendance

25th November Continued exam today, all present except Iris Compton.

27th November Have completed examination of school Reuben Wilton, Inez Wilton and Frederick Wilton to be promoted to VI, V and III respectively. Connie Bishop and Montague Yates are too weak in essential subjects to be promoted

Have filled in inspectors returns will post to Wellington this afternoon along with the monthly returns

4th December The weather during the week has been fine, the attendance has been good. All having full attendance with the exception of Iris Compton who attended four times

7th December The School Committee hold their meeting tomorrow night

9th December Results of examination

Standard 5 Reuben Wilton to be promoted to Standard 6

Standard 4 Inez Wilton to be promoted to Standard 5

Standard 3 Connie Bishop to remain in Standard 3

Standard 2 Fred Wilton to be promoted to Standard 3

Montague Yates to remain in Standard 1

Inspectors report for November 3rd included

- a) Mr Grant Temporary
- b) Work was proceeding satisfactorily under good discipline
- c) The roll number of this school has fallen considerably and the teaching has become more individual
- d) Mr Grant has been in charge since August

Class	Roll	Average	
		Years	Months
5	1	13	5
4	1	10	9
3	1	10	2
2	1	8	6
1	1	9	6
Primer	1	7	3

15th December Weather fine all children present but one boy Reuben Wilton has had to go to Masterton

17th December I M Grant School closes today and reopened on 1st February 1909

1909

5th February School reopened today after summer holidays. I help out acting as relieving teacher until someone is appointed. School has been repainted inside, very untidy it has not been seen to since school broke up. Have informed the Committee of the fact. Four pupils

present, six on roll One new pupil Vera Bishop, Vera Compton is still to attend school

8th February One new pupil arrived today Ronald Ball. Attendance 6 Roll 8

11th Weather very wet no attendance

17th February The school was closed on account of Masterton Show which is observed as a holiday

19th February Weather fine, Attendance good, Montague Yates absent. The School Committee meet this evening to transact business

23rd February Weather continues fine- seven children present, Iris is unable to attend school for some time owing to ill health. Montague Yates was punished today for using bad language

2nd March Have received intimation from Wellington Education Board to proceed to Bideford as soon as the teacher appointed arrives. The attendance is fair. Only 1 boy is absent today

3rd March Margaret A Burbush took charge today

Roll number and attendance 6. This is my first appointment to a school Felt at a great disadvantage owing to there being no notes or explanation left as regards the subjects taken by pupils and the work done. Also no timetable to work from

5th March Hear that Iris Compton is to attend again on Monday

10th March Received from Wellington Education Board copies of school journals, also a copy of the annual physical exercises

14th March Another pupil entered today Una Ball Roll Number 9

18th March Received form Wellington Education Board Illustrations of N Z Flora to be kept as school property. Weather very showery, attendance good

20th March This has been a very fine week, therefore attendance has been very good. With the help of the children the school was cleaned

out this afternoon. This was badly needed as it had not been done for some months

29th March This has been a very wet and stormy day but the attendance was very good. Only two absent

1st April Two new pupils today. Percy Rankin and Trilby Chapman. They are both very backward especially the girl, who came from Terrace End She has passed Standard II but I have had to revise the work of that standard before taking up the new work

5th April I have classed Iris Compton and Percy Rankin and Trilby Chapman together in the work of Standard 1. Their work is practically the same and Iris will soon catch up where she is behind

19th April The weather is exceptionally fine for this time of the year. School opened this morning with an attendance of eight. Three pupils absent.

23rd April Weather very bad and no children came to school. Left for home at 11 a m

13th May Mr Tennant wrote in log. Visited the school today and found the work going on satisfactory. In the absence of the examination records I classified the school after testing the work as Miss Burbush (In charge of the school 2 months) was in doubt as to some of the pupils

14th May The weather was very rough on Tuesday and no children attended. Mr Tennant paid a surprise visit yesterday morning. Montague Yates was punished today for misbehaviour in the playground and for impudence towards myself

25th May School was closed yesterday to celebrate Empire Day. Ronald Ball has not attended this month having gone to Auckland for the winter

8th June Admitted Donald Reid today. Roll number 12

17th June The weather today is very rough with heavy rain. Four children attended, 3 being driven to school

25th June Attendance keeping up well. Florrie Reid admitted 22nd. The two Balls do not attend very regularly as Ronald is away for the winter and the distance is too great for Una to walk in the doubtful weather

5th July Weather very changeable which accounts for a slight fall off of attendance. Mr Ball presented six books to the library which I have covered and numbered

I went to Mrs Yates one day last week and spoke to her about Monty whose behaviour has been anything but good, for some time past. I found that he had been telling her untruths and was glad to have seen her.

Received report of inspector's visit of 13th May

On May 19th I received a parcel containing 2 lbs of plasticene and some paper squares from the Board

Inspectors report included

- a) A new timetable was discussed with the teacher
- b) School and offices clean and tidy

12th July Have today received some school stationery from the Board which I was quite out of

21st July This is a beautiful day and we are working as usual (Arbor day) as most of the children are backward

26th July Admitted Hinemoa and Clarence Turner today. Roll 15

2nd August No attendance today the roads being under water

18th August Wrote to Committee asking that the school be cleaned

30th August A very wet day. Only five children arrived and as they were more or less wet I sent them home at lunch time. Roll number is now 15 but Reuben Wilton has not attended since July 28th and I am

expecting to hear that he has left. Ronald Ball is still in Auckland and Una will not be coming to school again until his return, having made only six attendances since June 22nd

22nd September Commenced school again on Monday 13th with an attendance of eleven. Attendance is excellent considering the weather and the distance the children have to walk. The school was to have been cleaned during the holidays but has not been done yet. It needs cleaning badly

5th October Last week I received notice of the Inspector's visit which takes place on or about the 21st. Received a parcel of illustrations from Education Board which I have placed on the walls

19th October Received continuous readers from Mackay's. School cleaned last week

21st October School was examined by Mr Fleming today and all children are to be promoted except Inez Wilton who will remain in Standard 5 for another year

Inspector's holiday given tomorrow

5th November Am closing school till Wednesday in Honour of King's Birthday. As we had no holiday on either Arbor day or Labour Day Monday has been granted by the Committee

23rd November On arrival at school last Friday I found that a fire had been lit in the school grounds, burning the fence and a number of young pines. I found that Montague Yates lit the fire to burn some gorse. I have reported the matter to the Committee

On 29th October I received the inspection report from the Board
Included

- a) Miss Burbush Roll 12
- b) Attendance March Quarter 7, roll 8
- c) June Quarter 9, Roll 10

- d) September Quarter 11, Roll 12
- e) A strenuous effort should be made to obtain an average of over 9 for the year
- f) A relieving teacher was in charge until March when Miss Burbush assumed control. In spite of the fact she has not had any previous experience in teaching, the children have made satisfactory progress under her tuition
- g) Her control is good and she gives promise of becoming a good teacher
- h) With the exception of one pupil in Standard 5 all the scholars are well forward in the work of their standards
- i) Reading, Recitation, Spelling, Composition and Writing was good in the junior classes
- j) The class work generally was of a satisfactory character. Some suggestions were made for a programme for next year
- k) T R Fleming

8th December Exam finished today and children will be promoted as recommended by the inspector

14th December I have removed Montague Yates name from the roll as the family have removed to Dalefield

15th December School closed today for the summer holidays. The Committee has arranged a picnic for tomorrow

1910

31st January School reopened today with five pupils present. It is a very wet rough day but C and H Turner have not yet returned home

2nd February The weather has now cleared and nearly all the children have put in an attendance . One new pupil was admitted yesterday and two more today

11th February Doris Allen enrolled on Monday. Roll 17

18th February Received one each arithmetic book and Empire reader for standard III forwarded from Education Board, on February 12th . On 16th I received a parcel containing 2 readers for Standard II, 3 readers for 2nd infants 2 readers for 1st infants and 2 readers for 2nd primers

School was closed on Wednesday 15th for Masterton Show

25th February The weather has been good and have had an average of 14.8 for the week

On Monday I received 1 Standard III reader (Empire), 1 for Standard II, 2 readers for 1st Primer and a quantity of blotting paper. Making in all 15 readers a 1 arithmetic book

6th May The weather has been good but attendance has been low on account of illness. Roll 19

13th May A holiday was given on Wednesday to celebrate proclamation Day as we did not receive word until too late on Tuesday. On three days children were kept away by the weather

19th May A holiday will be given tomorrow, the day of the King's funeral. Some of the children are going to attend the Memorial Service at Carterton and some at Masterton

27th May The attendance has been very poor this week owing to illness and home circumstances. Dulcie and Maud Lee were away for three days as their mother had not been well. Maggie Thompson was away for three days. She suffers with her leg, the result of an accident, she also has a distance of over 2 ½ miles to walk every day. School was closed this afternoon for the winter holidays

10th June School reopened last Monday after the holidays. Today has been wet and stormy and only ten children were present

17th June I sent the children home early this afternoon. It commenced to rain, from the South during the morning and they had nearly all come without their coats. Una Ball returned to school again on Monday after an absence of eight weeks owing to illness

20th June On Thursday last the attendance was less than half the roll number on account of weather. On Friday no children came so I returned home again at 10 a.m. It is still very cold and wet today. Attendance 10 pupils

30th June Last Wednesday 18th only one pupil arrived at school. We worked until 11 a.m. and then returned home. The average for the quarter is 16.6 with a roll of 19

7th July Jack Lawrence and Marjorie Humphries enrolled today. They have previously attended the Greytown School. On July 1st I received word from Committee to open school at 9.30 a.m. and close at 3 p.m. as usual having $\frac{3}{4}$ hour only for lunch. This is until September only, and on account of the bad weather and the distance at which most of the children live from the school

22nd July The attendance has been much better this week until today when no children came it being a very rough Southerly. Inez Wilton has been ill two days and is absent from school

29th July Eight of the children have been away during the week owing to illness and colds. The attendance has therefore been low with a percentage of 66

19th August Inez Wilton has been absent all week owing to having to help her mother who has not been well. She will return to school on Monday

26th August School closes today for term holidays which are taking place a week before the appointed time so that I may visit neighbouring schools for the purpose of observing the methods used. I applied for leave of absence for the purpose named during the Month of July with the result that I have been requested to utilise my holidays

19th September School reopened last Monday with an attendance of 19. Trilby Chapman has been away all week owing to a rash having broken out on her face and body. During the holidays I visited the Side School in Masterton (*Masterton West Side School in Victoria Street*) also the Upper Plain School (*Fernridge*) and although the time was short it has been of considerable assistance

16th September The attendance has been very poor this week on account of poor weather and illness. Iris Compton has been away all the week; she is not a strong child and is most irregular in her attendance

23rd September The school was closed yesterday to enable me to attend an examination which was held in Masterton There are only 18 children present today

30th September I received advice from the Chairman to close the school last Friday and give the children a whole holiday on Monday, Dominion Day as most of them live such a distance. Millan Thompson has been absent all the week having been required at home. Average for week 19

1884/6408 Burbush	Margaret	Catherine	Frank
	Agnes		

1962/42516 Burbush Margaret Agnes 78Y

4th October Five children are absent owing to the weather. It is a very showery day and very wet this morning.

I had to punish Trilby Chapman for being impudent

11th October School closed for Labour Day. Dulcie Lee left here last Friday for Clareville where she is going to stay with her sister who has been ill. She will be returning again

13th October A very wet day and only five pupils here to open school. Three more came at 10.30. The Humphries are in the habit of coming late as they are required to help on the farm. I received word last evening of the inspector's visit which is to take place on the 19th October

26th October Mr Bakewell examined the school last Wednesday. All the children being present except Ronald Ball who was undergoing an operation today. He will not present again for a few weeks. The school closed on Thursday for the Inspector's holiday and will be closed tomorrow for the Carterton Show

4th November Received Inspectors report which included

Standard	Number	Comment
6	2	One candidate good, one moderate
5	2	Satisfactory to Good
4	2	Very satisfactory
3	1	Satisfactory
2	6	Very good
Primers	7	Satisfactory

- a) Reading Satisfactory (previously a very weak subject)
- b) Spelling Good all classes
- c) Drill exercises and deep breathing –goods
- d) Nature Study Taken in conjunction with work in garden plots- Satisfactory
- e) Comments in all other areas the same

f) The children are receiving methodical and intelligent instruction. I note a great improvement in the English of all classes more especially in the composition. Slate work of Standard 2 and Primer classes very neat

g) All pupils should be fit for promotion by the end of the year except for one in standard 6

h) F H Bakewell

11th November School was closed on Wednesday in honour of the Late King's Birthday. Work was resumed on Thursday with an attendance of 19

18th November Last Saturday I received the examination papers from the Education Board. The exam is to take place on the 5th December and the holidays commence on the 23rd.

I also received notice that the school will reach Grade II for the next year if the attendance for the current quarter is 15. There will be no difficulty over that as the roll number is still 21 and the children attend well

25th November On the 12th I had notice that the holidays will commence a week earlier, December 15th and the exam will be a week earlier in consequence. Takes place on Monday next

5th December exam is over and the papers forwarded. Last week I received a parcel of Ink, chalk and slate pencils from Committee. Mary Cook was admitted today

6th December I saw Mr Wilton , chairman this morning and he spoke of a picnic which takes place on December 14th

15th December Annual Picnic was held yesterday and the school closed for the purpose. School closed today for midsummer Holidays. It is a very wet day and nearly half the children absent so I sent them home early. The examination papers were returned on the 13th and

out of 14 pupils presented in the standards 13 have passed. One Standard 6 pupil gained proficiency

1911

30th January School reopened. Marjorie Reid admitted. Roll 23 Attendance 22. The playground has been cleared of shrubs during the holiday

13th February On Saturday I received a parcel of Books from Whitcombe and Tombs and One from McLeod and Youngs 2 Standard 4 Southern Cross Arithmetics, 2 Atlases, 2 Standard 4 British Empire Readers.

The weather is good and the attendance is keeping up with the exception of Connie Bishop who is required to help her mother and Jack Humphries who assists with the farm work

17th February School has been open eight times this week. Wednesday was observed as a holiday being Masterton Show Day

24th February The week has been a fine one. One family is absent owing to measles. Connie Bishop has not attended at all this week Weekly average 18.2

3rd March Three children are absent on account of measles. Mr Bishop came for the children's' books on Tuesday. Connie will not return but Vera will do so later It appears that there has been some trouble with Donald Reid on the way home. Mrs Allen is also keeping her little girl at home for a while.

10th March The Turners have returned to school but Hinemoa has been absent- the last three days owing to the inclement weather. Maggie Thompson and Ronald Ball are suffering from severe colds. Roll 22

17th March Maggie Thompson and Ronald have returned. Fred and Inez Wilton take it in turns to be absent as one is required at home each day. Mr Tennant (*Inspector*) paid a visit to the school yesterday 24th March Una Ball has been away all week. She is again under the doctor. The average for the week is very low, being only 16. I have received a letter from the Secretary asking for a report on the conduct of the two boys who were complained about by Mr Bishop

31st March Rita Reid has been absent all the week owing to illness. Una Ball is still absent. The two little Allen's returned to school on Monday

7th April The attendance has improved very much this week Vera Bishop has returned and Una Ball came for one day

We break up today for the Easter Holidays. The Humphries children are quarantined for diphtheria They may return on the 24th April . I had permission from the Chairman of Committee to close the school early to catch the train to Wellington

21st April School opened on Wednesday after the holidays. The average attendance for the week is 14. Five children not having made any attendance

28th April The Humphries returned to school on Monday but Una Ball will probably be absent for some time. Weekly Average 19

5th May Received Inspection Report of 17th March which included

- a) Miss Burbush. Roll 23
- b) The present classification is practically that recommended by the inspector at his last visit
- c) All school records neatly and carefully kept
- d) Sensible methods are employed in teaching,; order and tone are good

e) The teacher is at school all day and the supervision is carefully attended to

f) J S Tennant

I have also received some (3) Temperance wall Charts and a reading sheet for the primers. Also copies of Robinson Crusoe (2) and Tom Brown's school days

12th May Appointment Kaipororo—Assistant, Miss Burbush. PP

2nd June The children have been absent for the greater part of the week owing to severe colds. Maud Lee has contracted measles. Iris Compton is away from home and will be absent for some weeks

9th June The average for the week is 16 roll number 22

16th June I resign charge of this school today. Jack Humphries left school today, he is required at home. Maggie Thompson also left as she will be attending Carrington School. The organ stool in the school room is lent by Mrs Ball for the use at church services

3rd July Mrs Elizabeth Connell Starts. School resumed today after term holidays with an attendance of 20. Weather fine and calm. Coronation medals received and distributed

10th July Weather very wet and cold Attendance 7 (5 boys and 2 girls)

8th August A dance has been held every 2nd Friday since June 21st

14th September Very wet day and full attendance. Three pupils were entered this week from Belvedere School. Attendance 19

Received from Secretary Box of pencils, bottle ink, box nibs,=. Dance held in school room last Friday 8th

19th September today a terrific gale is blowing from the South. Only 2 pupils present

30th September Received parcel of photographs

5th October One girl absent owing to eczema Roll 19

17th October A fierce gale blowing, Rain squalls, Very Cold Day. Window pane blown in, window boarded temporarily

20th October Examination being conducted today by Mr T R Fleming

6th November Inspection report received included

a) Roll 19

b) The Upper Class work was generally satisfactory but the lower classes (Standard 1 and primers) were backward owing probably to the changes lately made in the management. Mrs Connell who took charge in July is conducting the school satisfactorily

c) There is a leak in the schoolroom and in the porch. Damage done to the windows by the recent storm is being repaired by the Committee

18th November Received from Education Board 1 Table

25th November Received from Board 1 Hydroplate (Blackboard)

24th November Held examination of Standard 4 – Primers.

27th November Held examination of Standard 5. 2 scholars- gave test for proficiency exam in dictation and spelling- one boy had it correct the other had 2 mistakes, one boy had 5 sums correct the other 4

5th December Meeting of Committee held at Mr Reid's house last night. It was decided that the annual picnic should be held on December 13th in Mr Allen's grounds. The attendance prize still be awarded to Trilby Chapman 1st and to Percy Rankin and Ronald Reid who tied for 2nd place

1912

29th January reopened school this morning in dull weather with attendance of 23

28th February School was closed yesterday to allow children to attend Masterton Show

1st March Attendance full all the week

16th April Trilby Chapman left today 14 years of age

19th April Received today 7 Atlas's and 7 copies of David Copperfield

23rd Present Committee re-elected

26th April Received from Education Board 7 copies Highroads of History

3rd May A meeting of the entertainment committee is to be held in the schoolroom tonight to arrange a series of socials proposed to be held during winter

14th June Inspector Stuckey paid a surprise visit to the school today

27th June Received parcel of 1 dozen scissors, 200 sheets of paper and box of chalk from the Education Board

29th June received 2 spades, a fork, 2 rakes, 2 hoes from Education Department Average for quarter 22 Roll 23

Inspectors report for 14th June included

- a) Mrs Connell. Roll 23
- b) Intelligent work was being done at the time of my visit
- c) Regularity of attendance very good
- d) It was suggested that a short break such as a few minutes singing should be made between two somewhat long lessons
- e) The schemes of work are quite suitable and quality of instruction is good.
- f) The work of the infant classes has evidently improved
- g) Manners and General behaviour good
- h) Supervision in recess – good

i) Broken windows and a leak in the roof of the porch referred to in the Mr Fleming's report of December 1st 1911 have not yet been attended to.

j) There is now a leak in the roof of the classroom also. These matters should receive the Committee's attention

k) Some gravel is wanted in the playground

l) The floor of the classroom needs to be scrubbed

m) A small garden has been laid out and plots have been dug

n) Practical gardening will be made the basis of the Nature Study Programme

o) The books in the school library have all been read by the children

p) It would be of material assistance if the School Committee could make a small grant towards augmenting the library

q) Two half sheets of hydroplate have been supplied to this school but they have not yet been fixed to the wall This should be done as soon as possible

r) An additional half sheet would allow all infants to do blackboard work at the same time

s) F G A Stuckey Inspector

10th July Application for school house 1910 Roll 17, 1911 Roll 18, 1912 Roll 12

Teacher has difficulty in obtaining lodgings

27th August received Hydroplate from Education Board

29th August A grant of £426 for erection of a residence from Department of Education

9th September Two pupils entered today (Infants) Attendance 24 Roll 25

20th September Received some seeds from Cooper Ltd. 4 packets flower and 4 packets vegetable

24th September Yesterday was observed as Dominion Day. One boy away he has mumps.

