

Waikanae

1889-1895

1890	19	Waikanae	Morrison	Thomas L		Male	£63.15
1891		Waikanae	Closed				

Thomas Morrison only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Waikanae in 1890

1891 staffing reported to the Ministry show Waikanae school as closed. 1896 New school erected at Waikanae was not reopened the children being transported by rail to the nearest school. Paikakariki [Published 1892]

26th March 1891 The Board approved of the appointment , of Mr. Morrison as teacher of on aided school at Waikanae. [An aided school is one where the Education Board pays a certain sum per child and the School Committee pays all costs]

2nd May 1890 Wellington Education Board The Board approved of the appointment , of Mr. Morrison as teacher of on aided school at Waikanae

30th January 1895 Wellington Education Board and Messrs. Young, Bradey, Dr. Newman, and the Chairman were appointed a committee to report regarding a petition for a school at Waikanae.

28th February 1895 Wellington Education Board The application of Reginald Foss (Carterton) to be transferred to the Manawatu district was acceded to, and he was appointed to Otaki.

27th February 1895 The committee which visited Waikanae recommended the building of a school at the township as soon as a site could be obtained. A separate school would be required eventually for the Small Farm Fruit Association, as no school could be so placed as to serve both places. The report was adopted, the committee being empowered to take the necessary steps to obtain a school site in Waikanae [Other school referred to is probably the Reikiorangi School]

26th April 1895. Wellington Education Board Mr Young brought up the question of opening a school at Waikanae, and it was decided on his motion, seconded by Mr McCardle, that the matter should be referred to the committee appointed to deal with the question of school accommodation, with power to act, the expenditure to be limited to .£50.

26th April 1895 Mr J. G. Wilson, M.H.R., had an interview yesterday with the Education Board relative to a school house at Waikanae. Mr Wilson urged that there were at present upwards of 40 children at Waikanae who were unable to take advantage of the Act. Mr Campbell, a local sawmiller, had agreed to erect a school house on his land providing the Board leased it for eight years at 8s per week. Mr Wilson said that so far as ha could gather no other land held by Europeans could be obtained in the locality, and he reminded the Board that to acquire Native land near the township would involve loss of time, as it would have to be taken under the Public Works Act. It was decided to accept Mr Campbell's offer,

28th October 1895 A rather prepossessing half-caste girl is said to be visiting private houses in town and soliciting donations towards a native school at Waikanae. It would perhaps be as well for the charitably-disposed to make enquiries before giving, as it is believed that no such school exists.

30th October 1895 Education Board An offer by Mr. Wi Parata to lease an acre of land at Waikanae as a site for a school at £5 a year was accepted.

7th November 1895 At last we are to have a school built at Waikanae. I understand a piece of land has been secured from Mr Wi Parata, and only requires a few preliminaries before the contract comes out.

One noticeable feature here is the steady influx of people who have settled in the district within the last six months. Rikiorangi, close by, has now become quite an important place, simply because land has been available for settlement, and a school will be opened in a fortnight there. Miss Killery has been appointed teacher.

19th December 1895 Mr Blair, chairman of the Education Board, and Mr Ward, surveyor, leave for Waikanae by the early morning train on Saturday to survey the school site.

1896-1899

1896	31	Waikanae	Foss	Reginald J		Master	£165.00
1897	25	Waikanae	Foss	Reginald J	D4	Master	£165.00
1898	22	Waikanae	Foss	Reginald J	D3	Master	£165.00
1898	22	Waikanae	Sullivan	Margaret		Sewing	£ 5.00
1899	25	Waikanae	Foss	Reginald J	D3	Master	£165.00
1899	25	Waikanae	Sullivan	Margaret		Sewing	£5.00

Reginald J Foss started as a pupil teacher at Dalefield School in 1889 In 1892 he continued as a pupil teacher at Carterton School until 1894. He was at Otaki and still a Pupil teacher in 1895, In 1896 he reopened the Waikanae school and was there until 1905, He then went back to the Wairarapa and was at Fernridge school, just West of Masterton until 1919 when he was headmaster at Eketahuna DHS. In 1921 he was head of Carterton DHS and by 1923 was Headmaster of Levin DHS. Retired from Levin DHS in 1936

22nd May 1896 The tender of Mr. J. M. Campbell, of Waikanae, has been accepted for the erection of the Board schoolhouse in that township. The building will accommodate 40 children and is to cost £66. The unsuccessful tenders were:— W. D. James, £87 5s; — Arcus, £87 9s ; H. Freeman, £96

13th August 1896 The new schoolhouse is expected to be opened in a week's time. Some festivities will most likely mark the occasion. No doubt our worthy M.H. R. [Member House of representatives] will honour the oldening ceremony, with a few lesser lights.

3rd September 1896 Wellington Education Board The new school at Waikanae is now ready for occupation, and it is intended by the Board of Education to open it in a few days with a supernumerary teacher in charge.

25th September 1896 Mr. Foss has been recommended by the Waikanae School Committee to the Board for appointment as teacher in charge of that school

30th September 1896 Wellington Education Board Mr. Foss was appointed to the charge of the Waikanae school,

17th November 1896 Mr. H. A. Field [Otaki Electorate Candidate] addressed a full meeting of about 100 electors at the Waikanae Schoolhouse last night and received a most favourable hearing.

31st March 1897 Wellington Education Board A grant of £25 was made for building sheds and lining the school at Waikanae,

1st May 1897 The following were elected a, Committee for the Waikanae School :— Messrs. Elder, Dawson, Southwood, Kerrigan, Thompson, Woods (secretary and treasurer), "Walton (chairman).

17th June 1897 The newly-formed library was opened on Saturday evening. It should be very much appreciated in the district. It is contemplated building a reading-room in connection with the library if a suitable site can be secured. —Waikanae is fast becoming a favourite spot on the coast from a residential point of view. One or two houses are in course of erection to meet the growing demand for seaside resorts in the summer months. Its beautiful bush scenery and magnificent beach charms all our visitors.—Mr Lett, the contractor for the formation of the Otaki-Waikanae main road, is pushing the work ahead. His contract will add another 100 chains to this important road. —Campbell's Rikiorangi and Waikanae sawmills are now in full swing. The quality of the timber must be appreciated by the building trade, judging by the enormous quantity consigned daily by rail to Wellington.—Sportsmen so far have had a poor season. Quail and pheasants promised well, as they were fairly numerous and strong, but they disappeared as quickly as they came,

1st July 1897 The Queen's Record Reign: Included: Our Waikanae correspondent writes that the Record Reign celebrations were carried out very successfully. All the children were entertained at a substantial lunch at midday on Tuesday. Sports, for prizes presented by friends, were held. Tree planting and the singing of the National Anthem, with three hearty cheers for Her Majesty, brought an interesting gathering to a close.

24th November 1897 Wellington Education Board Mrs Burns was appointed sewing teacher at Waikanae

18th April 1898 Inspector T R Fleming to visit Waikanae on the 19th May.

27th April 1898 WAIKANAE. The new Committee consists of Messrs. Walton (Chairman), Woods (Secretary), Elder, Kerrigan, Southwood, Barr, and Foley.

