

Turanganui

Turanganui: 1901-1906 A Native school run by Department of Education rather than by Wellington Education Board . On turnoff off corner to Cape Palliser Lighthouse at a place called London the Second by a leader calling himself Captain Brown. Teacher lived in a tent



1899

31st October 1899 An application for the erection of a **school** at **Turanganui** was referred to the Native Department, it was stated that if a **school** were established there it would be largely patronised by the Maori children PP

First letter in Maori written 27th September 1899

Reply from Wellington Education Board in English to Mr. H P Tunuiarangi

That the Board would not erect a school at Turanganui

The probable attendance would not warrant it beside which the school would be entirely for Native Children

You should submit your request to the Department which has entire control over Native Schools

27th September From London the Second from asking for a Maori School There are 12 children at my Kainga who cannot attend school because of bad roads

The distance from My Kainga to Pirinoa is somewhat about 4 miles

That is why I ask for a teacher for my children and grandchildren. I applied to the Pakeha School board and they told me that I should write to you

20th September 1899 That a teacher be provided at Turanganui Martinborough

Letter from Department to Mr. Hogben Secretary of Ed We can't do it as the proposed school is only 4 miles from Pirinoa

Letter from Captain H P Tunarangi to Mr. Pope writer of above note. I suppose we will have to wait until a law is passed getting permission

1900

22nd August 1900 Letter from Mr. Brown Nearest School Pirinoa 5 or 6 miles away. No Road School closed

I can guarantee 10 children and possibly another 10 if teacher supplied

13th November 1900 Letter from Department to Captain Tunu..... etc. illegible

Was unable to reach Tuhirangi has thought When I reached the Knoll (*on Featherston Martinborough road where when going East you to right and head downhill*) I realised that there was not enough time for me to reach Tuhirangi and then get back to Featherston for the afternoon train

2nd April The Inspector General Notes of his visit on the 8th March

Included

Ramona is off the road and reached by flowing the valley of the Turanganui Stream

It is a pleasant little place but the only permanent residents are Captain Brown and his Nephew Iraia Te Whaiti

Iraia has interest elsewhere as well

Captain Brown was no ta Ranana at the time of my visit but I saw Iraia whom I found very intelligent'

There is no reason to doubt that there are ten children of school age, These could not well, by the road reach Pirinoa School Which is about 2 Miles North Of Turanganui (???) But I learn there is a short cut by which the distance from Pirinoa can be reached in three and a half miles

There is a room not suitable in Mr. Brown's home and a small room could be found for the teacher

I visited the Pirinoa School which is under the Wellington Board 18 out of 24 children are Maori, several of them coming from Turanganui

The teacher does not think the Ranana People need a school as he believes that Captain Brown will build at Pirinoa if the Department does nothing

20th April letter H P Tunuiarangi The Board will pay a capitation fee if the Locals can find a teacher

1901

Education Department Note: Te Wharau Note re J S Power Mr. Power left Te Wharau after a drinking episode there was a feeling the people wanted a women teacher and were glad of a reason to part with Mr. Power

Mr. Dorset Secretary of Wellington Education Board knows nothing else about him

Mr. Power produces one or two testimonials from well known people

I think he should be recognised as the teacher of the Ranana Te Tuaraki ? aided school

28th June 1901. Letter from J L Power I have seen nothing of Captain Brown He stated he would be in town at the end of the month, I suppose he meant June as was going to Rotorua to be present I suppose at the Royal Reception

I took over in the meantime a small private school at Muritai started by Mr. H Savage. Postmaster

7th October Letter to trustees of the Ohuio Home per Mr. Purvis Mr. Power has been unable to take up work at the aided school at Ranana

Letter from Mr. Fell MD Mr. J S power is lately out of the hospital and is hardly fit for work at present

7th October

21st October 1901 letter to Station Master 6 packages, desks and school material consigned for Mr. Power