25th September 1912 £426 for a residence at Carrington, 1 and a like sum for the same purpose at Taratahi West PP

1913

2nd February reopened school after summer vacation with 27 Scholars Received 7 Geographical readers, Our Empire overseas from Education Board

12th of February Wellington Education Board asks for an extra grant of £ 6715-0 because of increased cost of building

1st March received a parcel of books from Education Board. 9 Historical readers and 8 supplementary readers

26th March 1913 Taratahi West, residence, O. H. Humphries PP

29th March 1913 Taratahi West, erection of residence, Rose and Mason PP

18th April holiday granted to visit battleship "New Zealand"

1st May Visited the school without notice, found the work proceeding quietly and according to timetable Signed A B Charters Inspector

23rd May School will be closed today for the term holiday extending to the 3rd June King's Birthday

Inspectors report of May 9th included

- a) Teacher Mrs Connell
- b) Roll 27
- c) Quality of instruction good

d) Last year the Board made a grant to the Committee for fencing the school garden, but so far only two straining posts have been put in, and nothing can be done to the garden until it is fenced off

e) The outside offices, too, are not receiving the amount of attention necessary

f) Some new boarding is required for the shelter shed, and part of the front fence is rotten, several pickets having come right away

g) The porch of the school is rather small for the size of the school and could be widened with advantage

h) An extra shelf is needed for the wall and cupboard

i) A B Charters

10th July Holiday granted for reception of Sir H? Buchanan (*Probably Walter Buchannan, Wairarapa politician*)

27th August School was closed 27th, 28th, 29th for repairs and painting

25th September School closed Dominion Day

25th September Annual visit of inspectors

29th 30th October School was closed for Carterton Show. October 29th was observed as holiday instead of 27th Labour Day

19th November Wrote to School Committee about outside offices which had not been attended to since July

25th November Received Verbal notice that offices would be attended to immediately

Inspectors Report received. All areas doing well

And included. Both Teacher and pupils have worked well during the year, and the condition of the school is very satisfactory. A rabbit proof gate should be provided to the school garden and a more direct

route from the school to the residence would be a convenience (*First mention of a residence*)

2nd December Annual and Proficiency exams are being conducted by the teacher

5th December Received notice from Chairman that Committee meeting will be held tonight.

18th December School was closed today for midsummer holidays

Sixth Standard scholars received Proficiency Certificates

1914

3rd February School was opened on Tuesday February 3rd. Roll 27, Boys 7, Girls 20

During the summer holidays the floor was scrubbed and windows were cleaned. Outside offices have not been attended to since July

27th March Girls' outside office has been closed for over a week not having been attended to. Half cord of firewood was delivered by Mr Kempton for school fires

April Received from Education Board a relief map of New Zealand

8th May School closed today for three weeks vacation to allow the teacher to attend the Physical Education Class in Masterton for a fortnight, the third week being the customary Term Holiday

1st June Today was observed a holiday in lieu of June 3rd, the anniversary of the King's birthday

19th June Wrote to Committee re the filthy condition of sheds

15th July Arbor day Children planted native trees obtained from local bush shrubbery

14th August Expelled Frederick Wilton for indecent conduct

Inspectors report of 1st April included

a) Mrs Connell has drawn up a very intelligent and comprehensive scheme of work and the method and quality of the work are commended

b) Pupils are working under effective control

c) A commendable feature is made of the practical work in the garden

d) F H Bakewell Inspector

Inspectors report of 1st September included

a) Roll 24

b) Overall Satisfactory

c) Satisfactory progress is being made with the year's work

d) A considerable amount of minor damage is done to the school and its furniture and much inconvenience is caused by people who use the school room for weekly entertainment

1915

17th February School was closed on account of Masterton A and P Show being held

25th February School was closed for annual school picnic

15th March. Wrote to School Committee re the attending to boys latrines which have not been attended to for some months

Have forwarded Postal Note of 5/- to Committee from Sir W Buchanan for use of schoolroom

5th March Received from Ed Board a parcel of supplementary readers 3 Coral Island, 3 Sinbad the Sailor, 1 Story of a Donkey

15th March Forwarded to Secretary School Committee of postal note from Sir Walter Buchannan for using schoolroom during election

14th April Inspectors report included

- a) Roll 25 Present 20
- b) Mrs Connell
- c) I was satisfied with work done during my visit
- d) A quantity of old timber and some trestles lying in heaps give the playground an untidy appearance.
- e) The playground would be much improved if the Committee would have the scrub cut and some of the larger stones removed
- f) The flagpole should be re erected
- g) F G A Stuckey

21st May received from Wellington Education Board a number of laureate Poetry Books and supplementary readers

1st June Received from Education Board a box of coloured chalk and 6 bottles of brushwork colours

7th June Observed as Empire Day

10th June Received a cord of wood

14th July Arbor day Did not close school as trees did not arrive. Hedge trees to be put in on arrival during lunch hour.

Holes dug and ground prepared as practical work in agricultural Lesson

25th August Punished Clarence Burton for insolence and insubordination

31st August Conduct of C Burton much improved, no further trouble

11th September received word that Inspector will examine the scholars on the 23rd

Inspectors report of 23rd September

- a) Mrs E Connell
- b) Roll 23, present 20

- c) The results of my examination was in every way satisfactory. A faithful year's work has been done

- d) F G A Stuckey

25th October labour Day

28th October Carterton A and P show. Holiday granted

1916

1st February School reopened this morning Weather very hot

14th February Holiday given for Masterton A and P Show

6th April Holiday given to enable children to attend Ceremony of crowning Carnival Queen

17th April 3rd May Easter Holiday extended to May 2nd to enable Committee to have school thoroughly fumigated and cleaned

16th June School not scrubbed until 16th June

30th June Wet weather attendance 10

12th June Received from Committee one box of matches, 1 box of slate pencils, 23 sheets of blotting paper and packet of envelopes

18th May Inspectors Report included

- a) Roll 25
- b) Mrs E Connell
- c) Work was proceeding very satisfactorily under satisfactory discipline
- d) Time table will be revised
- e) The tool shed is in need of repair (Door off hinges) A new lock is required on back door of residence
- f) Present arrangement of desks made to keep the children out of draughts

- g) Arrangements made for cleaning do not appear satisfactory. The school has not been cleaned during the holidays as directed by the Board
- h) Fuel is required for the winter
- i) Those people who use the room for entertainments should be more careful of the school property
- j) T Fleming Inspector

July Received from Committee 23 sheets blotting paper. Received one box of matches

A pane of glass was blown in by the gale in June and has not been attended to

August Received from Committee some pegs, cords for blinds, slate pencils, and Foolscap paper after a long delay and several requests

18th September Wrote to Committee re the condition of the schoolroom this morning- not habitable- tables littered with greasy scraps, floor littered with scraps and banana skins, things used not put away and a thick coating of dust on everything. After 3.00 on Friday the schoolroom was left clean and tidy. And after the entertainment on Friday evening an attempt was made by those who used the room to put it in order for Monday's school work

Inspectors report of 20th September included

- a) Roll 29
- b) E Connell teacher
- c) The class work in History, Geography and Nature Study was good and the general work (With the exception of a few children) was of a satisfactory character
- d) T R Fleming

1917

February reopened school January 30th ,Attendance 22, Roll 22

1st February holiday granted on occasion of Military Carnival at Solway

21st February Holiday granted for A and P Association Show

25th April School was closed in commemoration of the ANZACS- Anzac Day

Average attendance April 26

30th June Mary and Vivian Lee have been absent 3 weeks- whooping Cough

7th August Three children left Leslie Akehurst chastised for filthy habits

3rd- 11th September Spring term Holiday

7th November Annual inspection of school

Inspectors showed all positive

13th November Physical education report

Teacher Mrs Connell

No on class Boys 11 Girls 16

Remarks A much improved squad. Still more attention required to deportment

Model lessons given

Position of subject in timetable 10.40- 11.00

Signed Frank R Just Instructor

1918

24th February Received daily attendance register, 20 days late

Received 6 lb of plasticene from Smith and Smith Wellington

25th April Half holiday on Anzac Day

23rd and 24th May Very small attendance owing to severe weather prevailing

3rd June Empire Day and King's Birthday anniversary- school closed

2nd 3rd 4th Very severe weather conditions- very low attendance

23rd 24th July No pupils attended because of inclement weather

24th October Dominion day- School closed

24th October Carterton A and P show- school holiday

13th November School closed today owing to epidemic of influenza

Inspectors reports of 29th April and 30th September Included

- a) Teacher Mrs Connell
- b) Roll 18
- c) Programmes have been brought into line with the new syllabus and are well carried out. The examination results showed good results
- d) Needlework Patriotic Work (knitting etc.) Very good
- e) At the teacher's request I examined the two Standard 6 pupils for their proficiency certificates. Both qualified for certificates
- f) F G A Stuckey

1st November Physical Education report Frank R Just. More attention to posture will improve. The children are responsive and discipline good

1919

7th February School reopened Attendance 17

15th April School was scrubbed,. Previous cleaning was in 1917

4th July Received from Department tubes of tooth paste- one for each family

11th July Wrote to Committee some months ago drawing attention to state of disrepair of the gate etc. These matters have not yet been attended to. The latrines are in a very unsanitary condition- broken kerosene tins and leaking pans have obtained for some considerable time

16th July Annual inspection of school work was made by Mr F G A Stuckey. Report of 5th March and 16th July included

- a) Mrs Connell
- b) Roll 27 on 5th and 16th on 16th July
- c) Primers had dropped from 12 to 4
- d) Attendance very good
- e) On my first visit notes were left for the completion of the programme. The instruction of the pupils is on sound and intelligent lines
- f) Singing- not tested- generally very good in this school
- g) The pupils of the preparatory division are making satisfactory progress
- h) The School Committee has recently topped the pine trees which surround the grounds. The topping appears to be unnecessarily drastic- so much so as to almost deprive the school of shelter. It would have been better if some of the money had been spent in clearing the ground of stone
- i) The front of the school building is studded with dozens of rusty nails and tacks resulting I believe from the erection of temporary shelters by people who have used the school for dances etc. This should be attend to without delay
- j) The latrines are in a most unsanitary condition. It is clearly evident that the School Committee does not insist on the

regular emptying of the pans. This should be attended to without delay

k) The supply of firewood seems to be scanty. I understand that much of the school wood is used by people who hold dances in the schoolroom. Most of the wood from the pines appears to have been moved to a paddock opposite the school

l) The floor of the school room requires scrubbing

m) F G S Stuckey

16th October A window requires a pane of glass which should have been put in in July

21st October Trafalgar Day – Children reminded of the great sailor, Lord Nelson

27th October School closed today Labour Day

30th October School to be closed today South Wairarapa A and P show

6th November Weather very cold and wet Rain and wind coming in through broken window which has not been attended to yet is causing much inconvenience in the schoolroom.

There is no firewood The children have had to gather manuka scrub to dry their clothes and obtain a little warmth. The temperature at 9.00 this morning was 40° and at 12.00 50° (40° = 1.111 Celsius and 50° = 10° Celsius)

The window was broken by the wind in July and when entertainments are held the Chairman tacks rag on to window sack with galvanised staples. The rag is now hanging to the sack

190			
9	91	Tokomaru Assistant	Connell

191			
0	129	Epuni Assistant	Connell

9th March 1910 Mrs E Connell appointed to Featherston School as assistant PP

13th June 1911 Mrs E Connell appointed Taratahi West

1868/23093	Ramsay	Elizabeth Ellis	Kate	Walter
1900/986	Elizabeth Ellis	Ramsay	James Attridge	Connell
1942/31137	Connell	Elizabeth Ellis	74Y	
1906/7491	Connell	Margaret Catherine	Elizabeth Ellis	James Attridge -
		Walter		
1901/13041	Connell	Thomas Attridge	Elizabeth Ellis	James Attridge

Elizabeth Ramsay Pupil Teacher at Thorndon 1886,1887,1888, 1889 and then pupil teacher at Newtown in 1890 and 5 more years as pupil teacher at Clyde Quay School in Wellington

Then followed 3 years at Vogelstown and 1 more at Brooklyn as assistant female until leaving to get married to James Attridge Connell in early 1900. He was approximately 43 and she 32 at the time of their marriage

After leaving Taratahi West she was listed as living at 70 Boulcott Street Wellington and He at 58 Boulcott Street.

James Attridge Connell died 1938 aged 81 in Wellington. He was a newspaperman including the Wairarapa Age and involved in a number of court cases.

2nd September 1937 SALESMAN'S DEATH

SELF-ADMINISTERED SHOCK WIFE'S EVIDENCE AT INQUEST PUKEKOHE, Wednesday A verdict that **death** was due to asphyxiation and heart failure following an electric shock, self-administered, was returned by the coroner, Mr. C. K Lawrie, J.P., at the of the inquest to-day into the death on Monday night of Walter Connell, radio salesman of Harris Street, Pukekohe. Evidence given by deceased's wife was; that she heard her husband groaning in bed about 11 p.m. She found that he had used his knowledge of electricity to induct current through his body from the mains serving the house. She released him within about two minutes, but meanwhile he had collapsed. Dr. F. W. Lumsden was called and arrived within 10 minutes, but Connell was then dead. Witness said deceased was 36 years of age. He had suffered from tuberculosis for the past two years. He became depressed at times, and had told her that he did not think he would recover. An opinion was given by Lionel G. Sharp, engineer to the Franklin Power Board, that contact with the current would kill a human being in from 10 to 20 minute's. PP

In 1933 Listed as Miss Elizabeth Connell in Auckland Electoral Roll living at Harris Street Pukekohe as a widow

1920

Reopened school yesterday 19th

12th April received from Education Board a parcel of 3 blinds for school windows

27th April Visited the school without notice. Found work proceeding quietly. A B Charters Inspector

14th May Special holiday at request of Prince

5th May Arrival of Prince of Wales in Masterton

12th June received 6 lbs Plasticene and 500 sheets of paper from Education Board

September Received garden tools 3 rakes, 3 hoes, 1 spade, 3 forks

28th October Carterton A and P show- holiday

Inspectors report of 11th August included

- a) Teacher Mrs Connell
- b) Roll 21
- c) Schemes of work are suitable and the work well kept (*But not the log*)
- d) Geography and History have been well taught
- e) Signed A N Burns

1921

School reopened 1st February Roll No 23

Inspectors report 7th June included

- a) Mrs Connell
- b) Standard 7, 1 pupil takes Book Keeping, Advanced English and Arithmetic
- c) Roll 23
- d) In several cases children appear to be too highly placed. This is due to these pupils being too old for the lower standard
- e) The spelling of small words in composition exercises- very poor
- f) An improvement in condition of outside buildings since my last visit

- g) More oral work would improve the general work and tone of the school
- h) Alfred Cowles Inspector

1922

Inspectors report for 14th September

Roll 16

- a) Mrs Connell
- b) The work of the school is carried out under satisfactory control
- c) Attendance unsatisfactory
- d) Schoolroom well ventilated and warm
- e) Cleaning satisfactory
- f) Alfred Cowles, Inspector

1923

29th January 1923 That regarding tenders for Taratahi West and Carrington residences, and South Featherston school and residence, the secretary Communicate with the Education Department PP

5th June Commenced work as relieving teacher G G Maloney

11th 12th June Attendance Monday and Tuesday poor. Long distance and sickness may account

16th July A fine mild day 11 out of 18 present. Attendance most unsatisfactory

17th July Mr Cowles Inspector of schools, visited school today 2 out of 18 present

25th July Mr Brockett Agriculture Instructor, visited school today 12/18 present

31st July My duties as relieving teacher terminate today G G Maloney August 1923 Resumed charge of Taratahi West School E Connell

During my absence three windows were cracked and one broken by the relieving teacher, the pieces of glass being left in the playground

A delicate nervous child was intimidated and played truant- the unique case since 1911. The mother was concerned for the health of the child who, she said was ill

Received the report as here under

Inspected 10th May 1920

Confidential for teacher Mrs Connell

The work book should be a record of work done, preparation of work

August 1923 received end for May a parcel of handwork materials

September 1923 Report of Instructor of Agriculture

Included

Recommend that work be lightened by abandoning vegetable culture for the present and making flower beds. Once established they should be comparatively easy to keep going

Signed F C Brockett

1925

Unknown Teacher Examination July 1925

Standard	Child	Age
6	Lilia Bishop	14
5	Henry Bishop	13
	Colleen Stephen	12.9
	Mavis Roigard	12.6

4	Evelyn Roigard	11.1
	Tori Spooner	11.10
	Irene Wilton	14.3
3	Arthur Beard	12.3
	Moira Bishop	9.6
	Beatrice freer	10.6
	Jean Linton	10.11
	Richard Roigard	9.10
	Florence Blake	10.6
	George Linton	12.11
2	Robert Linton	8.4
	Moya freer	9.6

10th August Received map of the World and Map of New Zealand

14th August My duties as relieving teacher terminate today. N P Peterson

1st September Received letter on 28th August from Education Board asking me to resume teaching. Extended sick leave has been granted to Mrs Connell. N P Petersen

26th October Chairman of School Committee decided that labour Day to be observed on 30th being day following People's Day at A and P Show Carterton Reason being that as the majority of children are walking to the show the attendance on Friday would probably be very low

28th October As today is the last school day of the month my duties as relieving teacher should terminate

30th October received telephone message from Education Board to resume teaching on 2nd November for at least one month.

11th November Received telegram from Education Board intimating termination at end of week, and return of Mrs Connell

1926

1st February G D Warring *According to Evening Post G D Warren appointed. However a George D Warring was teaching in Wellington in 1923 and this will be the same George Warring*

1979/49743 Warring George Donald 77Y

Opened school this morning at 9.30

Frightfully untidy like most country schools after a dance. There were 26 on the roll but 2 were absent. There appears to be every likelihood of the school dropping a grade before long. Apparatus is in a shocking condition, but hope to rectify matters soon

First Committee meeting held on Thursday 4th February It was proposed as had been usual in the past, that the picnic should be a community affair, to which all and sundry were to be invited. It was stated that all funds had been spent on the picnic £11-0-0 odd. This seems a frightful extravagance with the school in the condition it is.

9th February We commenced improving the entrance to the school today. We intend to continue a path round the school and to use up big boulders as borders round the garden. When whitewashed these should look well

We entered three new pupils this morning that brings the total to 28

Ye gods, do they think we are machines capable of any strain. Finding the organisation of the timetable a frightfully difficult job. The records are in a frightful mess and the children are the most

stupid I have ever had the misfortune to meet. Still one must do ones' best and it's no good worrying.

17th February School closed for Masterton Show

Holiday on account of school picnic on Sat 13th February

9th March Inspector Burns paid first visit to school arriving at 9 and 12 noon

16th March Inspector's report

It cannot be too strongly stressed that the successful work in a school of this grade necessitates the thorough preparation of lessons to be given

A plan of the day's work for the Upper Standards should be set out in view of the pupils so that when one task is completed the next can be proceeded with at once

Punctuality on the part of both teacher and pupils is essential

There is a decided improvement in the general working spirit in evidence

Unnecessary conversation should be suppressed

The Scheme Book and Work Book were not in the school. The former is to be posted to me on its completion

Mr Warring gave a short Geography lesson which was evidently not prepared as it was too discursive

Methods:- with the lower classes are the right lines, There is an immediate need for employment for the little ones.

The work in general was of a poor condition last year, but already shows signs of a vast improvement

Mr Warring is quite capable of raising the school to a good standard of efficiency and is advised to devote the whole of his energies to this object

18th March Mr Hopkirk- drill adviser called on an unofficial visit

19th March Notified that school is to be painted inside in due course

28th April Rain Gauge arrived from Education Board

27th April Mr Morris removed his three children owing to some personal difference with the Committee

29th April Five nominations for new Committee received

3rd May School Committee elected included A Daysh, E Allen, D Anderson, C Benke, W Morris

1st June Attendance 26

2nd August C E Brockett (Agriculture paid visit. Present 1 hour. Questioned pupils on constituents of soil- satisfactory progress reported.

5th August Mr A N Burns Annual Inspection included

- a) Most of the pupils Standard 3-5 should not have been promoted at the end of last year. I have now reclassified them and they will have to do good work between now and the end of the year to merit promotion then
- b) Management good
- c) Order, tone and discipline very good
- d) Attendance Satisfactory
- e) Mr Warring has done good work. There is a great improvement in the attitude of the pupils towards their work
- f) The foundation of the work in the standards has been badly laid and consequently this years work in arithmetic and English is very poor.
- g) It may confidently be expected with the new classification that better progress will be made.

6th September Measles of a mild form very prevalent, 11 pupils being absent and 18 present

15th September Severe storm with heavy rain from the North 15 pupils present and 15 absent

13th September Received notice from the Education Board have decided to paint the school and outbuildings during the Xmas holidays. Also that the topping of the trees is being considered and the adjustments to outhouses are to be commenced as soon as a satisfactory tender is produced

17th September Heavy fall of snow. Attendance only 9

28th September Miss Blackbourne drill instructress paid inspectorial visit and was well satisfied. Took a very pleasing lesson with pupils in eurythmics?