28th July 1898 Repairs votes were granted to the Dalefield; Waikanae, Taueru, Shannon, Nireaha and Roseneath Schools, and it was decided to spend £5 in the purchase of fixtures belonging to the late master of the Waikanae School, [Have no evidence of a previous master except Mr Morrison in 1890]

28th July 1898 Wellington Education Board Waikanae £5 for gravelling

25th July 1899 The Waikanae township, situated on a lovely piece of level country on the Manawatu line, opposite the famous Wellington Fruitgrowers' Block, has been surveyed and will shortly be disposed of. " The allotments are required for homes for a considerable number of sawmill hands and labouring men who are employed in the locality

1900-1905

1900	39	Waikanae	Foss	Reginald J	D2	Master	£165.00	
1900	39	Waikanae	Sullivan	Margaret		Sewing	£5.00	
1902	42	Waikanae	Foss	Reginald J	D2	Master	£175.00	£20.00
1902	42	Waikanae	Tonks	May E	D5	Assistant Female	£ 80.00	
1903	51	Waikanae	Foss	Reginald J	D2	Master	£175.00	£20.00

1903	51	Waikanae	Shine	Annie		Mistress	£80.00	
1904	51	Waikanae	Foss	Reginald J	D2	Master	£165.50	£30.00
1904	51	Waikanae	Shine	Annie	E4	Mistress	£ 85.00	
1905	53	Waikanae	Foss	Reginald J	D2	Master	£165.50	£30.00
1905	53	Waikanae	Honour	Lizzie E	D3	Mistress	£85.00	

May E Tonks In 1896 May Tonks was a Pupil Teacher at Te Aro Infants. From 1898 to 1901 she was still a pupil teacher even though she had qualified as a teacher. In 1902 she was assistant at Waikanae. In 1908 married a Martin Williams of Wellington

Annie Shine In 1897 Annie Shine was a Pupil teacher at Te Aro Infants 1899 Then still a pupil teacher was at Newtown and in 1903 and 1904 was at Waikanae before having a last year teaching for the Wellington Education Board at South Wellington

1906/1114	Annie	Shine	Reginald John	Floss
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So she married her Head Teacher who in 1906 had moved to Fernridge School
21st April 1906 St. James's Presbyterian Church was the scene of a, quiet but pretty wedding on Tuesday last, when Miss Annie Shine, daughter of Mr. J. H. Shine, was married to Mr. R. J. Foss, lately resident at Waikanae. Rev. Wm. Shirer was the officiating clergyman, and the bride was given away by her father. The young couple left by the afternoon train for Masterton, where they are about to reside

1907/21551	Foss	Nancy Isabel	Annie	Reginald John
1910/2658	Foss	Alison Mary	Annie	Reginald John
1912/18997	Foss	Phyllis Margaret	Annie	Reginald John

Lizzie E Honour started teaching in 1899 as a pupil teacher at Terrace school, In 1901 and 1902 at Thorndon School still a pupil teacher. In 1903 and 1904 she was an assistant at Kereru School in Levin and finally in 1905 at Waikanae.

1906/3335	Lizzie Esther	Honour	Harry Millifont	Riddick
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1st March 1900 Wellington Education Board In a review of salaries R J Foss Waikanae was being overpaid by £55 per annum Actual Annual Salary £165 [Over pay equivalent to in September 2020 terms \$10 842 overpayment]

26th April 1900 School Committee There was only a small attendance of householders at Waikanae. The following is the committee chosen for the ensuing year:—R. J. Port, M. Kerrigan, H. Southwood, W. G. Vickers, W. Karsten, Hira Parata, N. B. Levien. Mr Port was subsequently elected chairman, and Mr Levien secretary.'

26th July 1900. A new teacher's salary scale from the Wellington Education Board showed that R J Foss should have his salary increased by £30. It was resolved to defer the question of increases for the present.

30th January 1901 Education department sets salaries Waikanae R J Foss Present salary £145 Increase to be £7 8 shillings

31st January 1901. The Waikanae School Committee applied for some painting to be done, and that S. J. R. Foss be appointed pupil teacher. The request for painting was refused, and it was decided to advertise for applications for the post of pupil teacher.

27th February 1901 Teachers not getting proper salary. Regulation Salary £195 and not getting £30

7th March 1901 Mary Dalzell appointed pupil teacher

21st March 1901 Waikanae Attendance 42 Pupil teacher proposed salary £25 increase £5

20th April 1901 The European Population of Waikanae was 186

24th April 1901 School Committee Messrs H. R. Elder (Chairman) , W. Kerrigan. M. Southwood, N. J. Levien (Secretary and treasurer), Kelson, R. J. Port, and A. A. Brown

11th May 1901 The Waikanae and Masterton School Committees Cannot see their way to bring the children to Wellington for the Royal visit.

13th May 1901 Inspector Bakewell to visit on the 16th May

30th May 1901 Wellington Education Board Mr. Henry Walton wrote as to an alleged informality at the Waikanae Committee election, in that one of those elect-eel had not been a resident of the district for three months before the election. The letter was referred to the Waikanae Committee for. on explanation.

27th June 1901 Wellington Education Board Resignation of Mary Dalzell Pupil Teacher accepted.'

27th June 1901 Wellington Education Board The Waikanae School Committee reported as to the validity of the Committee's election, and it was decided to send a copy of the report to the gentleman who had raised objection.

25th July 1901 Wellington Education Board The election of the Waikanae Committee was declared valid.

28th September 1901 The Waikanae ' road bridge is to be formally opened this afternoon. This bridge is the final connecting link of the main country road on the West Coast of the North Island. The Premier and Minister for Lands will be present at the opening A banquet is to be held-in Mr Wi Parata's meeting house, and the Premier will be asked to unfurl the New Zealand ensign in the school grounds. The distinguished visitors will also be driven round the district. Several members of Parliament are expected to be present; together with representatives-of the various district local bodies

30th September 1901 After the luncheon in connection with the bridge opening at Waikanae on Saturday, the Premier proceeded to the local school, attended .by a guard of the Otaki Mounted Rifles, and there performed the ceremony of hoisting the flag. Under the direction of Mr Foss, the schoolmaster, the children sang, "God Save the King," and three cheers were given for the Premier.

31st October 1901 Wellington Education Board approved additions to the shelter sheds

6th May 1903 Wellington Education Board Leave of absence granted to Miss Tonks

25th February 1903 Wellington Education Board The Board was unable to entertain applications from Waikanae, Hukanui, and Mitchelltown for various works, having funds

30th October 1903 Wellington Education Board accepted Miss May Tonks resignation.

30th September 1904 Wellington Education Board latrines [toilets] of old school at Levin to be removed to Otaki and Waikanae;

12th July 1905 Mr Foss, master of the State school at Waikanae, brought a couple of dozen of his pupils to the city the other day. The lads were shown over the various departments of the “ New Zealand Times ” Company, and the phases of the different varieties of work were explained. Mr Foss expressed his appreciation of the educational value of the visit.

27th October 1905 Wellington Education Board it 'was decided to apply to the Department for grants for the erection of a residence at Waikanae

1906-1910

1906	51	Waikanae	Stuart	Duncan	D3	Head Master	£180.00	£30.00
1906	51	Waikanae	Scott	Margaret	Licensed	Assistant Female	£ 90.00	
1907	52	Waikanae	Duncan	Stuart	D3	Head Master	£180.00	£30.00
1907	52	Waikanae	Bird	Myra	D4	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1908	62	Waikanae	Duncan	Stuart	D2	Head Master	£180.00	£30.00
1908	62	Waikanae	Bird	Myra	D4	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1909	55	Waikanae	Duncan	Stuart	D2	Head Master	£200.00	£30.00
1909	55	Waikanae	Bird	Myra	D4	Assistant Female	£100.00	
1910	58	Waikanae	Duncan	Stuart	D2	Head Master	£205.00	House
1910	58	Waikanae	Temple	Hilda A	D1	Assistant Female	£90.00	

Stuart Duncan Started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Petone in 1899 as a Pupil Teacher. In 1903 he was at Waione. North of Pongaroa near the Hawkes Bay Education Board school of Weber. In 1906 he came to Waikanae and was there to 1915. By 1919 he was an assistant at Berhampore school until at least December 1923.

8th December 1915 Among the men accepted on Monday for service is Mr Stuart Duncan, the popular headmaster of the Waikanae school. ’

Margaret Scott started in 1897 at Newtown and by 1900 was at Terrace school in Wellington and then at Taueru East of Masterton by 1904 as Mistress. She spent 1906 at Waikanae and from 1907 to 1914 was at South Wellington and by 1915 was at Berhampore school where she finished teaching after 1921

Myra Bird was a pupil teacher at South Wellington from 1904 to 1906. She then came to Waikanae until 1909

1910/2567	Myra Bird	Stuart Duncan
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Hilda A Temple was at Waikanae from 1909 to 1910 then taught at Khandallah School until at least 1914

1915/8845	Hilda Agnes Temple	Henry Archibald Brown
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13th March 1906 Wellington Education Board head teacher at Fernridge, Mr. R. J. Foss, head teacher at Waikanae

28th March 1906 On Thursday evening last the Waikanae School was filled to overflowing on the occasion of the residents of the district assembling to wish the master, Mr R, J. Foss,

"God speed." Reikiorangi and Paraparaumu were worthily represented. The proceeding took the nature of a social and dance,

During an interval the chairman of the School Committee made eulogistic reference to the work done by Mr Foss during his term of office here, both in and out of school.