Will you please let coach proprietor that Mr. Power will be a passenger tomorrow

The other is an aided school at Turanganui, Palliser Bay—the settlement of Captain Brown, a very well-known Maori chief. The

beginning made was not very successful, but there is some reason to hope for better things. also an aided school was begun at Turanganui, otherwise called Ranana Te Tuarua (London the Second). A to J Notes to Parliament

1902

21st February 1902 Letter from H P Tun..... included

- a) I was a way for a few days and when I returned I found that the teacher had been on the beer for three days
- b) When I wrote this letter he was away still
- c) I do not like to see the teacher get on the beer
- d) I don't like to see the government spend money for nothing
- e) And I don't like the children to smell beer from the teacher
- f) I would sooner see another man take his place

11th March Warning letter from Mr Hogben. Secretary of Education that the next time the government will withdraw its funding

29th February 1902. Letter from Mr. J L Power included

- a) The accusation that I got on the beer is true
- b) And then a long rambling letter

7th April Letter to Captain

Mr. Power has not yet returned to duty

17th April Fulsome letter from Mr. Power thanking the Board for allowing him another chance and that he would return to Ranana School as soon as possible.. Mr. Power was living in Greytown

8th May Mr. Power started here at school again on 1st May, He has taken out a prohibition order against himself

4th May 1902 J L Power Secretary of Education

From Ranana Native School

I arrived at the school on Wednesday 23rd April having been detained at the Maori Meeting at the pah Kohinui

I could not open school until 1st May having to dig potatoes on the Turanganui Flat by the desire of Major Brown

30th May 1902 Note from Education Department. Mr. Power called into the office this morning and stated that the school had been closed since Friday 16th as the Maoris are paying a visit to neighbouring hapus

Mr. Power expects the Maoris to return about 6th June

Turanganui School not open in June quarter. Aided school A to J

27th June 1902 There is an old teacher named C C Hubbard living at Makuri who would be very suitable for this job (*Actually teaching at Coonoor further north of Makuri East of Pahiatua*)

14th July Mr. C C Hubbard appointed

5th August 1902 Letter from C C Hubbard opening the school. 11 children on roll

Mr. Power sacked and not offered any more work

Mr. C C Hubbard opening of school

Roll 1902

All attendance out of 292 Days

Primers Tunuarangi Umurangi 286 Days

Te Whaiti Hana Purua 246

Standard 1 Te Whairit Ngakoterangi 273

Te Whaiti Hineki 225

Enoka Meri Reita 187

Tunuarangi Mihipa 283

Standard 2

Hemi Parakite

Timi Kara Aron

Standard III Te Whaiti Huriu

Hemi Hoana

Turanganui (examined 27th November, 1902).—On the whole the work done was pleasing, and the tone of the little school good. The master deserved credit for work performed in somewhat difficult circumstances. It was noticed, however, that the standpoint of the teacher was somewhat different from that usually taken in our schools. He appeared as the vigilant critic and corrector of mistakes made, rather than as the guide of young travellers through an unknown and difficult country. Possibly his teaching would meet the needs of European children. It was plain, however, that his pupils had been making progress. A to J Notes to Parliament

1903

Turanganui (examined 12th November, 1903: Mr. Pope).—The order here was good, children being well in hand, yet the rule seems to be satisfactorily mild. There was also noticeable a good all-round tone. Pupils were clean and tidy, and anxious to work. The methods of teaching were such as were in vogue some considerable time back, and have been improved upon during recent years. The master has, however, high aims, and works very hard, to reach them. Much capital work had been done

Hurunui-orangi, Wairarapa.—This place has been visited. It is probable that the requirements of the place can be met by arrangement with the Wellington Education Board. The Natives are specially anxious to obtain the benefit of instruction in manual work for their children.