4th October Mr Brockett paid visitation. Demonstrated flocculation of clay by the action of lime

4th November Dr Morgan paid annual visit of inspection all pupils below Standard III thoroughly examined. Upper pupils were examined superficially and teeth and eyes examined closely

9th November Mr Brockett called on final visit .Experiment on constituents of atmosphere

22nd November Pine trees are being topped. The work is proceeding very slowly

3rd November Received from Health Department the cards for at least three schools

1927

1st February Reopened school with 29 pupils. Weather insufferably hot. Temp 93° New blinds urgently needed. School found in very untidy state after painters. Had to work all day on Sunday and Monday to get the place cleaned up

3rd February Parcel of books and material arrived from Education Board. Miss Porter commenced duties pending confirmation of her appointment

10th February Mr Brockett paid first visit of the year and gave a lesson on aphids and insects generally. Attempt to arouse interest in spiders, ants and bees

16th February Masterton Show peoples day. No holiday taken as has been usual here. Large number of pupils away

22nd February Owing to a great deal of illness (and the inclement weather) several pupils were absent. 13 present in morning and 15 in the afternoon

9th March School closed 7th and 8th March on account of visit of Duke and Duchess of York

29th February New blinds arrived, put them up Friday afternoon. No Committee to help

18th March There is to be a dance in the school. Great inconvenience caused in preparing the place. Hope they leave it clean for Monday This is against my wish I have communicated with the Board but as is usual with such communication I have not received a reply

21st March Very severe storm, thunder lightning. 11 children present closed school at 2 pm roof leaking

19th March Inspector Blackie paid first visit. Advised instruction in phonics with infants. Altered time table to include more singing and less arithmetic. Infants to have shorter day. 9 – 11.30. 1-2.30

24th May Roll 28. For the guidance of any future teachers I should like here to give a little advice. School Committee's here are elected by "Block Vote" and the whole procedure is cut and dried long before the actual election. The idea seems to be to make as much money as possible to spend on a picnic at the end of their financial

year. No monies barring the Board's grant go to the school. The school picnic which to say the least is a farce, is their sole ambition

24th May There seems to be a strong feeling of dissatisfaction among the better class of people, who live south of the school, in school affairs. Chiefly in connection with Committee business

30th May Very few in school today. Cold southerly with driving rain Fifteen children were absent owing to colds and bad weather.

Some of the people in this district make any excuse good enough for absence from school, especially Blake, Morris and Hatchard

6th June Two cord of rata and matai mixed arrived at school (Good Measurement) 17 foot x 4 foot x 4 foot. Delivered by J Edwards from L A Bishop.

3rd June Closed King's Birthday

7th July Purchase chalk, paper etc for examination purpose

8th July Gardens ready for Onions

14th July Heavy southerly with snow/hail Temperature 38.7 (3.61 *Celcius*) at 9 a.m.

7th August Inspector Blackie paid annual inspection visit without notice. Everything going well

14th August Commenced second term exam today

12th August Took children to see Cobham to the Cape at Carterton School. Closed at 2.30 having done an extra half hours work the day before

19th October Wednesday Closed down in order to attend a special meeting between the Board and a deputation from this school in reaction to rather libellous letters I had sent and to make various other unsatisfactory complaints. The Board while admitting that the letters were rather "over the edge" stated that their sympathy was entirely with the teacher.

The Committee had shown great lack of foresight and hoped that they would do better in the future.

The attempt to have me removed proved useless, my work here was considered to be quite good and my conduct exemplary

I might state here for the guidance of future teachers, it is better to have no hand in Committee affairs, in everything take no sides.

If your Committee are lazy ask for things, but do not "hit the roof" if you don't get them- put up with it.

My whole trouble here has been caused through being too open and honest- it hasn't paid.

Keep all school matters quiet, and do as much can on your own.

I have attempted to squash the dances in the school. It is useless to try any further unless you can get substantial evidence to back up your statements

4th November Received notice that I have been transferred to Upper Hutt (thank goodness) terminate here on 3rd. Commence at Hutt December 5th

9th November Heard that two families are absent on account of mumps. Decided to leave further action against G Morris for teacher who succeeds me, carrying on the Board's instructions by not committing myself

24th November School closed for Proficiency

2nd December Finished my duties at Taratahi today. I think the school is now in a fairly straight condition. English is deplorably weak, in such an environment as, what can one expect. The infant department is sadly lacking in apparatus now I have taken all my own material away. I should advise the next teacher to get in early with a request for apparatus from the Committee- I couldn't get it so I brought it myself and now have to take it away. Here's wishing the best of luck

to my successor, hoping you find everything straight and above board.

Cheers and Good Luck

NB Note the breezy style of the log (What about continuing) it gives the required information and cuts out dry facts.

28th 29th November Heavy Southerly, many children absent. There is an epidemic of mumps. Three families suffering

5th December J R Lamason took up relieving duties at West Taratahi. Fair attendance

9th December Closed for school sports at Carterton

13th December Very wet day only 7 present

1928

1st February Florence M Strong opened the school

26th April Miss Bellamy dental nurse examined teeth of children in primer classes (Masterton Clinic)

List of school closed: Labour Day, Carterton Show, Election Day, Proficiency Examination,

19th December Christmas holidays

1929

4th February School reopened

27th May Received chemicals and apparatus from Wilton's Wellington

17th June Severe earthquake 10.20 a.m.

30th October Wrote to Chairman of School Committee but could obtain no information until after Labour Day., as to whether school

should be closed on Labour Day and on one or two of the Carterton Show Days, therefore decided to keep school open today October 30th, the first day of the show, only two children in attendance

21st December School closed for Christmas Holiday

1930

3rd February School reopened after Christmas Holiday

24th November The one candidate presented gained his proficiency

19th December School closed for Christmas holidays

1931

2nd February School reopened after Christmas Holidays

30th April Leaving this school today F M Strong 1931

4th May 1931 Miss R E Edge (Miss Edge moved to Mangaroa School. Rachel Elizabeth educated in Martinborough Father probably Thomas) reopened school 13 children present

General tone of school only fair

Rigid supervision of all classwork strictly necessary. All standard 3 children are working at Standard 2 arithmetic. Writing in all class seems to be very much below the standard required. Children (average) are by no means to neat execution of class work

Admitted pupil late of Clyde Quay School This boy will need very careful handling as he appears to be temperamental

8th May Received 1 bottle methylated spirits, 1 bottle glucose, 1 thermometer.

Euchre party and dance held in the classroom of the school

Unable to attend owing to the fact that the attendance records were very inaccurate. This resulted in several hours work at the Quarterly summary

25th May Reopened school eleven children present

Forwarded to Children's' welfare dept and Education Department Confidential reports on Albert Hermansen (Standard 6) and Jack Himona (Standard 3)

25th May Received list of supplementary readers as recommended for use in Public Schools

Very cold day. Only eight pupils present

8th June Attended Committee Meeting

10th June Received copy of onion diseases and seed production from Education Board. Window (2 panes of glass) repaired

18th June Attendance very poor owing to very inclement weather. Many pupils have great distances to travel on foot. Torrential rain fell

19th June Tank erected for use of the school

22nd June Attended School Committee meeting. Wood to be ordered for the school

27th June 1 cord of wood brought to school for use in the classroom

29th June Concluded Special Test given to pupils that parents might see type of work done, standard of efficiency etc.

23rd 24th June Very cold weather, Heavy rain fell. Cold winds blew at gale force. Attendance 23rd 2 24th 4 Closed school for half day after most important work had been done

30th June Duties terminated at Taratahi West Today R E Edge

1st July Mr E Atkinson Took charge of school this morning. 13 present 2 children arrived later. Roll 17

Rita Blake away with whooping cough

Amy Anderson 2 ½ miles away, 6 years old finds walking to school every day too much for strength. Miss Blackbourne visited school and gave demonstration lessons of corrective exercises Folk Dance and games

School building tidy and cupboards neat but sheds and other outbuildings badly in need of attention. Playground very rough.

One pupil (Frank Gillies) a "Home" boy living at Me Murche's fell on stone and hurt his knee. It was cut and he seemed unable to straighten it. As I thought the kneecap might be damaged or knee out of joint I took him into Masterton to Mrs Murche who was there that day and she took him to the Doctor. I thought I might do more harm by attempting to treat it in any way at school. This accident happened immediately on the departure of Miss Blackbourne at lunch hour

Note in Margin saying this (As follows was written up after Inspectors Visit looks as though written in 1933)

No ill effects to Frank Gillie's knee. Back at school after two days

This incident helped to bring state of the playground under the notice of Committee

Miss Blackbourne found it difficult to find a patch free from boulders that she might take drill without danger to the children

The playground is slowly being improved. The children have collected many stones and cut and dug out blackberry, gorse, manuka, and bracken from the playing area. Messrs Blake erected football and basketball goals

The Committee have had the worse of the boulders removed, some levelling done and the holes filled in. Unfortunately clay was used. The Committee saying sand or sandy soil was unprocurable. Boy's playground is muddy in wet weather

Gardening has been rather disheartening because of damage done by rabbits. Because of this the Committee had wire netting put along the front of the garden in place of the large stones

The school boys placed wire netting along the outside fence and filled up the hollows under the gates.

Two cricket bats and a tennis racquet were supplied by the Committee out of entertainment funds

1934

20th March Received 1 only ½ inch measuring cylinder from Wilton and Co

28th March Received 2 paint brushes, 6 tubes paint, 2 boxes of 18 sticks of crayons, 230 sheets of brown paper, 110 sheets white paper 10 Gum brushes, 34 gummed strips from Wellington Education Board

Received word that Miss P Trapp has been attached to the staff of the school as from 2nd March

24th March Received word that Miss Trapp would not be able to report for duty for another two or three weeks as she has developed measles

Posted form H3 Conveyance Form for Quinn Children

9th April Miss Trapp began duties as Additional Assistant

Euchre and dance entertainment held in school fortnightly during 2nd term. Everything that can be interfered with must be taken from walls and classroom and packed away

Four pupils Guy, Mary, Edna and Tex Hulterverg? Left to attend Dry River School near Martinborough (*Dyer School*)

Roll now 36

3rd May Asking Department for £20 to lower windows from present five foot height down to 3 foot Porch to be added as well

21st June Tui and Geoffrey Daysh away because of being infected with ringworm

1st July Mr Brockett visited school. Explained about selecting potatoes for experiment., calf club completion and Mangle growing

16th July Short notice given of dance to be held in school tonight. Packing up etc twice in one week

17th July Desks left outside during dance last night. Too wet for children to sit in this morning

22nd July Packing up for entertainment

24th July Four pupils Mary Donald, Ian and Bruce McPhee left for Carterton. Mr McPhee has lost his position at Carrington Cheese factory. Roll now 28

Attendance very poor because of prevalence of influenza in a bad form, making children sick weak and distressing coughing

27th July His Majesty's Inspectors Messrs McCaskill and Watson visited the school. Many children are away because of sickness and wet weather

7th August Jeffrey and Coral Sanderson admitted. Roll now 30. Usual weekend pack up

7th August Department replies cant do lowering windows. Only urgent work can be done. The funds at my disposal are very limited

3rd September One Boy Ray Blake admitted Roll 31. Miss Trapp now at Carterton School

24th September Hugh and Jean Cameron admitted Roll 34. Lorna Edwards admitted

School closed 17th and 18th September because of teachers' class in Masterton

29th October George Phelps gone to live in Carterton Nancy Latham no longer able to come because of difficulty of transport. Coral Bishop moved to Carterton Roll 31

14th December Audrey Phelps admitted

18th December School picnic to be held tomorrow. School closed at usual time today for 6 weeks holiday

2nd October (*As in log*) Weather still wild and stormy. 14 present Water again rose in afternoon. As I was afraid the children might be cut off from their homes if kept until 3 pm they were dismissed at 2 pm

1935

6th February School opened with 27 present

8th February Received word that closing of school suggested by Minster was upheld by Education Board and school was dismissed at 12.30 (*Because of hot weather*)

20th February School closed for Masterton Show

23rd February School hours 9-3 in accordance with Education Board instructions. Roll 27

The Cameron Family are at present away from home and children absent. The attendance has been greatly affected by Influenza; only 10 being present today. The weather which is cold and wet has helped to keep children from school

5th April Children visiting dental clinic for treatment

10th April Received material for handwork as follows

a) 11 Drawing Books

b) Cardboard 12" x 10" 33 sheets

c) Gum Arabic ½ lb

d) 11 boxes pastels

e) 2 boxes coloured chalk

f) Newspaper 3 boxes white, 2 packets coloured

g) Paper squares 5 packets

h) Canvas 2 yards

i) 2 bundles raffia

j) 66 Brown pastel sheets

k) 66 Black pastel sheets

l) 6 skeins of wool

m) 2 bottles ticket Ink

Notified that 4 pairs of scissors, 6 raffia needles, 7 tapestry needles will be sent later

12th April Receipt for above posted to Education Board

10th May Children celebrated their majesties Silver Jubilee in school classroom. Mr Allen Senior talked to the children of Early Days in Taratahi West

Children recited, sang and played games. Each child was given a bag of fruit and a few sweets. The chairman and Children's parents attended. Owing to very inclement weather on 6th May the children were unable to take part in celebrations in Carterton

27th May School reopened after holidays. Entered June Daysh

31st May 7 packets of tapestry needles and six packets of raffia needles received from Education Board

4th June A boy from another school jumped from roof of Boys' building to ground making a hole which is very dangerous because of pits below. It has been covered temporarily with small logs and the matter reported. The teacher of Sunday School promised to see that

the boy in question is kept from making himself a nuisance in future. Disfiguring of desks by visiting children also dealt with.

18th June Post of garden fence and hooks from fence interfered with at Friday Night dance/ The Committee promise to deal with people responsible for damage. Posts of garden fence have shown decay for some time and a request to Committee to replace same is being attended to as soon as arrangements can be made.

Flooding from water race during storms washed much of the sand off the Boy's Ground leaving it very wet and muddy. The Committee intend to deal with this matter also.

The chairman put a number of sheep in grounds to clear the long grass thus improving conditions for children

22nd July Posts of flower garden fence replaced and gateway of garden made rabbit proof.

Attention to hole by Boys' office given by workman. Old rails had rotted necessitating replacement by new rails

Visit to school by architect and members of Education Board, Colonel McDonald, Mr Donald and Mr Nicholl

The condition of the draught windows and the absence of ventilation in ceiling pointed out, also the fact that school has not been painted for over 8 years.

5th August Writing on walls of Boys building by someone during the week end

Undated

Mr Watson Inspector visited the school. Very wet morning. School had been used at weekend for usual dance and euchre evening, also Sunday School. Children's books all unpacked and in their desks but some material still unpacked

School used for evening meeting by Mr McDonald, Political Candidate

Evening meeting of Mr Card

Evening meeting of Mr Roberts

Because of very busy hay making time Committee decide to postpone picnic until after Christmas holidays

December School closed for holidays. Children gave programme of songs recitation etc for parents in evening.

Mr Allen Senior presented certificates and prizes

Mac Quinn and Alan Blake gained proficiency certification. Coral Bishop and Lorna Edwards gained prizes at Carterton show for knitting

Committee promised to set aside £1 towards library funds

1936

3rd February School opened after holidays

School and residence have been painted on the outside

5 children admitted, one readmitted

Storm and Flood washed away Carrington Bridge. Mrs Playle sent word to say that because of a lack of means of Transport to Taratahi West she would have to send Frederick to Carrington School which had reopened

Mrs Davies is sending Beth to Carrington as the residents next to the school wish to have a teacher there. Mrs Clark, next to Carrington School has children of school age but too young to travel to Taratahi West or other schools

10th February Irene Anderson started

9th March Received 2 dozen coat hooks from Education Board

16th February School Picnic Held in Mr G Allen's grounds on Saturday

Lachlan Macrae left for Wellington (Welfare) as he is now 14 years of age

23rd March Peggy Daysh admitted Roll 24

Mary Phelps absent receiving attention from Dr Campbell and Dental Clinic Masterton

27th March Standard 6 boys screwed hat and coat hooks (Supplied by Education Board) on to rails and hung them in the porch. As hooks are broken when school is used for the method of hanging the rails on hooks is being tried. These maybe moved into classroom when thought advisable

George Phelps cut his foot n a sharp stone in the playground. Roll now 25. George Phelps back at school. Cut not deep.

Received parcel of handwork materials (Listed)

6th April George Phelps foot well again He wasn't absent from school. School closed for excursion to Wellington to see Titania's Palace and Easter Show. The excursion had been arranged for next Wednesday but as Titania's Palace was being moved to Christchurch earlier than at first arranged at very short notice we had to alter our arrangements

20 Children and 11 parents went from Taratahi West

The only mishap was a wait of 3 hours at Upper Hutt because of accident to railway engine. All seemed to enjoy the trip down and children behaved very well

30th April; Spoil (15 loads) is being carted onto playground to fill up hollows made by digging out projecting boulders and to provide a suitable surface for children on which to play. A special request was made by teacher that the soil should be of a sandy nature

4th may An election of School Committee 7 householders attended. New Committee Mr W R Daysh, (chairman and Treasurer) Mr G Rayner (Secretary) Messrs H J Blake, H Daysh and E Allen

5th May Wet weather interfered with carting of soil. Boys have spread some of it on football grounds and on basketball area but it is too wet to spread evenly

June Received cupboard which has been much needed

June Euchre Party and dance held in school building last Friday Night. Usual packing up and inconvenience to school work

Received 2 cords of wood for school

On 3rd June Mrs McRae brought child (June Lashford) to school saying she wished her to attend school but her frequent absences from home because of business reasons (she has to take the child with her) meant loss of time at school for the child. It seems advisable to enrol the child on correspondence school. Application has been sent to Senior Inspector also request to Education Board to allow child to attend this school for sake of companionship of other children. Child not entered at school

August Attended a meeting at Carterton (after school hours) at request of Carterton Branch of Women's Country Division to make arrangements about Handcraft Scheme issued from Education Board Committee elected to meet Central Committee at a date to be arranged

At School Committee meeting the question of applying for Library Subsidy was held over pending a visit from H M Inspector

22nd June Meeting of parents and handcraft scheme explained.

Parents who attended seemed anxious to help the scheme at home

22nd June School closed for birthday of H M Edward VIII

29th June Demonstration of Paper Mache work given to Junior children by Mrs W Daysh. Children took work home to finish

7th July At Committee meeting it was decided to observe Arbor Day on 5th August by planting rough corner of playground with native trees

10th July Soil carted on to playground in April contains much clay. Rain and frost make it too muddy for children to play on it. Two heaps have been left not spread to my request so that part of the playground may be left for children to play on. The putting the soil on the playground so late in season has caused great inconvenience in schoolroom because of soil sticking to children's boots. It was agreed that sand should be put on playground but clay soil was put on instead

3rd August Worm eaten board in Boy's building has given way and there is now a hole in floor. Matter reported to chairman

5th August Arbor Day recognised by planting of native trees in corner of playground. Each child brought a tree and planted it. Chairman and Secretary of Committee came in afternoon and helped children
Received from Education Board 1 pair of hedge shears, 3 test tubes, 4 ounces of Chlorate of Potash, 2 ounces magnesium dioxide, 4 ounces of hydrochloric acid, 4 ounces bunt lime, 4 ounces of ammonia, 1 quart of Methylated spirits

September Received carrot seeds (3 varieties) also flower seeds
Attendance (of younger children especially) greatly affected by an epidemic of colds with severe cough and by cold weather in July and August

7th September School reopened. Playground which children had left tidy was littered with paper and rubbish after entertainment held

during the holidays, Door and wall were scratched and soiled. Goal posts lying on ground

School has been scrubbed and windows cleaned. Floor in boy's building has been mended and tanks and spouting have been cleaned
Four children were admitted. One family has moved to school residence at Carrington. Two children underwent operations during the holidays were absent. 22 children present. Weather very wet and cold

21st September. Mr Partridge H M Inspector visited school today. Several children were at dental Clinic in Masterton

2nd October Display of Home Crafts held in Carterton under auspices of Women's Division of Farmer's Union in Masterton

Children sent work and received certificates

October Received a supply of dressing for hydroplate (Blackboard) and a small brush for application

26th School closed for Labour Day

29th School closed for Carterton Show

2nd November Almost immediately after children were dismissed after lunch in the classroom Gordon Phelps knocked a toe which he had injured at home the day before. He was playing cricket at the time he knocked it.

As the cut was such that it might be serious if not treated properly and the possibility of it not being properly attended to at home. I communicated with his (Gordon's) mother and asked Dr Campbell of Carterton to attend to it. Gordon has for some time had cuts and sores on his feet and legs.

9th November Gordon Phelps back at school but toe necessitates attention each day by teacher as his home conditions do not help him.

Welfare Officer inquiring into the matter of ----- family being neglected by parents

1st December received piece of unframed hyloplate from Clareville School under direction of Education Board. It is not what was expected from Education Board but accepted it after considerable correspondence with Education Board Can make it very useful in another direction (when renovated)

16th December School closed at short notice because of outbreak of Infantile paralysis in South Island

1937

4th February received from Education Board

26 small addressed envelopes

17 Large addressed envelopes

12 Form B

10 Progress Cards Forms A and B

4 leaving cards

Hyloplate Boards treated with hyloplate dressing during holidays by teacher

1st March School reopened 24 children present

2nd March Meeting of School Committee held. Arrangements for mending fence (sanctioned by Board 2 years ago) further discussed and Chairman again authorised to go on with work

Meeting decided to call a meeting of parents to make arrangements for school picnic. Date of meeting to be Saturday evening 6th March

8th March Meeting of parents held on Saturday Evening decided to hold picnic on Saturday 18th March 1937

15th March Picnic held on Saturday in Mr Allen's Paddock. Committee and parents worked well together in interests of children The home condition of ----- family is causing concern to many. Welfare department have had the matter in hand for some time. The children are behaving well but are deprived of the care and attention which is their due.