Mr Watson Then asked Mr Foss to accept from the residents of the district a silver tea service as a mark of esteem and of the good wishes he carries with him to his new home.

In returning thanks Mr Foss referred to the cordiality that had always existed between the committees and himself but attributed the good work that had been done to the smoothness with which he and the committees had collaborated. Continuing Mr Foss, in a reminiscent vein, referred to the early days of the school's existence, when the playground was a forest of stumps and logs, and the school unlined, and when the attendance was only 27. That was back in '96. He had spent many happy days in their midst, the flower of friendship had blossomed these many years, and he needed no reminder such as they were presenting him with that night to keep green the memory of Waikanae.

On resuming his seat Mr Foss was loudly applauded.

Mr Watson then said he had another pleasant duty to perform. Miss Honour the assistant teacher was leaving also, and though the district could not claim her as an old resident, there was a feeling that she could not be allowed to go away without a token of regard. He then asked her acceptance of a ease of silver-backed brushes and mirror. Miss Honour leaves shortly for the Gisborne district to be married.

Mr Foss, who is also about to join the ranks of the benedict's leaves at the end of the month to take up his duties as master of the Fernridge School, in the Masterton district.

The completeness of the arrangements and the able manner in which they were carried out reflected credit on the management and secretary, Mr A. Johnston.

12th April 1906 Head teacher of Waikanae school Mr S Duncan (of Waione School)

19th April 1906 Miss Compton (at present at Waikanae) to be assistant at Waione [Kate H Compton was at Waione in December 1906] and was a pupil teacher at Newtown 1902 to 1905."

20th April 1906 At St. James's Presbyterian Church on Tuesday the wedding was celebrated of Mr R. J. Foss, late of Waikanae, and Miss Annie Shine, daughter of Mr J. H. Shino of this city. The bride was attended by Miss Lyna Thompson, Miss L. Hayes, and Miss Aggie Foss, and the bridegroom by Messrs R. Foss, Mr Simcox, and Mr Watchhorn. The Rev. William Shirer was the officiating minister.

25th April 1906 School Committee Waikanae. — Messrs. G. Watson (chairman), A. Johnston (secretary), James Silvester (treasurer), M. Kerrigan, R. J. Port, T. Parata, R. Hooper

22nd March 1907 Wellington Education Board Waikanae: Shifting shelter shed, asphaltting sheds

15th June 1907 TOWN OF WAIKANAE. A detailed advertisement of the sale of the above township appears in our auction columns. Investors and others interested are reminded that the sale takes place at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday next at the Exchange Land Mart of Macdonald, Wilson and Co. Considerable interest is centred in the sale, duo no doubt to the splendid position of the new township, which is immediately opposite the Waikanae railway station, and which is destined to become an important centre on the Manawatu Railway line,

fed as it will be by a largo area of lands of high Quality. There are seven-ty-two sections to be sold, having frontages to the main road and other streets to be formed by the vendor, and the terms of sale "are liberal. Plans can be- obtained from the auctioneers, or at Mr Parata's private hotel, 'Waikanae. [A Private hotel was not allowed to sell alcohol]

19th June 1907 Manawatu Show report included The children of the Mangaweka and Waikanae schools have collected and tabulated almost all the noxious weeds that are to be found in the Hawke's Bay, Wellington, and Taranaki provincial districts.

15th July 1907 In a piece on Bible reading in Manawatu Schools was this The Waikanae School Committee decided to send no reply. Several members had grave doubts as to the advisability of introducing Bible-reading. One member spoke in favour of it.

26th July 1907 Miss M. Scott (Waikanae) has been appointed, assistant teacher in the South Wellington school,

30th August 1907 Wellington Education Board With regard to the teacher's residence at Waikanae, it was stated that the owner wanted £450 for the leasehold interest and the house. It was decided to hold the matter over till next meeting. [Note the board paid the Head teacher an allowance as no house was provided until 1911]

12th September 1907 Miss M Bird appointed.

25th October 1907 Wellington Education Board In committee the board decided to endeavour to procure a residence for the teacher at Waikanae.

28th January 1908 To-morrow a picnic will be held at Rikiorangi, while on Wednesday the Waikanae and Otaki Schools will hold their annual functions.'

28th February 1908 The Hon. W. Hall-Jones will open the new Post Office at Waikanae today. A tennis court will also be opened at Waikanae and a school picnic will be held.

29th February 1908 The Waikanae school was built to accommodate 60 children. It now has to hold 77 children. This fact was brought under the notice of the Hon. W. Hall-Jones yesterday by the residents of the district, and Mr. Field, M.P., during the Minister's visit. The children were marched in from their picnic grounds and told to ,be seated in the school to provide a demonstration of the inadequacy of the accommodation. The Minister promised to have the matter looked into.

19th March 1908 The Paraparaumu school boys defeated the Waikanae lads by 16 runs.

30th April 1908 School Committee Waikanae School election resulted as follows Messrs.. Watson (chairman), Kerrigan, Johnston, Williams, Silvester', Hooper, and Freeman

26th June 1908 Wellington Education Board that both the class-rooms at . Waikanae being too small for the requirements of the district, and 'the building being unfit for removal, the board to apply to the department for half-cost of a new school ; that a reply to committee's request for ground improvements be deferred in the meantime, an application to be made for authority to sell a small comer of the unused ground'

14th July 1908 Horowhenua County Council Waikanae School Committee, asking that fence be erected in front of the new school site at Parata Native township.—Granted

28th July 1908 OVERCROWDED AND INSANITARY. A VIGOROUS PROTEST.

The residents of Waikanae are considerably exercised over the question of. inadequate school accommodation, defects in the sanitation of the school grounds; and the lack of a

suitable residence for the teacher. At the monthly meeting: of the committee held recently, it was resolved that the following resolution be sent ,to 'the Education Board:— '.

"That notwithstanding the fact that year after year succeeding committees have agitated for a teacher's residence and that through lack of suitable accommodation one head teacher has left and our present one, for the very same reason, is applying for a position elsewhere, the Board has still settled nothing definitely in the way of providing this accommodation.

"That the overcrowded "and insanitary state of the school has been fruitlessly brought before the Board's notice. time and again (see report of the late committee sent, in last March in reply to questions asked by the secretary of the Education Board) The Chief Inspector reports unfavourably on the school, and the clerk of .works stated years ago that the building was not fit to make additions to. At the annual meeting .in April last, attended, by over forty householders,

"That this committee wishes to express its disapproval of the Board's attitude over these matters, and trusts that by its next meeting, to be held on August 3, dome definite word will be received from the Board to the effect that building operations in connection with both- school and. residence! are to' be commenced almost immediately, otherwise .strong: measures are to be taken by this committee.

THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT; The present school, it .is stated was built' to accommodate about 40 pupils. The following report (referred to in the foregoing resolution). Show inadequacy of the accommodation provided, and also'-discloses serious defects in the sanitary conditions of the school:—

"The average attendance for the past four, weeks was 67 on an average roll of 77. It is the general, opinion of the residents that the school is unhealthy, owing to its overcrowded state and damp situation. One child was withdrawn recently as she went home from school every day with headache and giddiness. Several parents have threatened to withdraw their children- if an improvement is not' soon made, one of them declaring that the school cost him £25 in' ' doctor's expenses. Recently-there has been three cases of boys fainting in school' Yesterday one fainted and-another was got out in time to prevent him from: doing the same. On the same day three children fell 'sick and to-day there was another. Some time ago it was thought that an animal had died under the building but when the flooring was removed the smell was found to be caused by dampness. At the same time it was noticed- that the stringers had been placed so low. that trenches had to be dug for them. The ,base-board (12 inches) was recently buried to. a depth of nine inches-some of the ventilators being entirely covered, and though the soil had been removed, there is yet a. fall towards the building, thus carrying the water in wet: weather underneath. A sum of £28 has been, spent on draining, the money being raised by subscription and other means, with the. result is unsatisfactory as the grounds are very low lying, and the drainage from the hills collects in this particular spot. Last autumn when metalling operations were 'being carried on in front of the shelter sheds;-a dray with nine-inch tyres sank to the box. in mud.- On the opposite side of the road from: the school is a rubbish tip. for the township, which causes an. unhealthy atmosphere about ' the school Commenting editorially on the matter, the ' "Otaki Mail" says:—"The Education Board has no money to spare, as it cannot get sufficient in building. grants from the Government, though the Premier has just declared that the Government has a record surplus of over three-quarters of a million' sterling. Such a state of affairs as exists at Waikanae is a, disgrace to the

Education Board and the Government of the day, and we trust, the School Committee; will not rest until they have secured promise of immediate relief."