The results of inspection, as set forth in Table No. 7, show that nine schools reached the high standard of over 90 per cent.—viz., Pamoana, under Mr. C. W. Grace; Waimana, under Mr. C. H. Brown; Tokaanu, under Mr. A. G. Hamilton; Whakarewarewa, under Rev. H. Burgoyne; Waioweka, under Miss Levert; Paparore, under Mr. E. Greensmith; Waikouaiti, under Mr. H. W. Blathwayt; Turanganui, under Mr. C. C. Hubbard. Notes from A to J N to Parliament

1904

6th February Mr. Hubbard has been appointed to the Tongaporutu school he resigned his position

9th February 1904 letter to Mr. Hubbard Regretting his Resignation form Turanganui

25th Feb 1904 C C Hubbard teaching at Tongaporutu 67 kilometres north of New Plymouth has been appointed to Turanganui (Reappointed)

Letter from C C Hubbard 20th April 1904

Included

- a) I hereby beg to accept my reappointment to Turanganui native school
- b) To notify the Department that I shall not be able to resume duty as I have to give Taranaki Board 1 months' notice
- c) To forward the proffered tent to Turanganui that it may be ready for my occupation on arrival
- d) To notify Major Brown of my appointment

3rd May 1904 Mr. Hubbard asked if he would be transferred if Turanganui school closed

9th May 1904 letter from Iraia Te Whaiti and on their agreeing to gift a 1/4 acre of the Whakatomotomo Block (NO 5) for a school

17th May 1904. Teacher wrote asking for a tent for use as a residence

18th May Reply tent will be waiting for you at Featherston Please arrange delivery from stationmaster to whom it will be consigned

Quotes for tent

No 1 quality (' = 1 foot. 1 foot = 30.4 centimetres)

Tent 6' x 8' Fly 9, x 11' 20/-

8' x 10' fly 12' x 12' 30/-

No 2 Quality

Tent 6' x 8' Fly 10' x 12' 32/-

Tent 8' x 10' Fly 12' x 14' 48/-

These tents are roped all round flies also roped

10% discount is allowed on price's quoted

The 8' x 10' at 48/- was ordered

Letter from Mr. Hubbard to Secretary Education asking for a copy of Public School teachers salaries. I believe this applies equally to native Schools

Undated. Whilst the fresh building was under construction, May I therefore ask that the Department forward the same at its earliest convenience

- a) My wire yesterday would have informed the Department of my departure hence on the 22nd on my route to Turanganui

31st May 1904 I reopened the Turanganui School yesterday

I forward voucher for travelling expenses

That having missed the coach to Turanganui I was perforce obliged to employ a buggy, I will forward receipts

C C Hubbard

2nd June 1904 Teacher reporting that school has been transferred from Major Brown's House to an adjoining whare

4th June 1904 Teacher forwarding claim for refund of travelling expenses

12th June 1904 Mr. Hubbard accepting offer of reappointment to Turanganui

1st July Letter from C C Hubbard That on the 12th of last April the Department had notified Mr. Hubbard that they were going to build a small place

The Title has been forwarded in early May

When is the building going to be built?

Current school is a slab whare with earthen floor, very draughty and badly lighted, originally intended for a stable and serving for the school, pro tem; puts us to no little inconvenience

All owners of block listed

4th July 1904 Teacher enquires as to erection of buildings

16th August 1904 Teacher enquiring when surveyor is coming to survey site for school

19th August Teacher asking for a supply of exercise books

19th September Teacher asks for an additional dual desk

Map of section 65 Turanganui Block

Letter from Iraria Te Whaiti asking for a school to be built at Turanganui as they are too far away from Pirinoa School

13th September 1904 13 children on roll, another dual desk requested

Reply the Dual desk is consigned to you through the Featherston Railway Stationmaster

Order for desk to be same as the ones sent to the Chatham Islands

9th May 1905 After plans for a building were worked on and a surveyor sent

9th May 1905 Letter from Mr. Gibbs Secretary for Education

To Major Tauherenikau----- included

- a) The school has been closed for a month as the children are absent at a native gathering at Papawai
- b) As evidencing on the part of the Natives a lack of proper appreciation of the Department's effort in providing a teacher
- c) It is quite probable that the proposal to erect a building will have to be reconsidered

Letter from C C Hubbard That the natives left for a tangi left on the 13th April have not yet returned