24th March Mr Stubbs Inspector paid a visit

Received from Education Board material for handwork

- a) Pastel (Boxes of 9) 27
- b) Chalk White 2, chalk coloured 2
- c) Plasticene Plain 3 Coloured 5
- d) Modelling tools shaped 6 round 6
- e) Gum Arabic ¼ lb
- f) Silhouettes 1
- g) Raffia natural , coloured
- h) Wool 4 ply Knitting 4 pounds
- i) Canvas 2 yards
- j) Raffia Needles Packets of 8 Blunt Large
- k) Tapestry Needles

24th March Mr Brockett visited the school. He promised to supply lime for the gardens

26th April School closed because of outbreak of infantile paralysis in Clareville and Masterton. Children given instructions about schoolwork at home

25th May School reopened after holidays

25 Present 26 on Roll

Received lime for school gardens

28th May Received a football from Wairarapa Rugby football Association and acknowledged same

3rd June Children's subscriptions (ten shillings) sent to Education Board for King George V Memorial Fund
 Received spade in place of one accidentally broken
 Goal posts erected by Messrs Blake and Roigard
 Received Coronation Book from Committee.
 16th September School closed for Education Week in Wellington
 11th September Arbor day observed by planting of trees in corner of school ground. Mr Rayner represented School Committee and also provided a number of totara Trees
 13th September Children sent in over 50 entries to Farm Arts and Crafts Display in Carterton
 6th September Children's donation 6/- went to Camp Fund (*Health Camp*) Two children moved to Dalefield. Roll now 24
 10th September Doctor Anderson visited school
 17th September Attendance poor because of prevalence of colds and severe weather. Entries for calf rearing sent to group Secretary
 Playground has been top dressed with lime and muddy condition cured thereby
 15th September Mr Johnston H M Inspector visited school
 School closed for Labour Day and Carterton Show
 7th December A sum of two pounds sixteen shillings contributed by parents was handed to School Committee for Dental Clinic. Signed by M Daysh
 8th December Committee decided to make another attempt to have garden fence re erected and playground attended to
 17th December School close for summer holidays. Children donated 4/- to camp fund
 Two last days being wet made usual clearing up operations awkward

School tanks and those of the residence were cleaned by vacuum process by Mr Jackson
 Present teacher leaves school today

1938

1st February E O'Brien School resumed today Garden fence has been erected and playground cleared of gorse etc
 10th February The parents are enthusiastically supporting the teacher in efforts to teach the children to swim (4 can) Cars have been willingly supplied
 28th February In accordance with recommendation of the Education Department to make a feature of swimming during February, swimming instruction has been given on average 3 times a week. Cars have been readily forthcoming to convey the whole school to the river (3 miles distant) With the final lesson still to come this afternoon the results may be summed up:-
 6 originally 4 (Roll Number 24) Could swim now of the children in the Standards Lorna Edwards (Standard 2), Jackie Anderson (Standard 1) and Amy Anderson (Standard 6) are the only ones that cannot swim the minimum distance of 5 yards. Olga Reedy (Primers) is very promising
 Mr Watson takes over tomorrow
 E O'Brien (Reliving Sole Teacher)
 1st March John Watson Sole Teacher took up duties as sole teacher of Taratahi West. Roll 24, 102 girls 12 boys
 2nd March School and residence visited by two members of the Education Board and Mr Nicholls, School Committee chairman and Secretary, Mr W R Daysh and Mr E Rayner present also

11th March School and residence visited by Mr Powell Supervisor of buildings. Also School Committee Chairman and Secretary

18th March I must place on record that I find the standard of work in this school very low. At present the Standard 6 children are hardly able to do the work of Standard 4 John Watson

5th April School visited by Miss Lawrie Adviser to Education Department in Infant Work

28th April School reopened after Easter Holidays. All present. One boy Charlie Popewell here for three weeks visiting local resident. I have not put his name on the roll as he will be in Taratahi for such a short period

22nd April Short talk on Anzac Day and its meaning given in school. National Anthem sung before dismissal

23rd May School reopened after term vacation Roll 25
General householders meeting held at night in school re consolidation with Carterton School. Meeting addressed by Colonel Macdonald and Mr Donald Education Board members. The householders voted strongly against consolidation (16 to 6)

6th June School closed for celebration of King's birthday

2nd July Slasher for trimming hedges received from Education Board

4th August Residence visited by Mr Powell Supervisor of Buildings re concrete path for residence.

11th August Contractors from Masterton (Mr Judd) start making concrete path at residence. Finished on Friday 12th August

17th August Arbor Day celebrations. Children plant hedge for school Fence. Two members of the School Committee Messrs Blake and Rayner, do preparatory work, digging, grubbing

The following is entered at the suggestion of the School Committee

Names of children who planted trees (Hedge Shrubs starting at Qest end

1,2	Primer	Ian Daysh
3,4		Gordon Lawrence
5,6		Keith Lawrence
7,8		Tom Reedy
9,10		Olga Reedy
11,12		Shirley Allen
13,14		Iris Edwards
15,16	Standard 1	Laurel Allan
17,18		John Anderson
19,20		Peggy Daysh
21,22		Doreen Playle
23,24		Valmai Playle
25,26	Standard 2	Rae Blake
27,28		Fred Playle
29, 30		June Daysh
		Tui Daysh
		Lorna Edwards
		Audrey Phelps
		Dawn Rayner
	Standard 3	James Gunn
	Standard 4	Geoffrey Daysh
		Nancy Daysh
	Standard 5	Gordon Phelps
	Standard 6	Raewyn Quinn
		George Rayner
		Amy Anderson

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5th September Roll 30 Three new pupils from Lansdowne School

13th September A new school is requested as present school is 40 years old. Also electricity will be connected in the house if a new electric range and water heater is installed

23rd September Roll now 32. 16 boys 16 girls

3rd October Four children absent with measles

14th October Closed school at 2.0 clock today in order to take children to Arts and craft display in Carterton The school entered 34 articles and gained 30 prizes

25th October Epidemic of measles, Out of roll of 32 there are at least 20 away with measles. Of these 17 were affected last weekend

27th October School closed for Carterton Show

28th October Only 9 children present today 2 girls and 7 boys, 4 children were effected with chicken pox yesterday. This makes a total of 23 children away with measles and chicken pox.

One Standard 2 pupil (Fred Playle) returned today. Said he did not have measles as his parents thought at first- only a heavy cold

9th November School visited by H M Inspector Mr Stubbs

11th November Armistice day Observed two minutes silence

14th November Local calf judging competition held at school. Calves judged by Mr Henry Booth. Mr Brockett Agricultural Instructor was present Eleven calves and six lambs were entered. Fourteen parents attended the Judging and morning tea was served

2nd December Electric Lights installed in School Residence

16th December School closed

Copy of inspectors report of 9th November included

- a) Roll 32 present 11

- b) The attendance was effected by epidemic of measles
- c) Classification approved although some promotion at the end of the year will need close scrutiny
- d) The present teacher has enlivened the spirit of the school with commendable enthusiasm and although much remains to be done to lift the school to the desired standard.
- e) Definite improvements are noticeable and there is every promise of the status of the school being raised
- f) Handwork, verse speaking, projects, singing and the harmonica band are very pleasing features.
- g) Both tone and discipline are particularly good, the pupils being well behaved and displaying a ready willingness to participate in the various activities
- h) The buildings and grounds are well cared for
- i) The general assessment is now very fair to good
- j) G Stubbs Date of dispatch to school 5th December 1938

1939

1st February School reopened Roll 31, 17 girls 14 boys All present

11th February School picnic held at Mr E Allen's paddock

15th February School closed for Masterton Show

13th, 16th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 27th 2nd March On the above days swimming lessons were given by teacher. The children were conveyed by cars by various members of Committee, and also local residents to a river three miles away

Out of a roll of 31 (including 11 primers) there are now 16 children who can swim

22nd May Roll 27 15 girls, 12 boys all present

5th June School closed fro King's birthday
8th June One new rake received from Education Board
29th June School nurse visited and tested eyes of school children
30th June additions to verandah of residence completed
6th July Miss Lawrie Infant room specialist visited school in the morning and demonstrated latest methods of infant teaching
In the afternoon the school doctor and the school nurse visited the school and examined the school children
13th July I found out today that a Standard III boy (Fred Playle) was knocked while playing football during the afternoon recess and hurt his head. At the time I was doing some blackboard work in school. I was unaware of the mishap and was not informed of it when I ventured into Playe's absence. Playel's sisters told me this morning that their brother has not recovered fully from the knock and was spending the day in bed. During the last hour of school on the 12th July Playle appeared to be uninjured and did his work in a normal manner. Signed John Watson Sole Teacher
14th July today I punished two senior pupils admission No. 378 and 374 for sneaking into the school during the lunch break and interfering and reading private papers belonging to the school
25th July School and residence visited by Mr Jenkins of Education Board workshop to survey repairs and additions. School Committee Secretary and Chairman Messrs C R Rayner and W R Daysh were also in attendance
25th 27th 28th July Exceptionally severe weather conditions prevailed on these days. Heavy fall of snow. Attendance poor necessitating excepted half days on register

4th September School reopened after term holiday. Children informed of new Zealand's declaration of war on Germany. New Zealand flag saluted, the National Anthem and God Defend New Zealand sung.
Roll 31
5th -8th September Paperhanger and carpenter at work in school residence. Several repairs done at school- new handle on door, two windows repaired, three window catches renewed
2nd 6th October Physical fitness week. Special drill taken. Also organised games with special attention to team work
12th October School and Residence tanks cleaned by Mr A B Washer
26th October Labour day school closed
26th October School closed for Carterton Show
16th November Calf and lamb judging competition held at school. The judge was Mr A D fisher
Altogether 15 calves and 6 lambs were resented. Mr Hesse? Senior Agricultural Instructor and Mr Brockett visited school and both spoke to assembled gathering of Committee men and parents on the value of Boy's and Girl's Agricultural clubs.
After the judging and speeches a Committee of ladies served morning tea. Altogether 45 adults and 38 children were present
29th November School piano tuned by Mr Hope of Masterton
11th - 12th December. Very heavy rain with local flooding. Attendance very poor indeed. On 11th December only 11 children were present out of 31 and 12th only 25 children attended
15th School closed for Summer Holidays

1940

6th February Roll now 24 made up of 11 boys and 13 girls

Since last year 17 children have left including 11 who are going by school bus to Carterton Public School

11th February School closed for Masterton Show

28th 29th March School closed as mark of respect for the late Rt. Hon M J Savage Prime Minister of New Zealand

1st, 2nd, 3rd April School closed for these three days, My Mother died in Auckland and I was called home to her funeral

14th April The name of four children removed from the roll (The Cameron Family have shifted to Clareville) The roll now stands at 20

22nd April One girl has developed ringworm and will be away from school for some time

Biennial election of School Committee Mr. E Rayner resigned from position of Secretary as he no longer lived in the district His place was taken by Mr D Anderson

21st May School reopened after term holidays. Roll 21

15th July School Nurse visited school and tested eyes of Standard pupils (Standard 1-6)

7th August Arbor day celebrated Young Oak trees grown by children from seed last year, transplanted in school grounds

10th August Concert held in school room last night to farewell Ivan Blake, ex pupil of school who is leaving for overseas with 3rd echelon Items were given by school children

15th August All children examined medically by Dr Mulholland and Nurse Hodges. No parents attended

27th September Record entries received for Lamb Calf and root clubs. Lambs 7, calves 17 entries and root growing 5 entries

11th October From today school will be opened each day with the Lord's Prayer

20th October School and residence tanks cleaned. All three reported to be in very poor order

11th November Anzac lessons and talks given, Two minutes silence observed at 11.00

18th November Local calf club judging competitions held this afternoon. Conditions were rather unpleasant owing to the terrific storm in the morning but the competitor was very successful. Thirty parents and the same number of children were present. Afternoon tea was served by the ladies of the district. In all 16 calves and 5 lambs were presented to the judge Mr H Mckenzie

26th December School closed today for the summer vacation. All returns have been posted. I relinquish charge of this school from today and wish my successor good luck and every success.

John Watson (Possibly Alfred John) Watson

1941

3rd February G K Mills B A. School reopened. Roll 19. New tanks have been installed in residence

19th February School closed for Masterton Show

21st July School closed 7th -18th July as I was away with influenza and complications and under the Doctor for a fortnight

6th August School visited by Mr Drummond Board's Architect in connection with front fence and boy's lavatory

8th September 20 on roll 11 Boys 9 Girls

All this page written in green ink

27th October Labour Day School Closed

29th October School closed Carterton Show

26th November Mr Bringans- school inspector visited the school. Under new regulations no report submitted

2nd December Calf club judging held at school. Mr F C Brockett present There was a large gathering of local people present and a creditable exhibition of calves and lambs. In the afternoon the children were dismissed and went with their parents to the Clareville School Judging

18th December School closed. Special holiday granted by the Governor General being applied for on this and being granted. School closed for Christmas vacation after all pictures etc had been stripped from walls to facilitate work of painters

1942

2nd February School reopened. Has been repainted inside and out and fences and outside repairs all attended to. Roll 22,12 Boys, 10 Girls

25th 26th June School closed after earthquake. Chimney had to be removed above the roof

20th August Today I relinquish control of the school to go into military camp. Garden tools and woodwork chest have been checked by Mr W R Daysh, Chairman of Committee

Good Luck to my successor

G K Mills B A

7th October Commenced duties as a relieving teacher M Shankland

Roll 26 One new pupil Dorothy Daysh

19th October One family excluded from school for a week- measles contact

1st November M Shankland Commenced in the school as a war appointment. (*War appointment means that the position was held*

open for the returning soldier and the appointment was for the duration of the leave)

3rd November Namana family excluded from school- hair infection

17th November Calf club judging took place today 13 calves 6 lambs entered. Good attendance of parents and residents

24th November Mr Brown supervisor of woodwork visited us today. The afternoon was devoted to this subject- woodwork

1943

1st February commenced school 24 on roll 18 present

3rd May Received from Education Board 2 dozen tubes Ostwald water colour paints, 12 brush books- and one roll of brown paper. Also seven paint brushes

24th May Unknown new teacher

28th June Mr Brockett visited today He approved, when he was shown the flower garden

1st August Today the calf and lamb club entries were discussed. Good numbers are promised for this year

6th September Resumed duties 24 present. The other boy is ill and may have to enter hospital

8th September Heavy rains have caused floods round the school. The grounds and roads were flooded. It appears to be an overflow from the creek. The position is most unsatisfactory. Both the flowers and vegetables are under water with heavy rain

9th September have received word that the school to be closed tomorrow in celebration for the fall of Italy. The school flag was flown today and a discussion at morning talk period was taken.

22nd September At last night's School Committee meeting it was decided that the Committee men would come tomorrow to inspect the sources of the flooding. On inspection it was found that it was closed by blocking of material under a small bridge. This matter to be attended to

22nd September Mr Brockett Agricultural Instructor visited the school today- was pleased with calf and lamb entries which are 12 calves and 5 lambs

25th Sep School used as a polling booth

27th 28th October School closed for local P and A Show

2nd November At last night's meeting of School Committee it was decided to hold local calf club on 17th November

8th November One new pupil admitted. Card sent to Mount Cook School

10th November Received from School Committee – 1 lb peas, 1 packet broad beans, French beans, silver beet and lettuce. Also sheet plywood

15th 16th November School closed Teachers illness

17th November Calf club judging day- a good attendance of parents, much enthusiasm shown by all. A bull calf was balloted for by children donated by the Judge, Mr Hall

18th November One boy sent home with a bad nose bleed. Taken home by his father

19th November Mr Brown supervisor in woodwork paid a visit 4 boys present in woodwork class. (Other 2 attending dental clinic) A most instructive morning's work was carried out

9th December At a coming meeting of the School Committee a suggestion will be forwarded- the making of a grass tennis court on the area at the side of the school

1944

1st February Resumed school today Roll 18 present 18

During the holidays mice have been in the drawers in which books are kept A gazette has had two pages ruined and a report written by Mr Brown was completely destroyed. Many books were badly chewed

7th February School closed teacher's illness

9th February It was agreed by the Committee that a tennis court could be made with small expense that such could be carried out. Members of the Committee carted a load of soil from Carrington. This was used to fill in the bad holes in the area selected for the court. This was rolled before the holidays. As there was exceptionally hot weather during the holidays no grass grew. A net (second hand 10/-) has been purchased. Today the children of Standard 5 and 6 pegged out the measurements during their arithmetic lesson

13th March Received from booksellers 1 ½ dozen drawing books (6d each) 2 dozen exercise books 4d each, 1 ½ dozen wide line exercise books. 6 dozen primer reading books

16th March School picnic was held on Mr Allen's property

17th April Received from Committee

3 2 "(inch) bandages, 1 1" bandage, 1 tube burn gel, 1 tin elastikon dressings, 1 bottle of dettol

5th June Kings Birthday

6th June Received from Education Board six new library books

15th June Today my duties in this school are finished M (Maisie?) Shankland

16th June Resumed duties at this school on release from RNZAF G K Mills

8th September Roll 22

4th October Mr G Maloney Agricultural Instructor visited the school- outside work in gardens- potato planting

5th October Mr Stubbs inspector visited the school today, Inspection carried out in various subjects

23rd October School closed Labour Day

24th November Calf club school judging weather very threatening but a good attendance. School children ran a stall at which £7-15-2 was made to augment Sports and Library fund

26th November School closed in afternoon suspected case of scarlet fever.

12th November Mr Brown woodwork instructor examined tools and took lesson with the senior pupils. Several saws and planes to be sharpened and set during the holidays

1945

5th February School reopened. Roll 12 boys and 11 girls

7th February Several children cannot yet swim- during February propose to cycle to swimming pool as often as possible

18th February Schools Doctor and Nurse examined children at the school- several parents attended. Two notifications sent out to parents re eye weaknesses'

21st February School closed Committee holiday for people's day of Masterton Show held on Carterton showgrounds

25th April Anzac Day observed

2nd May Special holiday granted- school closed for First Term holiday

3rd August Half holiday for UNRRA drive. Productive of a number of parents

16th August Special holiday for peace terms

26th October Special holiday Wairarapa A and P Show in Carterton

1946

4th February School reopened Roll 11+11=22

20th February Masterton Show

26th February NZEI Day Meeting. School closed

30th April New Committee elected. Mr R Daysh chairman, Mr R Allen, Mr K F Hultenberg, Mr T Reidy Secretary, H Oakly

7th May Committee top dressed playing area. Mr Stubbs Inspector visited

8th May Mr Maloney's visit to inspect and weigh carrot crops

3rd June King's Birthday Holiday

5th August Arbor Day planting, 100 trees were planted- each child planting 5 in holes prepared by members of the Committee

Starting from Western End and calling the row nearest the Pines Row 1

Row 1: Josie Quin, Barry Allen, Brian Allen, Peter Oakly, Lorna Quin, Tom Reidy, Shirley Quin

Row 2: Beryl Hansen, W Wilton, Cora Mills, Dorothy Daysh, Ian Phelps, Rex Blake

Row 3: Lola Daysh, Jim Hansen, Allan Mills, Rae Daysh, Berv Daysh, Campbell Daysh

S Quin, S Allan trees by walnut tree

28th October School closed used as a polling booth

19th December School closed for summer vacation roll 13 girls 12 boys

Have received notice of appointment to a new position- I extend my good wishes to my successor in the new year

G H Mills B A 25th January 1947

1947

3rd February School Reopened Roll 20. D. Rockel M B E (Member of British Empire)!

Resigned 21st February 1945 D. Rockel. sole teacher, Rakaunui PP

17th July 1942 Causality List ROCKEL, -David, Flight Lieutenant, R.A.F., injured in aircraft accident, July 7. Wife, Mrs. D. Rockel, 92 Mortimer Terrace, Wellington

26th May School reopened Roll 24

27th May Mr Stubbs visited school. I had to leave for Dunedin, returning on Friday 30th May. Mrs Morrison taking the school

28th May School closed Polling Day

8th July School visited by Traffic Officer who showed films and gave talk on safety first rules

9th August Blackboard received from Education Board

14th August Wall blackboards from Carrington School brought here by members of School Committee to replace existing boards

15th September Visit paid to school by Mr O'Connor (Physical education) was shown improved organisation and given hints for more drill material

18th October School to be closed tomorrow for Carterton Show

29th November Judging was held today for boys and girls calf and lambs, There was a good attendance of parents and residents and it was a successful day

The children also conducted a stall in the school- proceeds to go towards library

Calves 7 lambs, 3 yearlings, 5 Pets

28th November School closed for the year because of infantile paralysis

1948

1st March School roll 13 boys 11 Girls

Correspondence courses for any of the classes had not been received by this school. The Standard classes did individual work set and lessons from the newspaper. The coverage of work was good and standard of work satisfactory, except for one family. The primers were set reading tasks, but except in one or two cases, this was of little value

3rd March Received a Form II arithmetic book on loan from Clareville School

4th March Received timber supplies for light woodwork

29th April received balancing form for drill work

24th May School reopened Roll 23

8th June Visited Clareville School in the afternoon with a basketball and a soccer team. A very enjoyable afternoon both from the games and social angle

June Received parcel of Social Studies text Books

July Children now to have treatment by Dental Clinic Have arranged for 6 to 8 to go each day

August Return visit of Clareville School for games of soccer and handball. The games were evenly contested and a large number of children and parents entertained afterwards

September Visited by Mr Phillips Supervisor of works. Measured the length required of display boards and new wall blackboards. Examined worn desks and he has undertaken to replace four
He met some members of the School Committee and discussed the question of concrete assembly area for the school and area required
1st November 29th October Closed Carterton Show. Monday 2nd October holiday granted by the Governor General
16th December Received new wall blackboards and display boards for school.