31st July 1908 Wellington Education Board: Waikanae School: A grant of £483 was received towards the construction of the new school at Waikanae, the Board to find the balance

31st July 1908 In regard to school accommodation at Waikanae, the chairman explained that the Government would give £483 towards the new school—half the cost, and the Board would have the asset of the old building.

24th December 1908 Wellington Education Board Waikanae : Erection of new school on new site, T. A. Williams, Levin.

29th January 1909 Wellington Education Board it was reported that the Education Department 'had allocated -grants for teachers' residences as Tokomaru, £ 420 Waikanae, £400 Hastwell, £410 Muhunua, £410; Reikiorangi, £410.

29th January 1909 Wellington Education Board Tenders for works at Waikanae and Reikiorangi were considered too high

26th March 1909 Wellington Education Board That new desks, as approved by the inspector, be procured for Waikanae and Martinborough

28th May 1909 Wellington Education Board Waikanae and' Mangamaire, shed, accommodation—Granted]

24th June 1909 Wellington Education Board It was decided to forward the following applications to the department :—: — Reikiorangi, grant for removal and re-erection of old school, Waikanae ; Tenders Let Waikanae, T. M. Brown, £38 10s; removed and remodelling outbuildings,

25th June 1909 The new school at Waikanae completed; and on Wednesday next will be - opened by the Hon. G. Fowlds,. Minister for Education. Members of the Wellington Education Board will probably be present.

1st July 1909 Waikanae now -possesses an up-to-date schoolhouse, built not far from where its predecessor stands. Yesterday, when the Minister for Education (Hon. G. Fowlds) officially opened the building,. the township; was en fete. Among those who were present at the ceremony were : Mr Field, M.P, and: 'Mr Lee, chairman of the Wellington Education Board, Mr. Brown, chairman of the School Committee, other members of the committee and a large gathering of townspeople and the scholars .

Mr. Fowlds, in declaring the building open, said that he trusted that agricultural science would continue to be taught at Waikanae, as had been the case" in connection with the old school. Upon the boys and girls he impressed the fact that they had many advantages which were denied their elders. He pointed out to them that, in some countries, 'the people were so poor that they could not afford to' give their children a proper meal before sending them to' school. Before him that day stood a lot of children, who were well dressed, and bore all appearances -of being well cared for. "Before going to school,''-the Minister, added, "see that your hands and faces are clean, and, when at ' school, try to keep your minds pure and clean and sweet." . Addressing adult onlookers; Mr. Fowlds then touched upon several important-phases ,of the: education system. His remarks are reported 'elsewhere.

Mr. Lee, speaking on behalf of the Education Board thanked the Minister, for attending the ceremony. During the past eight .or ten years the- great .business of the board had been the reinstating of. buildings to meet . the increased and,', iii this case, the new site was

undoubtedly superior to the old one. -'He had recently noticed the school buildings in- a number of the centres in the Wairarapa district .were being enlarged or succeeded. In some cases the old buildings, or parts of them, were in an insanitary state.' It was possible here and there to convert them into class rooms for woodwork; etc. Ho had been at Home and on the Continent as well, as throughout the colonies and it was his opinion that one would, have to travel far and wide before -he would see in a place of the same size as Waikanae a better school than the one which had just been opened.

Mr. Field, M.P referred to the superiority of' the new site as compared. with the old one. , He added that the delay in the erection of the school was due to the difficulty in getting, title to 'the allotment, which was formerly Native land. The building was very suitable, and he doubted whether the site was surpassed in the whole of New Zealand'. He would have liked to see the old, building converted into a library. Or an institute but it -had been decided to shift it for the purposes of a school to Reikiorangi.. Mr. Field also expressed the opinion that the teacher's new residence was hardly as artistic as it might have been.

1st July 1909 Waikanae took a day off yesterday, and donned bright garments, to see the Minister for Education (Hon. G. Fowlds) officially declare the new school open. Mr. Field, the member for the district, Mr. Lee, chairman of the Wellington Education Board, supported the Minister, who was introduced by the chairman of the school committee (Mir. A. A. (Brown). The ceremony did not take place till the afternoon. The Ministerial party had occupied the morning in a- drive to see Waikanae's "G.O.M.," Mr H. Burling, senior, who is breaking records in the centenarian line of business. Luncheon was spread at Mahara House, after which the old schoolhouse and children's gardens attached were inspected.

In a general address to the children, Mr. Fowlds referred to the excellent building and extensive grounds, pointing out to the scholars the great advantage they possessed over many in other parts of the world in the way of facilities for education. „He urged them to make good use of the advantages presented them, and to take, clean handed and clean minded, ever a pride in the school ; "So that when grown men and women, New Zealand may be proud of you," the Minister concluded.,

The Minister dealt at some length with certain phases of New Zealand's education system. His remarks are published in another column.

Mr. Lee, on behalf of the Wellington Education Board, thanked the Minister for his attendance. For the past ten years the board's work had been mainly the reinstating of buildings to meet increased' requirements. In this case the new site was undoubtedly superior to the old one. In some cases old buildings were in an insanitary state, but it had been possible here and there, to convert them into technical class rooms. In all his travels on the Continent and elsewhere, he had not seen, in a place of the size of Waikanae, a better school than the new one. .

Mr. Field, M.P., said some nice things about the new site, and mentioned that a difficulty in getting a title to the ground, formerly Native land, delayed the erection. He doubted whether there was a finer site in New Zealand.

The new school building is situated on a sunny eminence between two and three hundred yards away from the old one. Here it commands all the sunshine going, and a glimpse of the sea.

1st July 1909 The Minister for Education (Hon. G. Fowlds) visited Waikanae yesterday to open the new school there. During the day, in company with Mr. Field, M.P., for the district, and Mrs. Field, the Minister called on Mr. Henry Burling, who claims to be 109 years of age.

23rd July 1909 Mr. Henry R. Elder, of Waikanae, has been nominated by members of the Waikanae School Committee as a candidate for election to the Education Board for the Manawatu-Hutt ward, in place of Major T. W. McDonald, resigned. Mr. Elder was educated in England, at Uppingham, under the celebrated headmaster, Mr. Thring, and at Cambridge University. He is now resident at Waikanae, where he has taken a warm interest in school matters. He has been chairman of the committee and is still a member.

30th July 1909 Wellington Education Board Removal of swings and flagstaff declined

8th September 1909 Mr. Henry Elder of Waikanae, has been elected to the Hutt-Manawatu ward seat on the Wellington Education Board rendered vacant by the retirement of Major T. W. McDonald. , There were four candidates, and the result :of the polling was as follows:— Henry Elder; Waikanae, 92; G. T. London, Petone, 68;-Rev. A. Thomson, Petone., 66; W. H. Simcox Otaki, 15.. There: Was- one informal vote [Each School Committee member of schools in Wellington Education Board area was entitled to vote]

25th September 1909 A public hall is much needed.in Waikanae.. and a movement is on foot to secure, the -old school site for the purpose

26th November 1909 Wellington Education Board paid for a new specimen case at Waikanae

24th February 1910 WELLINGTON Education Board Miss M Bird resigned

6th April 1910 Miss H Temple appointed assistant late of the relieving staff

19th April 1910 Mr. Duncan, headmaster at Waikanae, in shortly to cuter the married state and to celebrate the occasion the children under his care met on Friday and presented him with a suitable memento.