2nd June letter from C C Hubbard to Secretary of Ed

- a) Does the Department intend to proceed with a building
- b) Another winter is now with us and the children and teacher are greatly inconvenienced by water flooding the floor when heavy rain falls
- c) The Inspector said he would like to see the children and school photographed in the slab whare with its earthen floors that serves for a local school

1905

4th October 1905 £10 paid to Mason and Richmond Wellington surveyors for pegging school site at Whakatomtomo

7th November 1905 Received tent badly packed

9th October 1906 letter from Secretary of Ed to Mr. H F Tunuiaarangi

- a) I noticed that the school was closed on the 10th for the purpose of welcoming Tohunga from the Waikato
- b) For two half days for Native Planting
- c) 3rd to 5th September Natives attending tangi.
- d) The school should not be closed on such occasions

28th June a Letter from Mr. C C Hubbard

That since a tri weekly mail has been inaugurated in the district from the commencement of the current year the address should be The Teacher

Native School Turanganui

Via Featherston

Wellington

1906

9th February Only 2 children have been admitted this quarter Tunuiaarangi says he will let his three big boys (Whose ages are 16,15 and 14 respectively) return so as to stand for their examination in Standard V

1901		Turanganui	Power	J L	Male		£52/4	Native School	
1902	11	Turanganui	Hubbard	C C	Male	E2	£64	Native School	Aided
1903	13	Turanganui	Hubbard	C C	Male	E2	£64	Native School	Aided
1904	3	Turanganui	Hubbard	C C	E2	E2	£60	Native School	
1905	7	Turanganui	Hubbard	C C	E2	E2	£56	Native School	
1906	6	Turanganui	Hubbard	C C	E2	E2	£36	Native School	

Tunuiarangi, Hoani Paraone

1843/1844?–1933

Ngati Kahungunu and Rangitane leader, guide, interpreter, assessor, politician, writer

Tunuiarangi was by this time recognised as one of the most influential leaders of Wairarapa and the wider Maori society. He was a member of many committees and councils in Wairarapa and elsewhere, and attended many hui as an influential kaumatua. He established a school at Turanganui, near his Pirinoa property in 1901, was chosen to administer the Wairarapa lake reserves, and in 1907 attempted to interest the government in purchasing part of Whangaimoana in Palliser Bay as compensation for the loss of the lakes. Te Ara Online Encyclopedia

Charles C Hubbard

1878	Macraes	Otago	HT	
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1879	Bald Hill Flat	Otago	Master	
1880	Hindon	Otago	Master	
1880	Hindon	Otago	Master	17
1881	Hindon	Otago	Master	16
1882	Mulloky Gully	Otago	Master	17
1883	Mulloky Gully	Otago	Master	22
1884	Mulloky Gully	Otago	Master	19
1885	Mulloky Gully	Otago	Master	19
1887	Rahotu/Parihaka?			
1888	Hastwell	Wellington	Master	25
1889	Hastwell	Wellington	Master	25
1890	Opaki	Wellington	Master	21
1891	Opaki	Wellington	Master	26
1892	Kaituna	Wellington	Master	30
1893	Kaituna	Wellington	Master	9
1894	Kaituna	Wellington	Master	14

1895	Taratahi West	Wellington	Master	20
1896	Coonoor	Wellington	Master	8
1897	Coonoor	Wellington	Master	4
1898	Coonoor	Wellington	Master	5
1899	Coonoor	Wellington	Master	5
1900	Coonoor	Wellington	Master	4
1901	Coonoor	Wellington	Master	6
1902	Turanganui	Native School	E2	11
1903	Turanganui	Native School	E2	13
1904	Turanganui	Native School	E2	3
1905	Turanganui	Native School	E2	7
1906	Turanganui	Native School	E2	6
1907	Motuti	Hokianga	E2	17
1913	Motuti	Hokianga	E2	17

1930/9399

Hubbard

Charles Conrad

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Buried Rawene Cemetery (*Hokianga Harbour*) 14th October 1930