1949

1st February School reopened Roll 29, 17 Boys, 12 Girls
February Received 2 copies of Standard IV English Text Book
March Received supply of timber for light woodwork and tumbling mat for drill
March School picnic held at Tauherenikau racecourse
A successful function with full attendance of children and majority of parents
6th April Soccer and handball teams taken to Clareville School in afternoon
Have received 2 new spades and a fork for gardening
21st July Completed 2 days art refresher at Carterton school
27th July Attendance approximates to normal today after measles epidemic which meant a seriously depleted roll for two weeks
3rd August School closed today polling referendum
18th August Return visit from Clareville School- Soccer and Handball
19th August School ends for term holiday. Final card evening held in school- school funds

26th September Children organised euchre and dance on Saturday night in aid of sports funds. Over £7 raised
3rd November Calf club day. 11 calves, 4 yearlings, 2 lambs. Most of the stock were well cared for
Display of writing, drawing modelling in schoolroom
Large attendance of local people made for successful and enjoyable day
29th October Peoples day Carterton show. School closed
November Standard 1- VI taken to see Scott of the Antarctic in the afternoon

1950

1st February School reopened Roll number 25. Boys 15 Girls 10
18th February School closed for meeting with inspectors at Carterton School
25th February Annual School picnic held at Greytown Park. Well supported by local residents. This park is ideal for picnic purposes
May Material for art and craft delivered to the school
9th June Children taken in afternoon for games of soccer and handball
22nd June Parents invited to see the school in action during the afternoon. There was a good attendance only two families not being represented
27th June Demonstration of Ampro Film Projector unit in the evening to parents and residents
4th September One new primer not yet entered on the roll
20th September Visit from Traffic Officer Horsfall. Road rules for pedestrians and cyclists

10th October At 8.50 this morning a primer boy Brian Leveridge fell off a fence and dislocated his elbow He was taken to Dr Fookes. The Education Board have been informed

5th December Application for a septic tank Current facilities are primitive and the Health Officer has inspected and ordered fly proofing current toilets

1951

5th February Roll 12 boys 9 girls. Relieving teacher D Weaver

16th February Hay mower cut down grass in the playground

20th February Susan Daysh absent with ringworm

23rd February Advice received from Senior Inspector that a Form III child can start at the school doing Correspondence work

5th – 9th March room temperature over 85° for majority of teaching hours

5th March Arrival of workbooks ordered early in February

10th March The annual school picnic was held in the Greytown Park in perfect weather. There was a large attendance of parents, pupils and friends and an enjoyable time was had by all

3rd April Last day of D Weaver, Reliever

4th April New relieving teacher arrived B Allwood

19th April Official from Correspondence School came to see Form III pupil

25th April Anzac Day. School was closed for the day

4th May Last day of the term. The children removed all the desks from the room and scrubbed the floor. During the term three children, two girls and a boy have made a good job of cleaning the school each night.

21st May I the undersigned, commenced duty as sole teacher in the West Taratahi School as from May 21st 1951. D S Charteris

School reopened with roll of 23

22nd May Visited by Education Board Officer who inspected fences and asked for quote on following fence lines

a) Mr Daysh's boundary

b) Mr Diamond's Boundary

c) Road Boundary

d) Residence School Boundary

e) Received from Mr I Daysh a sheet of glass for porch

24th May Mr Evans Agricultural Instructor, visited the school and took a lesson from 11.30 to 12 noon. He also discussed with teacher, supplies of trees, shrubs and hedges

29th May School Committee met. Discussed the purchase of school supplies, the quote for fencing and fuel arrangements

30th May Teacher purchased from Carterton, stationery for the school

20th June received from Education Board the following

a) Bookbinding Cloth

b) Bookbinding ruler

c) One Dozen rubber balls

18th July A member of the accounts branch (*Post Office*) Mr Harbutt visited school and spoke to children on School Savings Bank (2-2.30)

Mr Sage Methodist minister took a lesson from 10.45 to 11.15

18th July Mr N Oakley took a sewing lesson from 2. 3 pm

July At 10.45 Mr Sage Methodist minister presented his lesson from 10.45 to 11.15

2.30 Mr Martin, building contractor visited the school. He inspected sites of septic lavatory system, electric pump site and residence lavatory

Mrs N Oakley took a sewing lesson from 2 pm to 3.10 pm

30th July Mr Harbutt arrived at 11.15 and until 12 noon filled in school bank books and showed children the procedure

30th July At 11.30 Mr Styles Board Architect arrived to inspect the site for septic lavatories.

At 1 pm Mr Harbutt called in to give advice on school savings.

Later in the afternoon at 2 pm the district nurse inspected the whole class

Received from Wellington Education Board 17 library books

31st July Mr Harbutt arrived at 2.5 pm and spoke to children from 2.10 to 2.30.

At 2.00 also the electrician arrived to inspect sires for septic tank and electric pump

13th August Over last month the daily roll average has been approximately 19

14th August Piano Tuner approached Committee re repairing and tuning piano

25th September Mr Evans agricultural instructor arrived at 9.40. He spoke to the teacher on subject of calf clubs and the present position of same in Wairarapa Schools. Later from 11.15 to 12 he spoke to the children on Club Work

11th October On the afternoon of the 11th October the West Taratahi school children visited Clareville School for an Afternoon's Longball

18th October Miss Red Cross Representative spoke to children on Red Cross work. She commenced at 1.50 and concluded at 2.45

24th October Mr James painter, visited school and measured buildings and teacher's residence, a quote to be provided to the Education Board

22nd October Labour Day. School closed

24th October School Committee desirous closing school for A and P Show. School closed Friday 24th October 1951

14th November School Calf Club Day

Calves 13, Lambs 4, Pets 1, Poultry 4, Sand saucers 12, Model Farms 5, Miniature gardens 6, School Gardens 16

A display of school work was on show in the school

School roll is 19

20th November Received three library books from Wellington Education Board

24th November (Saturday) Teacher took six school children for a trip to Hinakura to see the schools which have entered for the garden competition (A and P)

28th November Mr Robinson in Company with Mr Rayner and Mr Wilson judged school gardens

29th November received from Education Board two reading books

3rd October Monday afternoon children transported to Masterton to see the Film Lady with the Lamp

19th December School closed for term

1952

1st February School roll 18

7th February Death of King George VI School closed

18th February Manure carted for school gardens

Received two library books from Wellington Education Board

22nd February Swimming instruction daily
 5th March Mr Sutton of Dr Barnardos Helpers League spoke to children for twenty minutes commencing 11.20
 6th March Visit by Clareville school children. Game of longball played from 1.30- 2.30 Afternoon Tea served
 26th March Plumbers set in hot water pipe from residence hot water cylinder to the washhouse. They also repaired school fireplace
 9th April School visited by Traffic Officer Horsfall. Arrived at 10.5 and left at 11.25 Bicycles examined and road rules discussed
 At 10.45 Mr Sage Methodist Minister arrived and later conducted a lesson
 At 11.30 Nurse Hubbard inspected all children
 25th April School closed for Anzac Day
 5th June Received new salary schedules and classification lists of schools
 24th June Roll is now 24
 18th July Received 15 library books from Board
 21st July Outbreak of Chicken Pox in district
 29th July mumps and Measles outbreak absences from school though above
 7th August School Committee meet and discussed

- a) School bus up Norfolk Road
- b) Firming of school boundaries
- c) Capitation allowance

 7th September Received 2 pairs scissors and pastel paper School roll 23. Five children away with mumps
 8th October Mr Gilbert Evans was invited to give a talk on rearing calves. W Wilton gave a vote of thanks

10th October Trees in front of school have been cut down by the Royka (Roska?) boys, contractors. 31 trees removed and sawn into lengths in five working days
 27th October Labour day school closed
 13th November Calf Club Day Mr Evans Agricultural Instructor was children's guest for the day
 27th November Mr Robinson in company with Mr Wilson Secretary A P Society and Mr Fisher, steward for A P Society Garden Judging, visited school to judge flower and vegetable plots
 28th November Storm. 11 present
 30th November Nurse Hubbard arrived and inspected/tested children's eyes and ears. Arrived 11.00 and left 11.30
 At 4 pm Mr McArthur of Reed's Publishing Co arrived and left books on display for teacher and School Committee
 18th December School closed for year 1952. Records completed and school scrubbed and oiled
 D S Charteris

1953

2nd February School reopened Roll 23
 3rd February School swimming programme commenced
 16th February An outing to challenge Clareville in Longball and to mix socially with other school children N Wilton was captain and toastmaster
 4th March Received sets of library books from Reed and Co, Publishers Wellington

5th March Two of Board's officers visited teacher in connection with plumbing repairs – following to be done, sink, sumps both at school and residence

17th March Arrangements were made for party of children to visit first Dalefield School, then Carterton DHS to deliver lecturettes. I was delighted with the visit which took place today. An excellent educational experience and I hope to see further visits made to other schools or same. Schools and visits made to this school by outside school pupils.

Mrs Davidson, a parent arranged transport. Mr Sutton and Mr Keedwell were only too happy to welcome our pupils and are sending shortly to West Taratahi groups of children to lecture and fraternise with us. One local parent is pleased with this scheme and has already offered transport in order to see his son speak on the next occasion we go visiting.

Six pupils participated in the actual lectures. Two others went to gain confidence and experience

29th March Over the last two weeks received three lorry loads of timber, pinex and odds and ends in answer to appeal in local paper.

Most of this to be used for play centre and bicycle shed

24th March Two parents visited school to watch children at work.

30th March Country Schools Sports Day

Parents visited the school for a film evening. Teacher gave account of experiences on Chatham Islands which added interest to film entitled Chatham Islands

13th April Fire Drill

20th April Eight Dalefield Children came to lecture us. The subjects were as follows, Frog, Captain Scott, Ceylon, Eskimo

6th May Children presented their concert to local residents

24th May Received five infant tables and chairs. Climbing ropes and horizontal bars now complete

29th May Ceremony held in school to commemorate the Coronation. School closed until June 3rd

25th June Farewell held in school for Mr Tom Shaw and Mr K Richardson; both families leaving the district. Both very fine people to have in district'

16th June Chicken pox prevalent in the district affects school attendance

Two members of welfare department visited school in connection with malnutrition in some of school children. Soup has been supplied to all children daily over last three weeks

29th June Continued sickness. Ten children present

8th July The children gave a lecture at Dalefield School

15th July Measles outbreak

30th July Children went to see screening in Carterton. A Queen is Crowned

1st August School Committee and senior boys continue erecting the storage shed

Soup to be discontinued as from Monday 3rd August

14th August Mr Matheson and Mr Des Hilary of Physical Education Branch Wellington, Inspected climbing apparatus and showed the Sutcliffe Film on use of climbing material

17th August Painters completed painting the residence, school and outbuildings this day

7th September roll 22

16th September Arrangements made with Mr Keedwell of Carterton for this school to spend a day at Carterton DHS primary department. Each child spends the full day in his unilateral class at Carterton

School. Six members of our Standard 1-6 group to prepare lecturettes to be delivered at Carterton DHS on the day. Girls spend part of the day at Home Science Block. Boys at woodwork

21st September 19 children spent the day in Carterton primary department. Teacher was guest of Carterton DHS teachers

22nd September Clareville school visited us for games . Arrived at 1.15 and departed 2.45 Peter Allen moved a vote of thanks

5th October Fire drill and talk on emergency procedure. Three new pupils Roll Number 26

12th October School closed at 1.30 to enable teacher to attend Nature Study Course at Carterton DHS

17th October Board carpenters arrived at 1 pm to put in floor near school hearth

At 1.10 Mrs Dutton of Barnardos League arrived and discussed with children the very fine objectives of Barnardo League

3rd November Calf Club Day Activities. A very profitable day, financially and educationally. Children ran a bring and buy and raised £7-17-3. Parents enjoyed the day. School children gave a physical education display during the afternoon

18th November Group Calf Club Day at Carterton

19th November Mr Tom Hardie, Head teacher, Solway School, brought ten children over to deliver group talks. The children under Mr Hardie's guidance, showed how a panel discussion in a group was conducted. Mr Hardie invited teacher to spend an hour at Mr Hardie's school. A most enjoyable afternoon.

1st December Parents visited school to observe children reading. Puppet Show

17th December School closed for year

1954

School reopened Roll 27

19th February Visit by Mr Morgan, Nature Study Specialist. Mr Morgan checked tools and noted that we needed a new shovel. He also collected science apparatus which has been unused in the school for approximately 30 years. Teacher discussed with Mr. Morgan what a Nature Study Scheme should contain and the recording of Nature Study work

17th February Working Bee at school Messrs R Allen, G Wadham, H Davidson, W Duckett, B Wilson, G and T Wilton and P Oakly arrived at school at 10.00

The following improvements were made

- a) Gates swung
- b) Further work done to new storage sheds
- c) Stones excavated under climbing apparatus and pits filled with sawdust
- d) 25th February Storage shed completed except for painting
- e) Arrangements made to deliver 4 cords of wood on Saturday 27th February
- f) The proceeds from sale of wood (Cut and Stacked by children and teacher) go toward physical education and playground equipment

27th February Four cords of wood delivered to two buyers, G Marshall 124 Cornwall Street Masterton and H Jackson 18 Kent St Carterton. Children netted £22

1st March School picnic poor attendance owing to outbreak of 'flu in district, but picnic enjoyed by those present

11th March Roll 25

22nd March Mr D H Bruce Section T Student arrived (*Section T students were one year students, often graduates of university being used to fill the teacher shortage*)

6th May Stuart John Payne started today

5th- 9th April Mr Bruce took over the school for the week while teacher attended refresher course in Masterton. On the Thursday four children attended the course and gave lecturettes based on debating lines.

23rd April Received notification of my appointment to Matawai School Hawkes bay Education Board

May On the night of Thursday May 6th school children produced their concert

7th May West Taratahi School Children visited Clareville School for organised games

7th May At 3 pm school closed for term

D S Charteris

14th May K Catherall Relieving Teacher Toll 27. Bernette Oliver Quin enrolled today

26th May Power Board arrived to fix stove at school house

28th May Robert Charteris and Willie Wilton taken off roll. Fire drill

12th June received 6 hoops from Education Board

11th July Neil Wadham entered today

12th July Art supplies arrived from Education Board More to come (I Hope)

5th September Children visited Solway for organised games

19th September School social. Drawing of raffle for Red Cross Club

6th September A H Miller Commenced .duties as Head Teacher West Taratahi School. Attendance 25. Admitted Ian Miller Standard 1 from Moutohora School. The following number apparatus is to hand from

Wellington Education Board 1 balance, 2 dozen plastic rings, 2 con sets, three threading laces, jig saw puzzles with trays

22nd September The organising teacher Mr Burgess was present at school today

24th September Received from Wellington Education Board one pair of grass shears. Mr N Burges completed his visit to the school today

27th September Removed Thomas and Allan Wilkinson from the school roll. The family have moved out of the district Roll 27

18th October Admitted Diane Quin Withdrew L Wilson

29th October Carterton Show. School closed

1st November Admitted John Wainwright Roll 28

8th November Three pupils admitted Joseph, Anne and Stanley Fraser. Roll 31

9th November School calf club held 16 calves, 3 lambs and pet animals. Raymond Miller admitted

16th November received 4 copies of school bulletin A Tobacco Farm

19th November The children were addressed by Mr. Ogg. Noxious Weed Inspector on hemlock and ways of treating weeds

10th December The school was visited by Mr Morgan, Nature Study Specialist and the school and home garden plots were judged

16th December School cleaned, records completed for despatch to the Wellington Education Board. The children and parents of the district were entertained at a Christmas Tree the previous evening. Most enjoyable and excellent attendance. School country library books returned to Wellington and the school closed for the summer vacation. A H Miller

1955

1st February Roll 30. Admitted Michael Brown

8th February Received Four Copies of Primary School Bulletin On the Hill (*About Denniston, West Coast, R Carlyon taught there 1967*)

22nd February The school was visited by Mr Coorey Carterton Post Office and the children were spoken to on the School Savings Bank

25th February The school was visited by Mr Morgan, Nature Study Specialist. Gardening equipment was inspected. Received one aquarium, 2 reading glasses and one dozen magnifying glasses.

5th March The annual school picnic was held in Mr Oakley's Property Carrington Road, there was a large attendance of children and parents. An enjoyable day was spent

7th March removed Michael Brown from Roll. Moved to Masterton Central Roll 29

23rd March The School Children participated in South Wairarapa Country School Sports at Masterton (sic)

28th March Received three arithmetic text books from Wellington Education Board

Text for West Taratahi Flag break.

- a) We give thanks for the privileges we enjoy as New Zealanders and Members of the British Commonwealth of Nations; we honour the memories of all those who have served our country, we will honour our Queen, obey the laws of her Government, and serve our country and our fellowmen
- b) The flag stands for our country and our people and for our love of truth, justice, freedom, and democracy, in which we are united, through the person of our Queen, with all other members of the British Commonwealth of Nations

22nd April Received a supply of library books from Whitcombe and Tombs, Wellington. A new answer book for Form II arithmetic text book is to hand

2nd May An exchange of country library service books was returned to Wellington.

The biennial meeting of householders to elect a School Committee was held in school this evening. There was an attendance of seventeen. Committee: Mrs Daysh, Messrs Davidson, Wadham, Wilton and Payne

6th May The school was cleaned, records completed for despatch to the Wellington Education Board and the school was closed for the May Holidays. A H Miller

23rd May Roll 31

24th May received from the Wellington Education Board 1 gardening fork- digging and art and craft supplies, cardboard, paper, powder colour, scissors, chromes, paste and gummed paper. 9 tins of Tempura Colour and 2 packets of coloured gummed paper.

10th June Received four copies of Primary School Bulletin- The Failure of a Farmer

15th June Received from Wellington Education Board 4 copies of Janet and John Book 6 and 2 copies of Book 7

23rd June Received from Wellington Education Board 2 6 ½ inch rubber balls, 2 8 ½ inch rubber balls. 6 9 ft skipping ropes and 1 14 foot skipping rope

27th June The school was visited by Mr Morgan Nature Study Specialist. The children were instructed on various aspects of the subject: Calf Club, gardening projects were discussed with the teacher

6th July 9 pupils of the school participated in a seven aside rugby and basketball tournament in Masterton

28th July Received two library books from Wellington Education Board, Carpenters inspected work to be undertaken with the school floor. Publication received One hundred years of Postage Stamps

29th July Carpenters commenced replacing the schoolroom floor. Finished 1st August

5th August A group of children from the Parkvale and Clareville Schools visited us and games of Basketball and Football were played. Received from Wellington Education Board a set of gummed backed pictures

11th August Mrs Johnston tested the hearing of the children

12th August A party of boys and girls went to Carterton and Clareville School for Football and basketball to select a combined team to play Solway School

16th August A visit was paid to Solway School where a combined team of pupils from Clareville, Parkvale and Taratahi West played basketball (Netball) and rugby against Solway School teams

5th September Admitted Richard Quin- new entrant Roll 32 full attendance

9th September Continued receiving 4 copies of junior reading material

14th September The school was visited by Mr Morgan, Nature Study Specialist and slides of Group day shown. Children were instructed in the care and preparation of animals for school Calf Club and Group day

16th September Received four copies of Primary School Bulletin Early Traders

22nd September Completed preparation and sowed lawn grass seed in enclosure at front of the school. A new garden within the same area

has been prepared and planted. Boys vegetable plots have been added to. Ten plots are now available

Received supply of reading books from Wellington Education Board
23rd September Received from Wellington Education Board 4 copies of Bulletin Test Flight

27th September School closed today Teacher and a party of 15 children travelled to Wellington with the children and parents of Parkvale School to visit Industrial Fair. A cricket bat and ball and tennis balls have been obtained for the use of children

4th October Received from Country Library service Wellington 60 library books. Received from Wellington Education Board 1 block set, 100 small counting sticks, coloured and 100 bigger counting sticks

13th 14th School closed. Teacher absent

25th October A singer Sewing Machine and Hayter Motor Scythe has been purchased for the school

28th October School closed on the occasion of the Carterton Show

3rd November Holiday granted by the Governor General

7th November Calf Club day was held. Children showed 12 calves and six lambs. A large attendance of parents

10th November Carterton Group Calf Club was held at the Carterton Showgrounds (*In 1913 they are the rugby grounds*) Ten children from the school attended with calves for judging. A party of pupils was taken the nature Study exhibits displayed by other schools and looked at the calf judging

11th November Admitted Isobel Leveridge New Entrant Roll 33

21st November Teacher absent from district, school closed bereavement

25th November Withdrew Margaret Duckett from school roll, left school at 15 years of age. The school was visited by an officer of the Health Department and the school and facilities were inspected

15th December Christmas Tree evening held in the school. There was a very good attendance of parents and children

16th December The school was cleared, records sent to Wellington Education Board and School Closed. For holidays. A H Miller

1956

5th March Mr Jones student teacher of Wellington Teachers College commenced section at the school

6th March The school was inspected today by Mr V S Curry. Received today two toilet fixtures and a supply of toilet paper for school

7th March The children of the school attended the Country School; sports meeting at Queen Elizabeth Park, Masterton. The children were transported by parents who assisted with their supervision during the day

8th March The school was visited by Mr Runie of the Carterton Post Office and the children spoken to concerning School Saving Accounts and services made available by the Post Office

19th March Teacher commenced attending a country school teachers inservice refresher course in Masterton. During the week the school was conducted by Mr Jones, Student Teacher

22nd March Received from Mr Barnett Nature Study Specialist, 1 aneroid barometer and 1 3d viewer and 1 copy of Physical Education in the Infant classes.