23rd May 1910 Allow me, through your valuable paper, to protest against the treatment meted out to the Reikiorangi residents by the Education Board with regard to the enlargement of the school. Some twelve months ago I saw through your paper where it was intended to remove the old schoolhouse at Waikanae to Reikiorangi (as the present "Reiki" schoolroom is too small), which would cost about £70. However, it has not been done, and the attendance is on the rise, and the teachers must be handicapped to a certain amount as the room is not a large one. Now, Sir, to erect a room is not going to be a- very great expense, as there are thousands of feet or timber within a • few chains of the school and would be far cheaper in the long run than to bring the old, worn-out schoolroom from Waikanae. It will, be only a third-class place when erected. It is to be hoped that the present school committee will urge the board to get the increased accommodation. Now the winter is coming on, and the cold days are here, the little children have no fireplace in their curtained apartment, therefore no fire. In conclusion, I may odd that the present schoolroom is very nearly as draughty as the destructor's furnace. Anybody who has gone to a meeting at the school can verify my statement. It would do tile members of .the board good to hold their meetings one night there, and they would have enough fresh air to last them a lifetime. —I am, etc., A PARENT.\

21st October 1910 The celebrations in connection with' the Waikanae School: .carnival,' etc. were .concluded on Friday night with a concert and dance. Despite the threatening weather, there was a full house, and this affair was a great success. ' The" first item was a pianoforte, solo,', brilliantly executed ,by' Miss Barker,' of. Wellington: Mr. Austin brought down the

house; with; his local hits in a, burlesque on the carnival, ,and. those taking part in the concert This item sparkled with, wit; causing; roars of' laughter and, applause, Mr. Austin also, contributed a comic reading in characteristic style- A recitation by Mr.. Buchanan ; was most feelingly rendered and greatly appreciated': -. Miss Howe of Wellington, .sang in a .soft sweet voice that well-known composition of Mr: A Hill's,- Waiata Poi," and later gave 'The .Maid, of Malabar. Mrs Freena was .enthusiastically encored for her items, given,, in a bright dashing style, while Geo. W. Kirk, of Te Horo, gave great satisfaction with that fine old favourite, "Father O'Flynn. The children's' items were all received with appreciation, and amusement being caused by of characters in "The- Inquest ;of the Death of Cock Robin," by. the' infants: This division also-put on 'a Japanese fan song -and "Joe, the Railway Porter." The .part-singing of the. upper, division of the school was also' well received," the-items-being : "Buy; My . -Fresh Roses," "Rest, My Baby," Rest," "The Foot Traveller,. :O'er- the Ice," etc. "Mrs Jarley's waxworks," by- eight- girls scored a great success, as did also. "John: and C o. a character sketch -by-, four boys and two girls.--...Miss'- , Nellie Brown was, unfortunately unable to take part owing to indisposition. : The concert was followed .by; a dance, to which a large number stayed. Mrs. L. Freeman provided the music.

1911-1915

1911	55	Waikanae	Duncan	Stuart	D1	Head Master	£210.00	House
1911	55	Waikanae	Temple	Hilda A	D3	Assistant Female	£95.00	
1912	54	Waikanae	Duncan	Stuart	C1	Head Master	£210.00	House
1912	54	Waikanae	Chatwin	Cecily M	D5	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1913	60	Waikanae	Duncan	Stuart	C1	Head Master	£210.00	House
1913	60	Waikanae	Chatwin	Cicely M	C4	Assistant Female	£95.00	
1914	60	Waikanae	Duncan	Stuart	C1	Head Master	£210.00	House
1914	60	Waikanae	Chatwin	Cicely M	C4	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1915	65	Waikanae	Duncan	Stuart	C1	Head Master	£220.00	House
1915	65	Waikanae	Duncan	Myra Mrs	D3	Assistant Female	£120.00	

Cicely M Chatwin was a pupil teacher at South Wellington from 1908 to 1910 and then from 191912 to 1914 taught at Waikanae followed by 1 year at Featherston [There were a number of Chatwin's teaching for the Wellington Education Board most with long service to the Board

1916/7117	Cicely Mary	Chatwin	Roy Stenning	Tremain	Archer
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18th April 1916 R S T Archer to go into camp on the 1st May/ In 1932 they were living in Te Kuiti

Mrs Myra Duncan's Maiden Name was Bird and she taught up to 1909. In 1910 she married Stuart Duncan. After teaching at Waikanae in 1915 She was at the Terrace school by 1917 and in 1921 was at the Newtown School where she was until at least 1923 when my records end

1911/9029	Duncan	Dorothy	Myra	Stuart
1912/19041	Duncan	Donald Edward	Myra	Stuart

[No cuttings found for Waikanae School for 1911 and 1913]

3rd January 1912 Perhaps the most successful concert yet held here was the one in the schoolroom on Friday evening, when the items were of a highly meritorious order, being contributed-by performers of note. The concert, which was organised by Mr. Smith, of the firm of Smith and Smith, was in aid of the funds of the Waikanae school picnic, 'and was the means of raising '£9 towards that worthy object. The performers (including 'Mr. Philip Newbury, the well - known tenor, and Mr. R. Robinson, of Wellington, were all visitors to Waikanae, and were asked to assist at a moment's notice, agreeing very readily to do so.

12th March 1912 Miss C Chatwin appointed Waikanae

28th January 1914 Mr A. Duncan, headmaster of the Waikanae school, and Mrs Duncan are at present enjoying their holiday at Day's Bay. [On Eastern side of Wellington harbour]

9th May 1914 School Committee Waikanae.— Messrs. Williams (secretary), Silvester (chairman), Sly, Coe, Lavin, Johnson, Padon

22nd August 1914 Countess of Liverpool Fund Waikanae School Children per Mrs S Duncan. £2

22nd October 1914 A Waikanae lad named Stone sent an opossum skin into the Wellington wool and ' skin sales last week, with the request that It should be sold and the proceeds sent to Waikanae for that town's contribution to the Patriotic Fund. The competition among brokers was so keen that the skin realised £77 10s. A cheque for this amount (which is practically the brokers' contribution to the fund) has been forwarded as directed.

6th November 1914 Distress Relief Funds The following is a list of scholars attending the Waikanae School who have contributed clothing to the above fund: —Masters Rickard, Freeman, Winge, Bastin, Thompson, Misses Hart, Walton, Winge,, Thompson, Bastin, Kelly, Silvester. ' ; Parcels have also been received from Mesdames Duncan and' Hunter, Waikanae.

8th December 1914 For the Poor of Great Britain, Ireland and Belgium: Waikanae : School Children for Belgian children £9

15th January 1915 In Class B Scholarships for secondary school [Class B is for schools with roll 236 to 200] F Freeman was fourth and A W Bastin 8th. [The first two got scholarships]

15th July 1915

8th June 1915 Miss G Cork appointed Magazines, games, etc., For the troops encamped at Waikanae, should be addressed to Mr F. Duncan, the school. Waikanae. [700 soldiers were stationed at Waikanae]

2nd November 1915 Mr S. Duncan, headmaster of the Waikanae State school, has enlisted for active service. Mi Duncan is one of the most (energetic members of the community at Waikanae. and will be much missed when he leaves for the front.

16th December 1915 Leave of absence has been granted by the Education Board to the following teachers, in consequence of their having joined the Expeditionary Forces:—Mr. S. Duncan, head, teacher, Waikanae; Mr. C. Matheson, sole teacher, Pirinoa; Mr. C. Robertson, assistant, Normal School; Mr. D. Bowler, assistant, Normal School; Mr. H. S. M. Sanson, pupil teacher, Karori.

1916-1923

1917	56	Waikanae	Rodgers	John	C-58	Head	£240.00	
1917	56	Waikanae	Hurrell	Elsie	D-94	Assistant	£140.00	
1919	67	Waikanae	Rodgers	John	C-54	Head	£320.00	
1919	67	Waikanae	Hurrell	Elsie	D-91	Assistant	£205.00	
1921	70	Waikanae	Rodgers	John	C	Head	£370.00	
1921	70	Waikanae	Brown	Hilda A Mrs	D	Assistant	£250.00	
1923	75	Waikanae	Flaherty	Morgan D	C-96	Head	£355.00	
1923	75	Waikanae	Brown	Hilda A Mrs	D-182	Assistant	£233.00	
1923	75	Waikanae	Parata	Waikuharu		Probationer 1	£83.00	

John Rodgers Started working for the Wellington Education Board in 1906 teaching at the Maku [West of Pongaroa] school Then from 1907 to 1909 at Hutt DHS From 1910 to at least 1915 John Rogers [Not change of spelling] was assistant master at Upper Hutt School. Then from 1917 to at least 1921 was teaching at Waikanae and in 1923 was at Island Bay School as an assistant

Elsie Hurrell taught at Mount Cook infants as a pupil teacher in 1909 and 1910, She was at Ohau in 1914 and 1915 and Waikanae by 1917 and was still there in 1919

Mrs Hilda A Brown Taught at Worser Bay/Seatoun/Miramar in 1917 and then taught up to 1923 at Waikanae. She had started her career at Waikanae as Hilda Temple in 1910 and 1911. Then was at Khandallah School from 1912 to 1914

1915/8845	Hilda Agnes Temple	Henry Archibald	Brown
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Mrs Brown's Husband H A Brown was killed at Flanders in 1917

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Morgan D Flaherty Only taught for the Wellington Education Board in 1923 at Waikanae, In 1921 he was Head Master of the Kaiteratahi [Near Gisborne] School for the Hawkes Bay Education Board In February 1931 appointed to Waverley School as headmaster then in 1931 also appointed to Denniston school on the West Coast but took the Waverley Position. Retired in 1936

Waikuhuru Parata was employed by 1923 as a probationer. The Parata family were a leading family in Waikanae for a long time

18th February 1916 We are pleased to be able to record the fact that Miss Waikuharu Parana, the thirteen year old daughter of Mr Tom Parata, of Waikanae, has been awarded a scholarship at the Hukarere Maori Girl's College, Hawke's Bay. The scholarship is tenable for two years and is of the annual value of £20.

28th January 1916 Sale of vegetables of school children Waikanae £2 3s 1d

5th February 1916 Mr and Mrs Duncan, in view of the shortage of teachers, still have charge of the Waikanae school, pending the arrival of Mrs Hargreaves (relieving teacher) and Miss Cork of Levin, who will arrive on the 7th inst. Mr Duncan, together with -Mr Fred, Barclay, will go into camp next week. Mrs Duncan will shortly take up duties at the Terrace school, Wellington.

12th February 1916 Waikanae Miss S Leatham (during war) [Sara Letham had a long career as sole charge teacher at Wainuiomata and by 1917 was sole teacher at tawa Flat School.

10th August 1917 Waikanae Head teacher Mr J Rodgers

5th September 1917 There was a representative gathering of Upper Hutt and district residents at the Trentham Hotel on Monday night to bid farewell to, Mr J. Rodgers, who has held the position of first assistant master at the Upper Hutt school for the past seven years. Eulogistic reference was made to the guest's excellent services in helping to equip the young of the district to fight the battle of life, and his good qualities as a citizen.' During evening Mr Rodgers' was presented with a parting gift which he acknowledged in a manner fitting to the occasion. For several seasons Mr Rodgers has been one of the mainstays of the Petone cricket team, by whom he will be greatly missed both as a bowler and batsman. He is leaving Upper Hutt to take up the position- of headmaster of the Waikanae school

26th September 1917 Wellington Education Board Miss G S Cork resigned.

27th September 1917 Miss G Cork who has been school mistress for some time has resigned. She was a capable and popular teacher, and regret is expressed that the district is to lose her services.

6th December 1917 Miss Hughes, who has been teacher at the Waikanae State school for some considerable time, has accepted a position on the staff of the Petone High School. Miss Hurrell has been appointed to Waikanae

11th September 1918 Military service Appeal Board: The Wellington Education Board appealed in respect of John Rodgers (teacher, Waikanae). In each case indefinite exemption was allowed.

29 January 1919 Wellington Education Board Mr S Duncan Resigns as Headmaster

12th February 1919 Mr S. Duncan, late headmaster of the Waikanae school, who recently returned from active service, has been appointed assistant at the Berhampore School, Wellington.

10th March 1919 [The Otaki Mail was started in 1919 and this has meant more Waikanae news]

Our school picnic, which was held on the old racecourse on Friday last, was a great success, and thoroughly enjoyed by the parents as well as a full muster of children. The weather was ideal, and the committeemen and their wives were indefatigable in their efforts to make everything go with a swing. Quite a good crowd had assembled on the grounds by 11 a.m., and games were indulged in by young and old with more vigour than wisdom. After a plentiful and dainty lunch was partaken of, races for girls and boys became the order and took a considerable part of the afternoon. The school championship for girls- was Marjorie Gordon and for boys by Harry Priddey.

There were separate races for girls and boys of each standard, and all were hotly contested. A married ladies' race, for a 5 lb [Pound. one lb = 0.45 kilos] weight box of tea, was won by Mrs George Brown, and a race for married men, for 1 lb of tobacco, was won by Mr H. Heffer. The latter gave his prize in. and the cost of same was given as prizes for a single ladies' race, which was won by Miss Dooley Brown, Miss Hurrell coming a good second. Swings and skipping ropes were provided, and greatly enjoyed by the kiddies.

The headmaster (Mr Rogers) and the assistant (Miss Hurrell) had a strenuous day. and in conjunction with the school committee are to be congratulated on the success which attended their labours, and for the lively interest they take in the scholars.

A merry and plentiful tea was shared by all. and shortly after-5 p.m. the crowd reluctantly began to disperse, looking tired, but satisfied.

The school prizes and the prizes for the races are to be awarded next Wednesday (12th inst.), at 1.30 p.m.. in the school, and parents and old scholars are invited to attend the ceremony.

14th April 1919 Otaki Peace Committee The secretary was instructed to write to the school committees at Waihoanga, Te Horo, Manakau, and Waikanae, cordially inviting the school children in these respective centres to attend and take part in the Otaki peace celebrations.

16th April 1919 The annual meeting of householders took place in the school last Monday evening, when some eighteen householders were present. Mr T. Brown was elected to the chair.

. The annual report submitted by the Waikanae School Committee stated that the school was being conducted most efficiently. The roll totalled 76 while the average attendance was 64 for the last quarter. The sum of £13 was collected and expended on the children's picnic and prizes. The public of Waikanae also donated an amount, of £8 towards a tennis lawn for the girls of the school. The balance-sheet disclosed a credit balance of £9 10s 8d on December 31st, 1918

It was pointed out at the meeting that the grant received for incidental purposes is insufficient for the efficient maintenance of the school. After some discussion on this question and also that of teachers' salaries, the following resolution was moved and carried unanimously: (.1) That in the opinion of this meeting of householders the time has arrived when the educational grant should be increased to £3,000,00(1; (2) that the status of the teaching profession should be raised and salaries paid in keeping with the work; (3) that greater inducements should be given to young people to take up the profession of teacher.

The following were elected as the. school committee for the ensuing year: —Messrs T. Brown, A. W. Roberts, E. Hooper, H. E. Heffer. and G. E. Kemsley .

6th May 1919 Mr J J Rodgers is to be head teacher at Waikanae

4th February 1920 .Mr J. J. Rodgers, our local school master, has just returned, with his wife and family, from a holiday spent at Pelorus Sounds. Mr and Mrs Rodgers had a splendid time, and have returned fit and well

9th April 1920 DENTAL TREATMENT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN In Wednesday's issue - of last week there appeared a contribution conveying the impression that little or nothing was being done in this matter. I merely wish to point out that the writer must have been misinformed, as all the children at the Otaki school, whose parents desired to attend to them, have been examined and treatment completed. A second examination was made early last week, and the treatment required will be furnished in the course of a few days. Levin. Manakau, and' Waikanae schools have received similar attention. Trusting you will be good enough to place these few lines before your leaders. —I am, etc., D. K. MACKENZIE. Levin, April 7th. 1920.

3rd May 1920 The attendance of householders at Waikanae on Wednesday last! was very disappointing, only seven householders being present. The retiring committee, consisting of Messrs T. Brown (chairman), G. Kemsley (secretary), H. Heffer, R. Hooper and A. W. Roberts were reelected.

The annual report, which appears hereunder, was read and afterwards adopted by the meeting:—

' Your committee is very pleased to report that very satisfactory progress has been made at the school during the past year. The inspector, in his annual report, expressed himself as well pleased with the progress of the pupils and the satisfactory state of the school, especially as we are now right up to the limit of a two-teacher school, and an increase in attendance of nine more pupils would entitle the school to a third teacher.