30th March Section completed by Mr Jones

4th May returned Country Library Service Books to Wellington and collected an exchange of books. The school was cleaned and closed for the May Holidays

21st May Roll 29 Attendance 29. A stand for the school milk supply and the school mail box were erected today by two members of the School Committee at the school gate. Received one copy of Filmstrip Catalogue 1956

24th May The carpenters commenced repairs on the school and residence, replacing broken sash cords, decayed boards on schoolhouse and out buildings, completing match lining in residence bathroom and a new lock and Blackboard for the school room

25th May Received from the Wellington Education Board 1 set of leather samples, 1 copy of Rugby Football Rules and 1 copy of I am a Bale of Wool

2nd June Received four copies of the Primary School Bulletin. The Coming of the Musket

5th June The school was visited this morning by Mr Beeby, Director of Education and Mr Whitwell Senior Inspector of the Wellington Education Board

7th June The grounds of the school and residence were rolled and two areas cleared and levelled

8th June Mr Curtin commenced installing a heater in the school room this afternoon. (*Most likely a Romesse Stove*)

11th June Mr Curtin completed installing a new heating unit in the school room before school commenced this morning

Withdrew Bernette and Richard Quin, family have moved from the district and the children are no longer attending this school. Roll 27

22nd June Received from Wellington Education Board four copies of the Bulletin The Coming of the Pakeha

The pupils played games of rugby and basketball with the pupils of Clareville School

27th June The children of the school took part in a seven aside rugby and basketball tournament of the combined primary schools

2nd July Admitted Merven Miller. Roll 25

6th July A group of boys from the school combined with Clareville for a game of rugby against St Mary's School Carterton

9th July Admitted Gary Allen. Roll 29

16th July Admitted Alison Duckett. Roll 30

27th July Merven Miller has returned to Stokes Valley School. Joe and Anne Fraser are attending Masterton West School

31st July A party of Standard children attended the rugby match Wairarapa- Bush combined versus the Springboks at the Solway Showground Masterton in the company with the teacher.

7th August Received from Furniture and Woodware Ltd Hastings on order form Wellington Education Board a supply of tables and chairs

6 Tables and Chairs Type B

7 tables and Chairs Type C

4 tables and Chairs Type D

8 Tables and Chairs type E

The school is now completely equipped with tables and chairs 25 of each plus 5 already in hand

17th August Records completes, school cleaned and floor washed and the school for the August Holidays

23th August Returned graded group readers to the Country Library Service Wellington

24th August A soak hole was dug with a trench digger for renewal of the septic tank system. The power cable underground was cut during

the course of the work. The Power Board were notified and temporary repairs carried out

28th August Plumbers worked at the school today coupling up the new soak hole and cleaning the septic tank. The electricians were preparing a trench for the new underground cable from the school to the pump house

4th September Re admitted Joseph and Anne Frazer from Masterton West School. Withdrew Susan Chapman- attending Solway School. Roll 28

7th September Received from National library Wellington a collection of graded group readers and 100 library books on loan from the service

8th August Received 2 copies of the Bulletin, Timber

20th September Returned by rail to Country Library service Wellington one carton of library books

25th September Returned one carton of Country Library books by rail from Carterton to Wellington

26th September Withdrew from Roll Stanley Fraser in Lansdowne Hospital Class Masterton

28th August Received from Wellington Education Board library books from the 1955 library grant

Despatched to Wellington Education Board completed form for school grading purposes. Purchased one pencil sharpener for the school

1st October Received from Wellington Education Board a supply of drawing paper

3rd October The school was visited by Nurse Green, district nurse and six children were examined and one child was given a diphtheria

booster injection. Parents of the children were notified of the examination and four were present

5th October reported absent children to Mr Tait. (*Truant Officer and married to My father's Cousin*)

8th October School was visited today by Mr Currie Acting Inspector of the Wellington Education Board to investigate a complaint to the board of Mrs G Wainwright and the failure of the family to attend school. I telephoned Mr Tait, attendance officer Wellington Education Board requesting investigation regarding the failure to attend school of the children of four families, Frasers, Leveridge, Chapman's and Wainwrights. These children have been absent for varying periods from the 11th Spt. A joint complaint from these people has already been the subject of a School Committee investigation and reply to the parents concerned

11th October A Householders meeting addressed by Mr Deavoll, Wellington Education Board Secretary was held in the schoolroom this evening. Mr Deavoll was accompanied by Mr Bell Ssenior Inspector and Mr Robertson Inspector.

At the close of the meeting written complaints re the conduct of the school were submitted to Mr Deavoll. These complaints were submitted by the parents who had been withholding their children from attending the school for periods varying from 8 to 24 consecutive days

12th October The school was visited by Mr Doyle Traffic Officer and the children spoken to re safety on the road. Two films on road safety were shown by Mr Doyle

15th October Ten children of the families referred to earlier returned to the school today. Suzie Chapman has been absent 24 days, Ngaire Chapman 20 days. John and Robin Wainwright 19 days, Isobel, Ivan

and Brian Leveridge 9 days and Joe and Anne Fraser and Marie Chapman for a period of 8 days.

Susan Chapman was withdrawn on 4th Set to attend Solway School Attendance at that school was dependant on bus conveyance. When this was declined owing to distance the child was withdrawn from Solway School and her record card was forwarded to the Wellington Education Board. I received a letter from the mother of the child this morning requesting that the child be re enrolled at the school. Roll 28.

Received a letter from Mrs Wainwright informing that Valda Wainwright will be absent this term Doctor's orders

19th October The school was visited by Mr Matheson and Miss Direen. Physical Education Specialist and the children were instructed in baseball batting and overarm throwing

24th October Readmitted Stanley Fraser from Lansdowne Hospital Class Roll 29

26th October The school was closed for Carterton P and A show. The Education Board carpenter finished repairs

2nd November School was visited by Mr N Burgess, Organising teacher during the morning: Topics Written expression, Library Classification and related activities

8th November The school calf club was held today There were 11 calves, 4 lambs and pets, cats, 1 chicken, 1 goat. The function was largely attended by parents and interested residents. The animals were judged by Mr Leitch of Masterton and flower exhibits- sand saucer, model farm and garden and decorated vases were judged by Mrs Leitch and Denholm

15th November Three pupils with calves attended the Carterton Group day at the Carterton Showgrounds

17th November Admitted two new pupils Graeme Quin, new entrant and John Duckett Masterton East Standard 2

A Committee of inquiry sat at the school this afternoon consisting of Mr Deavoll Secretary Manger of Wellington Education Board, Mr Bell Senior Inspector and Mr Wilton South Wairarapa Education Board member. Mr Ashbridge appeared as advocate for the teacher

22nd November Received from Wellington Education Board 4 copies of the Bulletin The Golden Years

30th November Received from Wellington Education Board supplies of stationery and copies of new syllabus

6th December Received from A H Reed Wellington a parcel of library books that represents the 1956 library grant from Wellington Education Board

12th December Admitted Heather Payne New Entrant Roll 31

17th December The school break up function . Christmas tree evening was held in the school. A large number of parents, children and local residents present

18th December. The school was cleaned, records despatched and the school closed for the holidays

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4th February School resumed. There was an attendance of 24 pupils. Admitted Christine Leveridge new entrant and Diana Chandler from Clareville school. Received 3 copies of bulletin Making a Town and Change in the Valley

A step ladder for the school supplied by the Committee came to hand during the holidays. Also an incinerator from the Education Board

18th February Removed Pamela Wilton from the Roll attending Hastwell School. Roll 30

13th February Removed from school roll Anne Stanley and Joseph Fraser attending St Joseph's school New Plymouth

25th February Admitted Ivy Wainwright. Roll 21

8th March Received from the Wellington Education Board Folk Dances for Primer 1 to Standard 1

15th March The standard children took part in tabloid sports and minor ball games in Carrington Park with other Carterton District Schools as part of the Carterton Centennial Sports

20th March Received from National Library Service an exchange of 60 books

22nd March Returned 60 Books to National Library Service

23rd March The school picnic was held at the Clareville Racecourse The day was fine and the day's activities were enjoyed by a good attendance of parents, pupils and local residents

25th March The laying of a hard surface area in front of the school building was begun today

28th March The children of the school were transported by parents with motor cars. There they participated in a combined sports day with the South Wairarapa Country Schools. This is the first occasion this group has functioned and a very successful day was the result

29th March School closed ,teacher on Leave of Absence

1st April Received from Wellington Education Board 4 copies of Bulletin from Kent to Wellington

The concrete work was completed while the school was closed

6th April Received from Wellington Education Board 1 copy of Folk Dance Directions Standard 2 to Form 2

8th April The school was visited by Nurse Green and infants and pupils of Standard 2 and 6 were examined

9th April Withdrew Diana Chapman attending Lansdowne School Roll 27

15th April A householders meeting was held in the school in the evening to elect a new School Committee. There was an attendance of 16, there being a representative of almost every household in the district

The Following Committee were elected. Mr Wadham, Chairman, Mr Wilton Secretary, Mrs Daysh, Mr Payne and Mr Quin

Received an exchange of 40 books from National library Service

16th April Admitted Barbara Haley Standard 1 from Shannon. Roll 28

26th April Admitted James Sanders from Cornwall Street.

Clothes line erected at residence

29th April The Wainwright children left school today. The family is moving to Palmerston north

1st May Received 4 copies of Bulletin. The Rock Pool

10th May *A H Miller still teaching . No mention of result of inquiry but Wellington Education Board usually quickly transferred teachers if they were in the wrong*

27th May Admitted Stuart Wadham, New Entrant and Paula Wilton from Hastwell School. James Saunders has returned to Masterton. Roll 26

21st June The school was visited by Miss Pemberton, Physical education Specialist and the children instructed in Folk dancing and Mat Work

27th June Admitted Mark Wilton, New Entrant , Roll 27

2nd July I purchased a rugby football from Gordon Udy, Carterton on behalf of school club

3rd July Six boys were taken to Masterton to take part as a midget team in the combined schools 7 aside tournament. Owing to the weather the tournament was abandoned at midday. The school piano was tuned today

5th July School was closed today. The teacher was at a grading appeal at the Education Board Office, Wellington. The teacher brought back issue of art and craft supplies, returned surplus text books and received additional text books where copies in the various divisions were required

Janet and John Book 1, 2 copies. Arithmetic text books. Standard 6, 2 copies. English Text Books Standard 1, 1 copy

1st August The following repairs were carried out today by Mr Curtin, 1 new tank, sump for overflow and repairs to schoolroom chimney and at the residence repairs to hot water boiler, overflow pipe and replacement of 1 downpipe.

12 shrubs received from Wellington Education Board were planted today

2nd August The school was visited by Mr Doyle, Traffic Officer and the children spoken to about bicycles and the bicycles of the pupils examined and reported on

12th August The plumbers returned today and completed repairs to school and residence. Tank overflow and plastering sump, protective sheeting behind school fire and chimney tops at the residence

16th August The school was visited by Miss Pemberton and the children instructed in tumbling mat activities and square dancing. Only half the children were present owing to 'flu

A H Miler

9th September Attendance 25. Received during the holidays 2 publications The Parliament of New Zealand and Parliament House by Dollimore and Filmstrip Catalogue 1957 supplement

10th September The school was visited by Mrs Johnston of the Health Department and the hearing of children was tested

11th September The school was visited by Nurse King, District Nurse re polio injections and Traffic Officer Yule to re-examine bicycles for faults observed in his first visit

17th September Returned to National library Service Wellington 62 books that have been on loan to the school

18th September The school was visited this afternoon by Mr (*Hamish?*) Henderson Head Teacher Harley Street School Masterton and the children were instructed in songs for the music festival to be performed in Greytown

20th September Received from Marvin's Wellington Reneplan duplicator forwarded by Road Services to Carterton

25th September Mr Barrett Nature Study Specialist delivered cockerels for rearing project

24th September Distributed chickens for competition to the children of the school.

25th September Received from the Wellington Education Board four copies of bulletin The Return of the Fugitives

1st October Eighteen children were taken by parents this afternoon to Clareville School. There they were given anti polio vaccination

11th October The school was visited by Mr Young of the Masterton Post Office this morning and the children spoken to about school saving accounts

14th October Fay Haley admitted, New Entrant

21st October paperhanger commenced repapering two rooms of the school residence

24th October Received four copies of Primary School Bulletin Oil

29th October Sixteen children from the school were taken by parents to Clareville School this afternoon for their second polio injection

30th October Miss Studholme Director of Junior Red Cross visited this afternoon and the addressed on the history, aims and activities of the movement.

13th November School calf club held. Children had 9 calves, 13 lambs and pets. Three was a good attendance of local residents and parents

14th November 4 pupils with calves attended Group Day at Carterton Showgrounds

3rd December received 1 copy of Living Names. Pioneers of medicine

9th December Admitted Ashley Allen

Visit from Miss Pemberton who taught Holger Neilsen Resuscitation

16th December Admitted Bernette and Richard Quin

17th December The annual school Christmas tree break up function held this evening with a very good attendance

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Attendance of 18 pupils. I withdrew Bernette and Richard Quin and Ashley Allan

7th February The school was closed today, a holiday granted on the occasion of the visit of the Queen Mother to Wellington

8th February Received from the Wellington Education Board a copy of the publication Swimming

8th February School Committee G Wadham Chairman, F Wilton, Mrs A Daysh, M Quin, G Payne and Teacher Mr. A Miller

That the Secretary pay all bills that come in this month.

That Secretary write to Education Board to replace the Teacher's table and chair as the old one is in bad condition

That we purchase a chair for the school

Permission given to the Secretary to purchase a minute book

Mr. Bird to be asked to deliver 6 yards of sand to the children's play area

That paint be purchased for the children's play area

Decided to hold over till next meeting re purchasing a bicycle stand

Mr. Miller given permission to buy chalk and duplicator paper

18th February received from Wellington Education Board 1 tin of clay

27th February The school was closed today as the Carterton Country School Group met at Clareville School for a days inservice training course with the inspectors Mr Robertson and Mr Burt

7th March The school took part in the South Wairarapa schools sports meeting at Card Reserve, Featherston. Transport was provided by parents

8th March Received from National Library Service Palmerston North Science and Nature Study readers and two advanced Alice and Jerry books on loan from the request service

15th March The school picnic was held today at the Greytown Reserve. There was an excellent attendance of children and parents
The picnic closed early in the day because of the weather.

20th March Athletic events were held this afternoon. This section of the school picnic was postponed on Saturday. There was a good attendance of parents and local residents

27th March Secretary to write to Education Board asking permission to get a bicycle stand made

That any urgent accounts be paid until cheque book is returned by Education Board

Mr. Millar given permission to buy a floor broom for the school

31st March The school was visited this morning by the Health Nurse and 9 pupils were medically examined. Several parents attended

10th April Received an exchange of Country Library Service Books from Palmerston North. Received replacement of gardening tools 3 rakes, 3 push hoes, and 2 chip hoes supplied by Wellington Education Board

12th April A working bee was held in the school today and the hedge trimmed, spouting cleaned and painting done on the climbing apparatus

14th April The school was visited by Sergeant Fox of the Wellington Branch of police force and the children were spoken to on police matters. The Wilton family Pamela and Mark are attending the Hastwell School. Present School roll 21

19th April Received further gardening tools, 4 hand trowels and 4 hand forks

28th April Received 1 tumbling mat and 1 tin of clay

1st May. Received 1 rugby ball from the Rugby Union Schools Section

5th May The Haley family have moved from the district and Barbara and Fay Haley are removed from the school roll

7th May The school was visited by Traffic Officer Doyle and the children instructed and Road Safety Films shown

9th May Country Schools Graded readers returned to Palmerston North

May Mr. Edwards asked to build a bicycle stand

26th May Attendance 20 Received 10 country library books from the loan request service. Readmitted Mark Wilton from Hastwell School

29th May School conducted by Miss Dunn (Physical Education Branch). Teacher attending refresher course in Carterton. The Education Board Foreman of Works attended and examined Mr Parker's concrete work

30th May Teacher again at refresher course and school conducted by Miss Dunn. Received the following Physical Education apparatus 2 small rubber balls and 3 skipping ropes

12th June Fourteen children were taken to Clareville School in the afternoon for anti polio injections. Miss Pemberton visited and the children instructed in Folk Dancing and tumbling.

The Education Board carpenters continued repairs to the school, new floor in porch and residence

17th June The Carpenters repaired sash cords in residence

18th June Collected from the Carterton railway Station 1 teacher's chair supplied from Hastings

21st June A School Committee working bee was held during the morning- hedge material was burned and cover made and fixed over the open fireplace in the classroom

2nd July The senior girls took part in a basketball tournament with pupils of Clareville School at Carterton primary school

11th July Received two copies of Bulletin Changes in the Pa

15th July Received from Education Board art and craft supplies, Two roller maps of NZ, North Island, South Island

22nd September Received from Education Board 3 copies of Bulletin Sawmilling Yesterday and 1 copy of publication of NZ National Parks

25th July Received 1 teachers table

30th July Received from Wellington Education Board 12 small and 2 large balls and 6 skipping ropes

31st July A new pipe bicycle rack was brought to the school by members of the School Committee and placed in the bicycle shed

31st July Secretary to write to west Taratahi Cricket Club thanking them for the donation of £10-1113-7 to the school which the club expressed would be used towards the purchase of some permanent plaything for the children

Mr. Millar given permission to purchase sticking plaster, mop doormat

Secretary to buy 12 Benthamie (*benthamiella*) trees which Mr. Miller would plant

M Edwards Cycle Stand £9

6th August I purchased today 1 coir doormat, 1 wet mop and 1 roll sticking plaster

7th August The school was inspected by Mr Robertson

8th August School resumes. Attendance 22 Admitted Jennifer Quin and Pamela Wilton from Hastwell

25th September left in the hands of Mr. Wadham to get tenders for the painting of the inside of the school and to notify the Board if the painting had to be done on school days it would not inconvenience the teacher

A donation of £3 was received from the Holdsworth C W I (*Country Women's Institute*) The Secretary will write and thank same

The Secretary to write to Education Board that Mr. Payne has resigned.

1 October Miss Pemberton instructed the children in running and jumping

3rd October Four children attended Carterton School in the morning for anti polio injections

15th October Mr R Coleman plumber was at the school today to fit one new washstand basin, shift the present basin outside and to fit 1 sink bench

16th October. Mr Coleman supplied one fireguard and completed work at school and residence

October That the sum of £1 be paid to South Wairarapa Country Primary School Sports Association

Permission given to Mr. Miller to buy chalk and scrubbing brush

Decided a Flagpole to be and enad erected for the school (17 Foot High) (*5.18 Metres*)

20th October Mr Coleman was at school this morning preparing to correct the drainage problem of the concrete area

28th October Mr Coleman Plumber worked at the school to repair the drainage problem in the concrete area

28th October The school was visited by Mr Coleman and Mr Barker, from Wellington Education Board maintenance, and repairs and new plumbing installations were inspected

31st October The school was closed today for the Carterton A and P Show

5th November Calf club day held

10th November Mr Coleman worked at the school today on concrete, down piping and sink bench at the residence

13th November Three children took part in Carterton Group day today at Carterton Showgrounds

18th November Received two copies of Bulletin Te Tiriti of Waitangi

27th November School Committee Accounts Passed

1st December The school was visited today by Mr Burgess Organising teacher. Expression was taken with the children on Nature Study material they have been preparing

18th December The school break up Christmas tree function was held with a very good attendance of parents, pupils and interested local residents

19th December The interior of the school was prepared for painting.
A H Miller

1959

2nd February Attendance of 20. The interior of the school has been painted during the time in which the school was closed. Four copies of the McKee platform readers came to hand during the holidays

3rd February Admitted Ross Chapman, New Entrant

4th February Received from R R Stevens, Stationers Masterton- 3 Thorndike School Dictionaries, 4 My dictionary of word families, 3 World Atlas's, 1 Atlas of New Zealand, 1 Concise Oxford Dictionary

12th February The Secretary to pay the accounts up to the end of February. The end of the financial year

The Secretary to write to Education Board asking if they would grant a subsidy on the donation received from the Cricket Club for a see saw for the children's play area

If the Greytown Domain could not be secured on Saturday 28th February to hold the annual school picnic that the picnic be held one day in the week prior to that date

16th February The school was visited by Nurse Church- District Health Nurse. Preparation was made for the examination of New Entrant infants and Standard 2 and Form 2

Eye testing was done with Standard 2 – Form 2 pupils

19th February Dean Payne admitted, New Entrant

26th February The annual school picnic was held in the Greytown Park with a full attendance of children

19th 20th March School was closed while the teacher attended a Refresher Course at Masterton West

2nd April Mr Stothart Physical Education Instructor visited. The afternoon was wet and the children instructed in indoor activities and mat work

2nd April Collected from G Udy Carterton 1 Rugby football from Wairarapa Rugby Union

7th April Received 2 copies of bulletin The Sheep Farm

13th April Household meeting. 10 Householders being present

Mrs A Daysh on being elected as chairman read the report of the school

There were 8 nominations for School Committee

Scrutineers Mrs A Daysh, Mr. A Miller

Elected Mr. G Wadham (Chairman), Mr. F S Wilton (Secretary), Mr.

H W Duckett, Mr. I Daysh, Mr. M T Quin

Mrs Quinn, Mrs Payne, Mrs Duckett Missing out

At subsequent Meeting

Mr. Wadham to take over the books of the private account

Secretary to write to the Education Board for a grant for payment for labour on an hourly basis for care of the school grounds

That Mr. I Daysh be associated with Mr. Wadham for the private account

25th May School recommenced with a full attendance of 22 pupils

28th May That insurance on piano and equipment be discontinued.

That a donation of £1 be sent to Greytown Borough Council for use of the domain when the school picnic was held.

Working Bee on the buildings held at school 6th June

A letter was received from Board informing the school was built in 1895

29th May Received 1 copy of Basketball international 7 aside (*Netball*) rules

6th June A working bee was held by the School Committee. 1 flagpole, 2 basketball goal posts fitting and a new see saw base were concreted in and rugby football goals repaired

25th June That Secretary write to Education Board asking who is responsible for trimming trees

That the Post Office account be carried on as is.

That the Rozska Brothers would be starting to top trees on Monday June 23rd for a contract price of £20 which the Committee is paying out of the incidental grant

A working bee on Thursday July 1st

29th June Julie Daysh, admitted, New Entrant

Men began topping row of pine trees along the road boundary

2nd July 2 men completed topping trees along Chester Road at the South End. A Committee working bee was held in the afternoon and firewood prepared for sawing and waste removed for burning

8th July Board carpenters were at school today to replace one tankstand and to repair weather boarding on school building. Two new hot plates were fitted to the stove in the residence

19th July A team of boys for football and girls for basketball went to Clareville School for games with children of that school

10th July Builders completed work at school and installed a new cupboard for the schoolroom. Received four copies of Bulletin The Voyage of the Cuttyhawk

14th September Pupils of the Clareville school visited the school in the afternoon and participated in rugby and basketball games

15th July Three boys and three girls took part as members of the Clareville School Teams in seven aside rugby and basketball tournaments in Carterton and Greytown

30th July The Education Board made a grant of £16-10-0 per annum to meet grass cutting costs

Mr. Duckett to make inquiries about getting the school children taught swimming

The School Committee decided to judge lambs on Calf and Lamb day on care and handling

6th August Received 60 books from Country Library Services Palmerston North.

21st August School closed for term holidays. A H Miller

15th September Admitted Elizabeth Miller. New Entrant

25th September Visited by Mr John Macdonald, organising teacher for the Wellington Education Board

5th October Admitted Margaret Humphries. New Entrant. Roll 28

28th October a donation of 5 shillings be sent to the Secretary of the School Sport's Association for the Clareville School

30th October The school was closed today for the Wairarapa and East Coast Pastoral and Agricultural Show

3rd November The annual school calf day was held. There were 11 calves and 7 lambs judged by Mr Morgan and in the school the children displayed their work and decorated sand saucers and model farms

4th November During the afternoon Mr Stothart physical Education Specialist instructed outdoors in ball handling skills and activities for the application of these

12th November Six calves went to Carterton Group calf day

17th November The school was visited during the afternoon by Mrs Rowland North Island Travelling warden of the N Z Barnardo Helper's League and the children spoken to on the objects and achievements of the movement

20th November A brief visit was paid this morning by Mrs Rowland re N Z Barnardo Helpers League. Received 6 Nature Study Readers from the library grant

23rd November Admitted David, Gary and Lynnette Hannah from Cornwall Street School Masterton. Roll 31

24th November Withdrew Stuart, Judith, Rosina, and Rebecca Reiri and Jack Taueki.

26th November Accounts were passed for payment. Full attendance of members. Power bill was 15/-

11th December Received a copy of the New Zealand Atlas

8th December Visit by District Nurse 4 new Entrants examined and diphtheria booster injections given

15th December Christmas Tree function held. There was a good attendance of children and adults

16th December School closed for the year
A H Miller

1960

1st February Attendance 18 Admitted two new entrants Pamela Marshall and Colleen Simpson

Gary Allan, Diane, Graeme and Jennifer Quin are attending Solway School and David, Gary and Lynette Hannah have moved from the district

2nd February Secretary write to Board about fuel grant

Decided to hold annual picnic in Greytown Domain on Tuesday February 9th

9th February The annual school picnic was held at Greytown Park. There was an excellent attendance of pupils, parents and local residents

10th February Three members of the School Committee were present this afternoon and fire wood was sawn and packed in the fuel shed

17th February Standard pupils from the school attended a screening of the Film Ten Commandments in Masterton

23rd February A brief visit was made to the school by Dr Roberts re pupil Colleen Simpson

24th February The pupils of the school took part in the South Wairarapa Country School Sports at the Greytown Park.

25th February The school was visited by Mr Barker Maintenance officer Wellington Education Board and Mr Sayers in the course of a survey of school buildings and residences, their maintenance and state of repair

10th March Four pupils were examined by Dr Roberts (*Mrs Of Featherston*)

28th March After school teacher attended a group inservice course with two members of the inspectorate at Clareville School

14th April Sheryl Oakly fell from cycle on the way home on the 4th April. Suffered Greenstick Fracture

19th April Men commenced putting down concrete paths at the school. Excavating for pathways was done

20th April Workmen prepared boxing for paths

21st April Concrete paths poured

21st April Full attendance. Mr. Woodham and Mr. Daysh to purchase 15 bags of coke from Borough Council

Mr. Wadham to see about getting chimney fixed and to purchase paint for the saw

Mr. Miller said he would be leaving the school at the end of the term as he had been transferred to Gisborne

23rd April Men removed boxing from concrete paths and repaired sash cords in schoolroom windows

26th April Men continued repairs to residence, sash cords, garage door, ventilators under school building. Schoolroom chimney was cleaned by Mr Coleman

6th May Received from Wellington Education Board 1 construction set, pegs for mosaic board, counters and round beads

Colleen Simpson withdrawn attending Carterton Kindergarten School cleared. This completes my services in this school as I am moving to a new appointment. A H Miller

7th June Mr G A John Gould commenced today. Roll 17

All pupils present, Visited during the day by several parents and Committee members

June Mr. J Gould present The money received from sale of walnuts be paid into the Committee's private account

The Committee expressed appreciation to Mr. Gould for operating the school club again

8th June 2 members of the inspectorate paid a brief visit Re Colleen Simpson

16th June Child Welfare Officer from Masterton paid visit Re Colleen Simpson

17th June Received a football size 4 from Wairarapa rugby union
28th June Received 4 copies of bulletin The Waterfront
6th July Received from Department of Education 1 copy of facsimile of the Treaty of Waitangi
7th July Mr J Macdonald Organising teacher paid a visit
Received four copies of Bulletin, The New Harvest
July That Committee purchase a set of Golden Book Encyclopaedias
Mr. Gould to send the subsidy papers to the Education Board
That Mr. Gould purchase two sets of cuisenaire
25th July Last Saturday night the school was used for a farewell function to some residents leaving the district. The children who attended with their parents presented some folkdances and singing items
27th July Mr A Doig.0 Phys Ed Specialist visited the school during the morning. Instructed the children on indoor physical education with emphasis on bench and mat work
8th August Received from Education Board one N Z Ensign flag purchased by the school club. Received from A H and A W Reed two sets of Cuisenaire blocks
16th August residence and School buildings inspected by Mr W Hedley Education Board maintenance officer
5th September School resumed. Roll 17. Received 4 copies of bulletin The Chief of Hawkes Bay
9th September Received from Education Board 1960 Art and Craft Supplies. Received from National Library Service two boxes of books, containing 70 books
10th September Checked, stamped, numbered and entered in library accession register all books purchased under the library grant.

21st September Mrs P Thornton visited school and tested the hearing of Standard 2 and 3 children with a pure tone audiometer
19th September Barbara Humphries admitted
26th September Saluting the flag ceremony held in honour of Dominion Day. Declaration by Ivan, Flag raised by Neil and The Flag read by Graham
29th September The Secretary to cancel the liability accident policy
13th October Calf and Lamb day 9 calves 5 lambs. Display of Children's work inside
20th October Carterton Group day 9 Calves and 2 lambs attended, plus all children as teacher is group Secretary
25th October Held saluting the flag ceremony in honour of United Nations Day (24th October) and Trafalgar Day (21st October)
27th October The Secretary to write to the Ed asking why the subsidy on the encyclopaedias was less than asked for
Mrs Duckett to inquire about getting the children swimming lessons
Mr. Wadham to measure the garden and get material for a new fence. After a discussion the Committee decided to leave the topping of the pine trees to later date
A load of an be ordered for the play area.
7th November Children attended a screening of Around the World in 80 days in the afternoon at Carterton
11th November Flag ceremony held in honour of Armistice Day
21st November Children participated in traffic trainer instruction at the Carterton School
28th November Mr. Wadham to see Mr. Coleman (plumber) to have repairs done to heater chimney and water downpipes
Mr. Gould to get rope required for play area
School term ends December 15th

14th December The school concert and Christmas breakup function was held. A large attendance of parents and friends

15th December School Closed for Christmas vacation. John Gould

1961

1st February School resumed. Admitted two new entrants Heather Daysh and Colin Oakley. Roll 18

Received 3 copies of Janet and John Basic readers from Education Board

6th February Admitted Two New pupils. Susan Chapman Standard 4 and Ross Chapman Standard 1 Roll 20. Held Flag ceremony in Honour of Treaty of Waitangi day

15th February School picnic held at Greytown Park. A large attendance of friends and children

16th February Received 4 copies of the Bulletin The Dairy Farm

17th February Gordon Hyde, carpenter arrived to do maintenance work

20th February After school attended inservice training course at Clareville School with Mr J Logan- inspector of schools

21st February School closed today to allow teacher to attend Spelling Course at Masterton Intermediate School

7th March Children from school took part in Wairarapa Country School Sports at Featherston

15th March Received 3 copies of the Bulletin The Coal Miner

Withdrew Ivan Leveridge- has turned 15

5th April Two Committee men commenced to rebuild fence around vegetable plot

Mr Coleman repaired chimney and guttering on West side of school
14th April Visit by Mr Doig Infants instructed in hoop and rope work.

Others received instruction in gymnastics

17th April Householders meeting 8 present.

Mr. Gould was asked to read a report on the Committee work during the term

Mr. Gould then read his report on the school activities for the year, he was then elected as chairman for the meeting

There were 7 Nominations Mr. G Payne, Mrs M Duckett not elected

17th April Biennial meeting of School Committee G E Wadham, Chairman, F S Wilton Secretary I W Daysh Treasurer, H W Duckett and N L Humphries

24th April Honouring the Flag ceremony held to commemorate Anzac Day. Parents invited. Stuart Payne prepared a talk on why Anzac Day is observed. Parents afterwards invited to watch the children at work

31st May Inspectors Report included

- a) Roll 19
- b) Teacher Mr G A J Gould. Mrs Gould Sewing
- c) The school is functioning happily and efficiently under a capable teacher with children who are responding in many ways to his teaching
- d) It is pleasing to report the full support parents give to the school
- e) There is a need to consider regular additions to the library, apparatus for music, infant material
- f) Some consideration should be given to purchase of a tape recorder
- g) The school is to be congratulated on its service to the Community.

h) Mr. Logan

25th June That a resume of the report by Mr. Logan be written in the minutes. The report was very satisfactory commending Mr. Gould on his management of the school, his ways of teaching the children who were responsive and well behaved and happy in their work

Consideration to the purchase of a tape recorder was mentioned. The Committee were variably commended on their activities and interest in the school

Mr. Gould purchase a set of books, Picture atlas of the World

The children except (sic) the money raised by the children and use it towards the purchase of a tape recorder

6th July Stuart Payne represented the school at the South Wairarapa Schools Safety Competition gaining a place amongst the finalists

12th July Received infant apparatus from the Wellington Education Board Also Language and Handwork syllabus

12th July Mr J Nunn Carterton commenced exterior painting of the school. Mr W Hedley Education Board maintenance officer paid a visit to the school re painting

31st July The School Committee grant the School Club the sum of £2-10-0 from the private account in appreciation of the club having purchased a tape recorder

Mr. Wadham to see Steele and Bull about getting the piano tuned

1st August Mr Clarrie Carew (Masterton Intermediate School) Senior woodwork teacher visited in connection with woodwork activities for the boys

7th August Extremely wet and stormy weekend On South side water race flooded school grounds leaving debris and mud over the grounds. Soak pit overflowing, but most of the water had subsided today

9th August Mr Nicolson, Art Specialist spent the morning instructing the school in head making for puppets

4th September Sheryl Gould admitted. Roll 20, 7 boys, 13 girls

11th September Children of standard 1 and 2 had hearing test by health dept audiometer

28th September The Committee decided to hold the calf club day on Thursday October 12th

17th October Tape recorder purchased by the Committee with Money raised by the school club arrived at school

26th October The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. *Only business. All Committee and Teacher present*

1st November District Nurse gave TB tests to new entrants

8th November District Nurse examined children for results of T B Tests

13th November School Closed Governor Generals Holiday

17th November Admitted Lissette Humphries. Roll 21

15th November School judged for South Wairarapa School Gardens Competition

17th November Chief Fire Officer, Masterton talked to pupils on fire prevention and 111 emergency calls

21st November Piano tuned by Steele and Bull Masterton

30th November School awarded first prize in South Wairarapa School Garden competition and also received awards for champion and reserve champion garden plots. Price money £1-14-0 went to school club

November The Secretary to enquire about the Blue Bus Service to Kuranui College, Greytown

5th December In the afternoon the children attended a screening off the film of the 1960 Olympics

6th December Received stationery supplies for 1962
14th December District Nurse visited school to test sight of Primers, Standard 2 and Form 2 pupils
14th December School concert and Christmas tree held in evening
15th December School closed for the year. John Gault

1962

3rd February One new entrant Leigh Oakly. Roll 20
5th February Flag ceremony in honour of Waitangi Day
8th February Mr Hedley Maintenance Officer visited school with an Education Department representative, surveying buildings due for replacement
22nd February School closed for picnic held at Greytown Park
21st March Children spent the day in Masterton visiting the Following: WACO soft drink factory, N R Cunningham's refrigerator and washing machine factory. 2XB radio station, Masterton Dairy Co Butter Factory; Times Age newspaper office
23rd March Mr Adrian Doig Physical Education Specialist instructed the children in varieties of hopscotch for outdoor games
28th March Received 4 copies of bulletin The Trawler
Received apportion of Phys Ed equipment 1 large and 2 tennis balls, 1 skipping rope
29th March Mr G R Hyde builder changed our outside door so that it opens outwards. Removed completely door between classroom and porch as if it was rehinged to open outwards it would block away a third of the porch
2nd April Mr Nunn Post Office Savings Bank visited school to discuss children's banking (15 children now banking)

5th April Mr J Logan (*Inspector*) and four senior officials from Thailand visited the school. Children showed types of school work and presented them with booklets written about the district and the school and with samples of art work
13th April 90 books arrived from Country Library Service. Present issue returned
16th April School Children received oral polio vaccine
1st May Received tin of clay and two hoops
2nd May Fancy Dress party organised by School Club was held in evening. All children in costume and a most enjoyable evening spent with games
24th May Flag ceremony held for Commonwealth Day
28th May Children received 2nd dose of oral polio vaccine
31st May Power Board fitted power point over sink bench in the porch. Football received from Wairarapa Rugby Union
1st June Education Board draughtsman spent the afternoon measuring the school to bring their records up to date
11th June The Children (Standards) attended a matinee performance of the King and I
15th June Mr A Doig visited in the morning instructed the children in Folk Dances
The children raised £1-25-6 in the Freedom for Hunger Campaign
18th June Received 4 copies of Bulletin The Market Gardener
11th July Received 4 copies of Bulletin The Olive and the Vine
25th July Dean Payne and Mark Wilton collided while playing Hide and Seek during afternoon interval. Dean's head was cut by Mark's teeth and required 4 stitches. Both boys were given medical attention
27th July All children went to Masterton Cage Bird Show this afternoon. Also saw display of native birds

15th August received four copies of bulletin On the way to Ca-mau
 3rd September Admitted Brian Daysh- new entrant, Diana and Frances O'Donnell. Roll now 23
 Received four copies of bulletin Shibu and Shanti
 Balance of 1962 art supplies delivered to school
 1963 Free text Books have all been received
 17th September Mrs P C Thornton (Department of Health) tested all children's hearing with pure tone audiometer
 21st September Mr Jack Cox, organising teacher paid short visit to the school. Received seed packs for home garden competition
 24th September Flag ceremony in honour of Dominion Day
 1st October Mr J Cox spent day at school watching programme in action. Took tape recordings of various activities
 2nd October Mr Barry Church Phys Ed Specialist paid visit instructing pupils on indoor work and mouth to mouth resuscitation
 October Mr Carmody from Hinakura School spent the morning observing the school programme in action
 October District Nurse gave 4 children tests for contact with TB
 16th November Calf Club day 11 calves and 11 lambs and display of children's work. 54 entries in floral classes
 School club sold paintings, booklets etc raised £11-5-6 for their funds
 17th October Mr C Trotter from Waihakeke School spent the day observing the school programme in action
 19th October District Nurse inspected those tested for results of Mantoux test. All negative
 26th October Miss Small, North island organiser for Dr Barnardo's visited the school addressing the children on the work of the homes. Children sent entries into cooking, sewing and nature study sections of Wairarapa P and A show. Gained 4 firsts, 6 seconds and 4 thirds.

Isobel Leveridge received special prize for most points in the cooking section
 30th October Carterton group Calf Club held. Placing for calves entered were 4 firsts, 2 seconds and 4 thirds from 11 calves entered
 8th November Children visited Waihakeke School in the afternoon
 School gardens were judged in the afternoon for the Garden Competition
 13th November School visited Mr Wadham's Farm Norfolk Road to watch silage making and observe native tress
 30th November School gained second place in the garden competition (Overall judging) Plot of Neil Wadham and Mark Wilton judged Champion Plot
 4th December School attended Country District Sports Meeting at Featherston
 5th December District Nurse tested eyes of all pupils and medically examined Form 2 pupils
 13th December Paid visit to Tararua National park with children from Waihakeke School Tramped through bush, identified trees and farm boundaries
 19th December School concert and Christmas Tree held last night
 Library shelves cleared in preparation of modernising of school which is supposed to be done during the holidays
 This completes a very pleasant 2 ½ years at this school, as I am moving o a new appointment
 John Gould

1963

1st February Teachers meeting Dalefield School

5th February Waitangi Day Flag ceremony
15th February Visit by six pupils from Harley Street School Enjoyed a day at a country school. Fitted well into programme with children
22nd February Visit by Dr Roberts who medically examined all children General Health reported VG
27th February School Closed. Picnic Greytown
6th March Went to Dalefield to play Baseball with other schools in Country Group
Start made on rebuilding by H R builders. Window frame and other joinery and timber brought on site
28th March Mr J Cox organising teacher visited school. Chimney pulled down. Lots of dust over everything
29th March Front of school pulled out. Books stacked. Children gardened from 10-11.15. Rainy conditions not good owing to large opening in side of room. A truly open air classroom
1st April Mr H Barker, Wellington Education Board building inspector visited school to inspect new work. Discussed with him possibility of new cupboard for art paper etc. He approved. Also planned with builder the new shelving under the windows
2nd April Builders finished general carpentry and electrician reinstated hotpoints and put extra one in at the back of the room. Outside concrete step and cupboard and shelving still to be installed. School almost back to normal
5th April Builders returned to install shelving, cupboards etc
8th April Spent most of day getting gear shifted into new places. Country library books exchanged Went to inservice training course in Music at Carterton School
18th April Children went to Dalefield School, Non stop cricket and Softball played. Infants played infant games

24th April Anzac ceremony and honouring the flag. Short talk on Anzac Day and its significance. Parents came into school to watch children work
27th April Venetian Blinds installed on West wall
6th May Very successful Medieval feast held The Chairman Mr Daysh and Mrs Daysh were guests
9th May Farewell to Gordon Payne held at the school. Folk dancing, games, played the recorder; a very enjoyable evening
10th May School closed for May Holidays S McIvor
25th May Painter still here. Was to have completed job in the holidays. Fence between school and house Messrs Duckett and Daysh measuring up job.
28th May. Painter finished last night. Fence almost finished. Hold up because gate not available
10th June Parents took children to Masterton Amateur Theatrical Society production of Where's Charley at 2.00. Mrs McIvor took remainder at school
27th June School closed yesterday because of sickness of teacher. Endeavoured to obtain relieving teacher but being unsuccessful had to take action referred to
30th July School visited Wellington for day. Left Carterton on 9.37 railcar and returned on 3.56 railcar from Wellington. Visited Todd Motors Plant (Petone), cable car, Wellington wharves where Junior Children watched wool being loaded- WELLINGTON TV1 Studios and parliament. A most enjoyable and instructive day. Eighteen children and six adults made the trip
August Enrolled Michael Evans from Masterton Central School