The roll number at the present time stands at 85, which shows an increase of 9 from last year's figures. The average attendance at the March quarter just closed was 72. Nine scholars sat for their proficiency examination, seven of whom gained proficiency passes and two gained competency

During the past year the girls' tennis court was completed and equipped with net, balls and racquets. This has provided a long-felt want, and the girls are now able to indulge in healthy and interesting recreation.

Your committee had brought under its notice the necessity of facilities by which classes at the school could be given lessons in the open air during the very hot days of summer, and at once made efforts to provide an open air Classroom. This has now been erected, and your committee is pleased to state that the open-air classroom has already proved itself a useful and highly appreciated addition to the school.

The fences around the old school have been repaired. The cost of materials, for this work was borne by the Education Board. The archway at the entrance to the school grounds has been completely renewed in iron and concrete, and now forms a substantial piece of work. Flowering creepers are gradually taking possession of the arch, which should present a pleasing appearance when fully covered. The tool Shed has been altered so as to give space in which to store wood and coal.

The school piano has recently been thoroughly overhauled and extensive repairs effected, which have rendered the instrument much more capable of satisfactory service.

During the year the school was very pleased to receive from Mrs Elder a number of books for the school library and from Mr Austin a valuable collection of mineral specimens.

The annual picnic took place on March 5th last on Mr Hira Parata's property and was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Your committee thanks are due to the ladies who had charge of the refreshments, and who, by their untiring efforts, were responsible in no small measure for the success which attended the picnic

Your committee has applied to the Education Board asking that a school be established at Waikanae so that two or the three or four schools handy to Waikanae for the purpose of giving instruction in woodwork and also cookery. There appears every chance of such a school being established.

In conclusion your committee place on record its deep gratitude to the Waikanae public for the generous manner in which appeals for school funds have been met, and to all those who otherwise assisted the committee who otherwise assisted the committee in carrying out various duties to the school. Assistance has always been given by the head teacher. Mr Rodgers where required, and the work of the committee has been made much easier thereby.

5th May 1920 Visit of the Prince of Wales to Wellington Mr Rodgers was appointed as Deputy Marshall so presumably the school was attending

2nd August 1920 Miss Hurrell schoolmistress, is at present on sick leave. During her enforced retirement her place is being filled by Miss. Mowbray.

20th December 1920 Mr and Mrs Rodgers intend spending the Christmas holidays in the Sounds, and Mr and Mrs A. Ford have taken the schoolhouse for the holidays.

22nd December 1920 The annual breaking-up and distribution of prizes took place at the Waikanae school on Thursday last. A number of parents and friends were present. The chairman of the school committee, Mr T. Brown, welcomed the visitors and expressed himself as well pleased at the way in which the parents had turned out, and hoped that this was the beginning of a more lively interest- being taken in the affairs of the school and its scholars, it was explained by Mr Brown that this was the first occasion for many years that prizes were given at the breaking-up. It had been announced at the beginning of the year that any surplus remaining from the picnic fund collection at that time would be donated to awarding of prizes for good work done by pupils during the following year. The committee thought that by doing this it would be inducing scholars to take more interest in their work with a corresponding benefit to the school, and he was pleased to say that the past year had proved to be the most successful he had known. This was also born out by the inspector's report, which was most satisfactory. At the proficiency examination recently held a 100 per cent pass was recorded, and the teaching staff was to be congratulated on the very good results achieved. Mr Brown also pointed out that (lie school only needed another five or six pupils attending to qualify for a third teacher. There were at present eighty pupils in about ten different classes which are attended to by two teachers, so that by getting an extra attendance of pupils they would also get a third teacher, which should relieve the present staff to the advantage of the school generally. Mr Brown presented prizes won during the year, after which all present were treated to a very dainty afternoon tea prepared and dispensed by the senior girls. .

The following is the prize list: —

Dux of school: Ivy Hart

Good Conduct, ("by vote of the school children): senior girls, Ivy Hart; senior boys, Bruce Greenaway; junior girls, Polly Edwin; junior boys, Ray Wilmshurst

Best Attendance: Nance Smaill 1, J Langley Potts 2, Edith Dobson 3.

Best-kept Garden: Girls, Aromea J Udy, Alice Davis; boys. Bruce Greenaway, Ken Wilmhurst, Darcy Parata.

Standard 6: Nance Smaill 1, Maud | Shaw 2. Bruce Greenaway 3.

Standard 5: Eileen Shaw , Evelyn Price 2, Fred Price 3. ‘

Standard 4: Florrie Hooper 3, Jean White 2. Joyce Robertson 3. Special prize: Gordon Bayne

Standard 3: Nesta Potts 1, Molly Smaill 2, Hannah Roberts 3.

Standard 2: Doreen Smaill 1, Edith Martin 2. Jean Udy 3.

Standard 1: Esther Fisher 1. Edith Dobson 2. Phyllis Spackman 3. Special . prize: Marjorie Brown.

P 4; Lydia. Martin .1, Nesta Howes 2.

P 3: Fred Jenkins 1, Sam Clifton 2‘, Douglas Price 3.

P2: Gwen Bayne 3. Kay Dobson 2, ' . Roy White 3, Doris Martin 3 (tie third place).

PJ: Hira Parata, Wm. Gleeson, Jack Rodgers, Howard Clifton, Winifred Meek, Hairiroa Roach, Polly Stewart, Edna White, Jean Brown, Connie Rodgers Ruth Williams.

Sewing Prizes: Senior division, Maud Shaw; intermediate, Florrie Hooper; junior, Polly Edwin.

1st May 1922 Anzac Day was commemorated in appropriate manner at the public school.. The children, together with their parents and friends, attended in strong force to pay tribute to the fallen soldiers. Suitable addresses were given by Mr T. Brown, chairman of the School Committee, Mr Rodgers, headteacher, and Mr Challenger who gave a most impressive address. The ceremony concluded with the singing of the .National Anthem.

At the last meeting of the school committee reference was made by the chairman (Mr Brown) to' the great length of service rendered by the late Mr A. G. Williams on behalf of the School as secretary of the School Committee of former years, and it is was resolved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to Mrs Williams.

The annual meeting of householder--was held at the School last Monday when there were present eight householders. Mr T. Brown presided at the meeting and expressed disappointment that parents did not interest themselves in school matters enough to attend in greater numbers, the one and only meeting at which they were free to give voice to their opinions. The report and balance-sheet for the past year was presented and duly adopted. Of seven candidates for proficiency certificates six were successful in passing while the seventh was awarded a competency. The Inspector's report stated ed that very satisfactory progress had . been made during the year.

The possibility of further retrenchment taking place in connection with educational matters was touched upon and the following resolution was carried to be forwarded on to the Government: —“That this meeting of householders views with grave concern any reduction in. the educational grant, as 1 we consider that owing to its national j importance, education and its requirements should be the last to be curtailed, and only then if absolutely necessary” Mr Rodgers, head teacher, thanked the-retiring committee for their assistance and courtesy during the year. Mr Burgess then moved that the committee be accorded a vote of thanks for the efficient manner .in which they had carried out their duties during the past year. The motion was seconded by Mr Rodgers and carried by acclamation. , The election of a committee for the ensuing year resulted in the return of the previous committee, consisting of Messrs T. Brown, H. Heffer, R. Hooper, A. W. Roberts, and G. R. Kemsley.

15th November 1922 FAREWELL TO MR AND MRS RODGERS. The Maori meeting house at Waikanae was over-crowded last Friday evening, when the Waikanae school staff, pupils and ex-pupils, tendered to Mr and Mrs Rodgers a farewell concert and dance on the occasion of their departure for Island Bay, Wellington,

The concert programme was an excellent one and all items were loudly applauded, but the rule of 'no encores' was firmly adhered to, as the original programme was a lengthy one. Miss Johnston, A.T.C.L., opened the proceedings with a well-played pianoforte solo, while Miss Parata opened the second part. Both numbers were loudly applauded. Little Hairiroa Roach followed with a solo “Foggy Woggy Boy.” Jean Udy charmed the audience with her neat execution of the sword dance, whilst Miss M. Shaw gave a splendid exhibition of fancy dancing. “Jack and Jill by the infant boys, with Garth Palmer as “Jack,” Polly Edwin as the much harassed 'mother,' and Neti Lily the smiling 'Jill,' was a popular item, and occasioned much laughter. Miss Aromea Udy then sang “Dream Boat” very sweetly, while Miss Rosie Kent was in good voice and contributed “Avalon” very nicely. The poi dance in Maori costume by Apatā Parata, Tix Parata, Jean Udy, Aromea Udy, Alice Davis, and Maudie Edwin to music supplied by Mrs T. Parata, was delightfully rhythmical and a deafening

encore was at last responded to. The ribbon drill by the junior girls was a spectacular item and the little ones added greatly to the pleasure of the evening. "The Buttercup," by Nesta Potts was prettily and clearly given, whilst Joyce Burling's song "Dulcie and the Moa" was nicely rendered and was heartily cheered. The upper school acted "The Tables Turned, Reg. Guilford making a splendid "grandfather." Mr .Smaill's song, "The Carnival," wife very pleasing. The lower girls then sang "Silver Ferns" with actions and formed a very pretty tableau. Two small Maori lads, Wiremu Thomas and Maru Roach, were most tuneful and rhythmical in their "Canoe Song." Mr Temple brought down the house with his humorous song "If I were as young as I used to be." "Christmas Carols" a short play was added by the senior girls and boys and was a most pleasing item.