2nd August School went to Clareville to practice singing for school music festival. Children found singing in a larger group a stimulating experience

13th August Nine children went to New Zealand Ballet Companies Nutcracker suite at the Regent theatre. Were taken by two parents who reported favourably on the show

14th August Group schools festival at Carterton Mr G Wilson conducted mass items. This school did Sally in the Shed a poem and Taboo a Red Indian chant song with drum accompaniment

22nd August Fancy dress Ball held by School Club in the school last night. All the children attended with their parents and friends. A vry successful evening

23rd August Despatched returns to Wellington Education Board and Willowbank (Milk Distributors). S McIvor

September 3 new pupils Roll now 22, Boys 10 Girls 12

Visited by Art Specialists Gordon Tarrant and Mr J Ritson who took photos of girls dolls and discussed aspects of art programme for third term

15th September Mr Doyle of Traffic Department visited school to make arrangements for school to visit Shell Traffic Trainer on Tuesday 1st October at Carterton School

October National Library Exchange Books arrived at Carterton – returned present loan issue

10th October Visit by Dental Nurses with Mrs Wilson the Dental inspector to inspect children's teeth. One nurse also gave a talk to the class

22nd October Standard 2-6 Went to Masterton to the wood exhibition and then onto C E Daniell's timber mill. Mrs McIvor took the remainder

30th October School calf club day. There were 10 calves and four lambs. Children's woodwork and needlework was displayed and there was large entry of flowers in various forms

The children ran stalls and a raffle and £7-2-8 was raised

A pet parade and a baby show was held as a novel try

7th November Group calf day at Carterton . Seven calves and two lambs entered. Gained 3 firsts, 4 seconds,

8th November Mr R Stothart visited school. Discussed the sports meeting to be held and various activities to go with it Rhythmical warm up activities and dancing were taken and discussed as were long jump, high jump starting and baton changing. Mat work was discussed and demonstrated

NW winds up to 80 mph according to Radio Station 2XB

14th November Visited Oakley's farm to look at things of historical interest. Farmhouse over 100 years old, Old implements, carts, drays, gigs, barn etc

21st November Garden judging this afternoon by Mr Robinson

4th December School went to Greytown Park for the Annual Standards Athletic Meeting. Weather fine Barbara Humphries second in the Junior B 50 yards final. Christine Leveridge first in the girls Intermediate long Jump were two notable successes

6th December Mrs Hurley School Health Nurse visited school to inspect eyes and collect TB cards

11th December Took eight children to Carterton to see the Southern Comedy Players Production of Beauty and the Beast. Mrs McIvor took the remainder of the school

S12th December School went on a tramp over Daysh's Hill to the Rock Pool. On the way stopped at the top pond to study pond life and collect specimens. Swimming instruction and water safety at the

Rock Pool. Children cooked lunches over the fire. Bush walk studying trees etc. Rock pool for more swimming then back to school for milk at 2.45. A very enjoyable day

18th December School concert and Christmas Tree held in the evening

S I McIvor

1964

29th January Mr Pink the plumber came to put new iron barge boards on the roof. He noticed a bee hive in the school. I contacted the Board for permission to get a beekeeper to remove the hive

31st January Mr Rowe came to remove bees. Failed

1st February Mr Rowe returned and succeeded in removing bees. A few remained

3rd February School resumed. Group meeting at Dalefield. Made final arrangements for swimming sports, sports days, Social Study project and Music festival

4th February Children arrived today Roll 17 including one new entrant Jeffrey Chapman

6th February Waitangi Day Raised the flag in a ceremony during which Christine read the Governor General's message

12th February School closed yesterday for the school picnic at Greytown Park

26th February Swimming Sports held at Greytown baths this afternoon. All children went in for some race.

18th March Mr Hutchens Supervisor School Savings Bank Masterton paid a visit and talked to the children on school savings

25th March Sports cancelled because of high winds Miss Rolls visited the school to test children with the Manteaux Test, She is returning next Wednesday

1st April Miss Rolls returned. All tests negative

3rd April A party of 10 Senior Children and Six adults including two who weren't parents went to Picton and return for a school excursion. Left school at 6.30 and returned at 11.00. The sea journey was calm and no one was ill. A splendid day with children travelling in many forms of transport Car, train, tram, boat, railcar, bus, trolley car. Juniors were taken to Masterton for the day with visits to the Park, Aquarium, Baths and Mr Lusty's menagerie and the aerodrome. Mrs Humphries and Mrs McIvor took the juniors

22nd April took the school to Harley Street School to see their display on South East Asia. The children were shown around the school by Mr Henderson (Headmaster). The children have invited classes from Harley Street to make a return visit

The culmination on the project about India held at Kings Theatre Carterton with all four other schools.

30th April Visited by infant classes of Harley Street School. Arranged for them to visit Mr Daysh's farm. Children showed the visitors around the grounds in spite of the almost continuous heavy rain. A most interesting and enjoyable day

6th May An evening was held at school to show parents and residents the children's work on India. The work was displayed and talks given. The children also gave a talk on their trips. Film slides of the trip to Picton were shown by Mr Anderson and the evening culminated in supper Indian Style

25th May Roll 8 boys and 8 girls plus one new entrant Peter Checkley

6th June A working bee at the school today. A very good muster of 8 parents. The macrocarpa trees at the back of the school were topped and a clean up around the "Big Heap" were the highlights of a successful days operations

11th June Mr G Wilson district music advisor visited the school today to make final arrangements for the festival on 1st July. He also took the children through their songs and descants for recorder and voice

15th June The school went to the Masterton MATS production of Carousel starting at 2.30. Excellent production. Children enjoyed it especially the dancing and singing with movement

22nd June School closed today because of Teacher's refresher Course in Music at NZEI rooms in Masterton. Of particular interest the Carl Orff programme using Marimbas and percussion on the pentatonic scale

4th July Working Bee held at the school today to erect climbing frames. A good muster with the job complete except the painting

17th July The school went to the Masterton Cage Bird society's cage bird show in the Town Hall

24th July Children went to the Wairarapa Gymnastic Championship at the Stadium Masterton

30th July A small group of children took part in a concert at Dalefield tonight. They played as a band (Chime bars, recorders etc) and said a poem. A very enjoyable evening and quite an experience for the children

1st August Schools music festival held at King's Theatre Carterton. Mr Wilson conducted massed items. This school did Henry King a poem by Hillare Belloc and Aunt Mary and Shoofly as a band item

14th August Last night the children ran a fancy dress party. All parents were there as well as a good number of local residents. The

evening was most enjoyable. The children did folk dances and played games. The adults joined in the dancing too

18th August School went to Noyes Fludde at Masterton Town Hall

19th August As I am playing in the orchestra for Noyes Fludde Mrs McIvor took sewing for the first hour or so this afternoon and then sent the children home

S I McIvor

7th September Roll 17

14th September Received remainder of art supplies and National Library Exchange books. Packed and returned present exchange lot

17th September Mr W A Farland (Bill) Organising teacher visited the school briefly this morning.

18th September Miss Rolls school nurse visited the school to give a health talk to the children

23rd 24th September I attended an Art and Craft inservice training course held at NZEI rooms Masterton. Mrs McIvor relieved in my place. A most interesting course dealing with art and other activities around a theme. E.g. Spring

8th October Mr Daysh Snr and Mr Humphries, Snr visited the school today to talk to children about life in the district when they were at school. A most interesting talk in which all the children showed great interest

16th October Nurse Rolls visited the school today. She gave a health talk to the children and tested eyes of Standard 2, Form 2 and the primers

28th October The Annual calf Club was held today. There were eleven calves for Mr Fred Morgan to judge

There was also a baby show and pet parade. After the judging the children ran stalls to raise money for the school club

Also at the function a presentation was made to Mr and Mrs George Wilton who have retired and left the district There was an excellent attendance of parents and people from the district

Mr Piotrowski Plumber has made a start on the installation of a 5000 gallon water tank for the house. He pulled down the climbing plants around the existing tanks in order to facilitate their removal. A shame as the place doesn't look quite the same

30th June Mr Kearney Inspector of Schools visited the school today for the Triannual (sic) school inspection. I took children's cooking down to the show. At 9.00 the plumber came and at 12.30 the library van arrived. Everyone came to dinner

5th November The children competed with their calves in the annual group judging at Carterton Eight calves were entered. One first, six seconds, three thirds

16th November A start was made today on the removal of all the pine trees on the Western Boundary. I am not sure but I think they were planted in 1904 or 1905.

The plumber continues work on the new water reticulation for house

18th November The school went to a most enjoyable sports meeting at Clareville School. Olympic Games. 6 gold medals. 4 silver medals, 5 bronze medals

20th November The Magic of Make Believe a series of plays etc was put on by Southern Comedy Players at Kings Theatre Carterton. This was enjoyed by 8 children Mrs McIvor took the rest of the school I took the others to the show.. A splendid presentation of live theatre, it should inspire dramatic work of the school

26th November A most successful afternoon when children presented a display of old articles they had collected from people in the district.

Mike Parkinson from 2XB visited the children to interview children for a programme being presented on Sunday

27th November Nolan concrete Co delivered 5000 gallon tank today. The school watched this quite spectacular job of placing the tank on the site.

1st December School took part in Annual Standards Athletic Meeting at Greytown Park

2nd December We were invited and went to St Brides Convent School in Masterton to present some musical items for them. They in turn put on some concert items for us

10th December tramped over the hill to the rock pool via the old surveyed road at the end of parkers road

Highlights were The finding of cave wetas in an old reservoir pipe junction box, catching of ducklings and tadpoles etc; cooking lunch vamp style; water safety lessons and walk through native bush to identify some trees

11th December Went to Ponatahi to discuss Riversdale Camp

14th December Visited by children from Ponatahi to discuss camp

16th December A most successful concert held this evening in the school. Father Christmas was also present and there was a good attendance of parents and friends.

17th December School closed for holidays

S I McIvor

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2nd February Roll 10. Humphries a family of 4 left

8th February I was away for four days last week with the 'flu. Mrs Sally Wickens, Masterton relieved for me

The plumber has completed spouting and piping etc in the house and has renewed the cistern in the boys lavatory, replaced the school tanks with the old ones from the house and put in a drinking fountain
Six children went to the museum in Wellington on 3rd February with Mrs Daysh and Ponatahi School to study Maori displays there
16th February Annual picnic today at Greytown Park. The day was fine and a most enjoyable day was spent by the children and a large attendance of friends from the district

19th February Mr L Doyle Schools Traffic officer paid a visit to the school this afternoon for an inspection of bicycles and instruction

22nd February Visited Ponatahi School this afternoon for films, swimming and general orientation prior to camp on 28th

24th February Swimming sports at Greytown. Apart from the somewhat inclement weather it was a most successful sports

28th February Set out to Riversdale YMCA camp for a week's stay. Ten children and 3 parents beside my wife and me,
A splendid week despite 3 days cold southerly rain. Returned Friday afternoon after a most enjoyable week.

Cooperation of parents and children was first rate.

Making for smooth running of camp routine so that a good amount of time was left for the work of the camp i.e. Maori Study and Seashore Study

8th March Painters started painting the school today

9th March Nurse Rolls came today for TB testing of children

16th March The painters have finished the school. What a difference it makes! I am sure the children will take a pride in the appearance of the school now

17th March Wet weather and the painters have made a start on painting the interior of the residence. The improvement is immediately noticeable. The place is brighter already and will make it a more pleasant place to live in.

25th March Painters have finished the house at last. The job makes all the difference. It is a vast improvement on the drab interior before.
Plumber put in a new stove at school

29th March Form 1 and 2 boys started woodwork this afternoon at Carterton Manual Training Centre. Mr McKenzie is woodwork teacher. The two mothers will take turns at transporting the children

1st April Mr Kearney Inspector of schools visited the school for a personal report

13th April Mr W E Farland visited the school today to see one of the pupils *Rural Adviser*

23rd April ANZAC service held at 11.00 Good attendance of parents and friends

26th April Received and dispatched our national Library Books

6th May Made a Hangi and invited parents and friends in the district to tea in the evening. The hangi opened with a welcome to Mr G Wadham a retiring member of the School Committee and concluded with films of the Riversdale Camp and Maori Items. The food opened up beautifully

7th May School closed for May Holidays. S I McIvor

8th June Visited Dalefield School today on connection with project on Egypt

10th June Went to Dalefield for a film on Egypt. Got the loan of a projector from Clareville School.

14th June Parents took children to local production Brigadoon

30th June Work on Egypt displayed at King's Theatre in conjunction with other schools of the group

Most enjoyable and effective day's work

1st July Miss Connella of Dr Barnardo's Homes came to talk to children about the work of the homes

15th July Dr (Mrs) Roberts visited the school today to look at any children that needed attention. After discussion and inspection of school facilities it was found that no children needed further attendance

11th August Annual Winter Sports tournament held at Kuranui College and Greytown Recreation Ground. Infants went to Clareville for the day

12th August Annual Music Festival was held today in King's Theatre Carterton. Mr Nalder, the music adviser for the Wellington District conducted the Massed items. This school combined with Ponatahi School to present a Maori Welcome. Poi dance, action song and fishing song Katu

26th July Mr Hedley Wellington Education Board Maintenance officer, visited school today for annual inspection. Mr Daysh the school chairman was present also

8th September received library books and returned present exchange lot

22nd September The Fancy Dress party was held tonight. A large attendance of local folk enjoyed a most successful evening

A magician came from Masterton to entertain the parents and children and the children did Folk Dances and played games

7th October Mr Farland Adviser to Rural Schools visited the school today. He discussed organisation and the timetable in relation to an activity programme

13th October Miss Dodson of N Z Milk Board came this morning to discuss the school milk.

26th October The school went to Carterton this morning to a civic reception for The Governor General Sir Bernard Fergusson. A beautifully warm, sunny day with a light Westerly. A most enjoyable experience

6th November The school held a Gala Day today in place of the usual Calf Cub Day because only two children had calves. The day was to have been held on Wednesday but was postponed because of the weather. However the weather today turned out wet and drizzly with strong NW Wind We carried on and a good attendance of parents and friends were present. The School Club stalls made £5-7-0 on the day

11th November Today the judging of the gardens took place and the school for the best school was awarded by Mr Fisher to this school

17th November The school visited Mr Jock Anderson's property Norfolk Road to see a baby morepork. We also saw the parent birds. This was quite a thrill

22nd November School was closed today for holiday awarded by Sir Bernard Fergusson. Governor General

9th December School went on a tramp to the Waingawa River starting from Jack Anderson's place. We reach the join of the two rivers at lunch time and after a swim in the Holdsworth, lunch cooked over campfire, we went across the Truscott's Property to look at the old swing bridge over the Waignawa. A Most enjoyable Day

15th December The annual Christmas tree and Concert was held tonight. There was a good gathering of friends and parents who enjoyed the evening

16th December School closed for Summer Holidays

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2nd February The school opened with a roll of 7. Daysh's (2) and Olsen's (4) left and Claire McIvor the only new entrant

8th February Messrs Wilson and Kearney, Inspectors of Schools paid a brief visit to the school. A short discussion of the possible fate of the school took place

11th February Mr Pink the Plumber is at the residence and school to complete 1964 plumbing maintenance

22nd February Went to the Dalefield School Baths today for certificates and practice in swimming sports

24th February The annual swimming sports were held today at Greytown in fine hot weather. Considering the number of children at the school. They did very well

25th February School closed for Education Day. This was held at Masterton Intermediate School and dealt with testing and classroom management

9th March This morning a ditch digger arrived at the school to dig a hole for the soak pit. The septic tank is also being cleaned out.

Mr Golding District Senior Inspector of School visited the school this afternoon. We discussed the school roll and the future prospects of the school

14th March Nurse Rolls School health nurse visited the school to collect TB cards. Will return next Thursday for the test

21st to 24th March While the teacher was at a music refresher course the children went down to Clareville School daily. Mrs McIvor relieved the teacher there and took the children there and back daily. This arrangement had the approval of the Senior Inspector and the parents. Nurse Rolls checked the children for TB at Clareville

6th April Yesterday the school went to Wellington by railcar to visit the wharves and T E V Maori. The weather was dull and occasional rain but despite this we got around the wharves comfortably enough. We left at 7.7 a.m. and arrived home at 3.00 p.m.

20th April Went to Carterton school this afternoon for the Shell Traffic Trainer. Raised the flag and had a small ANZAC service in the morning

26th April School closed for visit of Queen Mother

23rd May Roll 5 boys 3 girls One New Entrant Elizabeth Checkley

26th May The school visited Miere Bacon in Carterton this morning. A most interesting visit'

21st July Mr Farland Adviser to Rural School visited the school briefly this afternoon

25th July Maintenance Supervisor visited the school today for the annual survey

27th July Held a practice with other group schools for the Folk Dance Festival to be held on 17th August

29th July Went to Masterton this morning for the children's art exhibition and gymnastics. The art was especially good and the children were thrilled to see some of their work hung.

3rd August The annual South Wairarapa sports tournament was held today at Greytown in perfect weather

18th August The country schools group folk dance evening was held last night at Dalefield Hall. Practices were held on the previous 2 Wednesdays

A good attendance from all schools ensured an enjoyable evening

8th September Roll 4 boys 2 girls Roll 6

9th September Nurse Rolls visited school for her monthly health talk

23rd September Mrs Leywood hearing tester visited school today to test hearing of new entrants and eyes of Form 2 All perfect

4th Oct Sports meeting at Dalefield. Seniors played softball while infants did tabloid sports

13th October Mrs A B Petheridge School Milk Liaison Officer, visited the school this morning to discuss school milk arrangements

20th October Visited the Railway Station for a Social Studies trip. On the way we called into Clareville School to see their calf day. Had lunch at Carrington Park and went onto the station. A ride in the shunting loco was one of the highlights of the trip

26th October Messrs Kearney and Wilson, school inspectors paid a brief visit to the school to discuss the future of the school

28th October Closed for Carterton Show

8th December Annual sports held today at Greytown

9th December School travelled today to Norsewood by railcar. While there we visited Roydon Industries, Old Settlers Museum and a herringbone dairy shed. We were guests of the Norsewood School and spent some of the time in the rooms with the children

The Museum was the highlight of the visit although all parts proved interesting. The hospitality given us by the Norsewood School and Headmaster will remain the most memorable part of the trip

17th December Afternoon tea held at the school today. Xmas tree and father Xmas Good attendance of parents and other local and interested people

S I McIvor

1967

17th January Received notice today from Wellington Education Board to start in new position on 1st February

So ends 4 years in this position. School is closing because of rapid depopulation of school age children in the area

With only 4 families with preschool children and 2 families with school children in the district it seems unlikely that the school will reopen again.

School opened on 13th May 1895 Closed 16th December 1966

S I McIvor

Then a lot of correspondence on future of house and buildings not copied.

18th July Wellington Education Board asked if school could be taken over as a hall

5th June 1968 Letter to Te Wharau School Committee asking that see saws taken be returned immediately They were property of the Taratahi West Domain Board

Order to Lou Piotrowski plumber to take Tuhitarata Toilets and reinstall at Taratahi West School as Wellington Education Board had authorised Te Wharau School Committee to take Girls Toilets, as the Board through the transfer had not gone through

27th August 1970 Title transferred to crown

1895	20	Taratahi West	Hubbard	Charles C		Master	£67
1896	18	Taratahi West	Burnett	Isobel A		Female	£70
1897	15	Taratahi West	Nott	Emily A		Female	£80
1898	15	Taratahi West	Mulville	Mary J		Female	£80
1899	23	Taratahi West	Mulville	Mary J		Female	£90
1900	28	Taratahi West	Mulville	Mary J		Female	£90
1901	24	Taratahi West	Mulville	Mary J		Female	£120
1902	23	Taratahi West	Mulville	Mary J		Female	£114
1903	21	Taratahi West	Mulville	Mary J		Female	£110
1904	20	Taratahi West	Mulville	Mary J		Female	£103
1905	19	Taratahi West	Fifield	Amy T	D3	Female	£110
1906	19	Taratahi West	Allen	Grace M		Female	£99
1907	17	Taratahi West	Pritchard	Florence	D1	Female	£110
1908	7	Taratahi West	Grant	John		Master	£110
1909	10	Taratahi West	Burbush	Margaret		Female	£66
1910	17	Taratahi West	Burbush	Margaret A		Female	£90
1911	18	Taratahi West	Connell	Eliz E Mrs	E2	Female	£120
1912	23	Taratahi West	Connell	Elizabeth E Mrs	E2	Female	£125
1913	26	Taratahi West	Connell	Elizabeth E Mrs	E2	Female	£130
1914	25	Taratahi West	Connell	Elizabeth E Mrs	E2	Female	£150
1915	22	Taratahi West	Connell	Elizabeth E Mrs	E2	Female	£160
1917	25	Taratahi West	Connell	Elizabeth E Mrs	Sole	E-78	£180
1919	23	Taratahi West	Connell	Elizabeth E Mrs	Sole	E-74	£260
1921	21	Taratahi West	Connell	Elizabeth E Mrs	Sole	E	£310
1923	13	Taratahi West	Connell	Elizabeth E Mrs	Sole	E-155	£245