At the conclusion of the concert Mr T. Brown, chairman of the School Committee, thanked Mr Rodgers on behalf of the parents and pupils for the good work he had done during his five years as headmaster, adding that the school had never been in such good condition as at present. He also expressed regret at Mr Rodger's departure and wished him success and happiness in his new work.

Mr Cooper then called upon Phyllis Brown, Neti Udy, and Nellie Redward to make the presentations to Mr Rodgers, which took the form of a set of ebony military hair brushes, suitably engraved, and Loewe pipe, and a tobacco pouch. Sylvia Pfefferle and Augusta Hopmeier each presented Mrs Rodgers with very beautiful bouquet

Upon rising to acknowledge the presentations Mr Rodgers was greeted with prolonged applause. On behalf of Mrs Rodgers and himself he thanked the audience for their hearty send off but most especially he thanked tbs school children and the old pupils for their presence, and their splendid programme which he knew had occasioned much hard work to be presented at such short notice. He also thanked Mrs H. Brown and Miss Parata, also Mr Cooper, the acting headmaster, for their kindness in preparing the children. He expressed regret at leaving Waikanae school, which he had controlled for five years, and where he had the co-operation of the staff and children in their work as well as their play. He asked the Committee and children to extend to his successor the same loyalty they had shown to him

Three cheers were given for Mr and Mrs- Rodgers, and "For They are Jolly Good Fellows-" was sung heartily The seniors then sweetly sang "Good Night."

This concluded a 'most delightful programme, which went off without a hitch and was followed by a dance.

20th December 1922 Mr Rodgers, president of the Waikanae Sports Club was entertained recently by members at a smoke concert, on the occasion of his departure to Wellington where he has received promotion as assistant master at the Island Bay School. Proceedings opened with the toast of the King, atter which the health of "Our Guest" was drunk with musical honours. In proposing the toast Mr Kemsley stated that the Sports Club was losing one of its main supports in Mr Rodgers, He had taken an active part in the formation of the Club and had been a tower of strength to the Club in all its undertakings. Although he would not be able to take such an active part now that he had left Waikanae, the Club had no hesitation in electing him president for a further term, and also electing him a life member of the Club. Mr Rodgers. in replying, thanked members for the honour they had paid him that evening. He was always pleased to do what he could for the Club but was not going to take credit for the lot. He thought other members had done more than he had. but nevertheless he

was pleased that what little he had done was appreciated. During the evening Mr T. Parata rose, and in a neat speech presented to Mr Rodgers, on behalf of the Sports Club, a handsome china salad-bowl and service plates, as a token of esteem in which Mr Rodgers was held. Mr Rodgers suitably responded Vocal items were rendered by Messrs L. Brown, Cooper, B. Enoke, P. Thomas and W. Morgan, while Mr B. Enoke presided at the piano. The evening passed very pleasantly, and all present enjoyed themselves, thoroughly.

2nd May 1923 Anzac Day was fittingly observed at the Waikanae school in the presence of a large number of parents and friends. The school children, under the leadership of the head-teacher. Mr Flaherty contributed songs appropriate to the occasion and did their part very well indeed. The Rev. Mair, from Paraparaumu gave an impressive address to the Children, and explained how the Anzacs had fought and died on the slopes of Gallipoli in "doing their bit" towards saving the world from the rule of a bullying Germany.....

4th May 1923 Thirty-six householders attended at Waikanae and elected the following as a Committee for the ensuing year:—, Messrs H. Heffer (chairman), G. Kemsley (secretary), R. Hooper, W. White and F. Coe. The report will appear next issue.

7th May 1923 Report to householders for year ended March 31st, 1923: —“Your Committee beg to report as follows: The roll number stands at 82, with an average attendance of 76.6 for the quarter ending March 31st last. In spite of several changes during the year in the teaching-staff, the work of the school has been favourably reported upon by the Inspector. Of five candidates who sat for their proficiency examination, two gained proficiency, two competency, and one an endorsed proficiency, passes.

Some exhibits of the school children's work were put in the Paraparaumu show last February. The school was successful in gaining twelve first prizes, and twelve second prizes for plasticine modelling, map drawing and writing. This must be considered very satisfactory, and reflects credit on the teachers and scholars alike. Towards the close of the year Mr Rodgers, head teacher, was transferred to Island Bay. Mr Cooper relieved until December when we were advised that a lady had been appointed as head teacher. This we did not approve of and advised the Board accordingly. We also expressed the opinion that the school must be in charge of a male teacher for the best results to be obtained. We are pleased to state that our efforts to obtain the appointment of a male teacher as head-master were successful, and Mr Flaherty was duly appointed.

The presentation of prizes won by scholars in various standards took place at the annual break-up of the school in December. During the evening the children all assembled at the school, where a Christmas tree, richly laden with all sorts of good things had been prepared by the assistant teacher. Mrs Brown, every child received something, and all went home with happy hearts, thanks being due to Mrs Brown for her efforts in this direction. In October a concert was arranged by Mr Cooper in aid of the school grounds improvement. We are pleased to state that a sum of £6 was handed to the Committee from this. Donations have also been received for various purposes from Messrs A. W. Roberts £1 10s, T. Blown £1, H. Hooper £1, and visiting students £1. making a total of £10 on which a subsidy has been applied for. The school library has been added in by the purchase of “The Children’s History of

The War consisting of ten volumes -While doing all possible in the way of keeping the grounds in order with the funds available, your Committee has urged upon the Education

Board the great necessity for an extra grant of money for this purpose, more particularly for the constant cutting which the hedge- demand. We would therefore recommend the incoming committee to continue the demand for a grant for this purpose. The scheme of dental treatment instituted by Mr McKenzie .some little lime ago is proving of untold benefit to those children fortunate enough to be included, and we would urge parents who have not already placed their children under Mr McKenzie's scheme to give the matter their earnest consideration. The cleaning of the class-rooms and out buildings is now in efficient hands, and your committee is pleased to note that such work shows a vast improvement on what it was previously. Your committee has endeavoured to keep the school grounds up to the high standard which has ruled for so long, and its efforts in this direction have been specially and favourably commented upon by visiting inspectors. It is only fair to mention that the head teacher. Mr Flaherty ably assists the committee in this work. Outside seating accommodation has recently been provided for the children. We beg to here place on record our deep appreciation of the services rendered to the school lay Mr A. W. Roberts who has been a member of the committee for several years, and we can assure you that the school has lost a good friend by the departure from Waikanae of Mr Roberts. In conclusion we beg to thank all those who at any time have assisted the committee financially or otherwise, and we trust that our services, which we hope have been faithfully given, will meet with your approval. T W Brown, Chairman.

19th December 1923 BEST SCHOOL GARDEN. The teachers and pupil- of the Waikanae School are to be congratulated on winning this year the " Nichol Shield" for the best school garden, generously donated for annual competition between the school- of the Manawatu district —Ngaio to Tokomaru —by Mr. R. A. Nichol, Wellington. The 'school gardens were judged by the Chief Inspector of School-. Mr. T. B. Strong, and Mr. J. Lawton, supervisor of agriculture and science under the Wellington Education Board. The shield is a very handsome one of polished jarrah and beautifully ornamented in embossed silver mountings.

